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During the present season there has been more good and substantial work done in the placers of Silver Bow Basin, than at any previous time since its discovery. Extensive bed rock flumes, ditches, etc., have been put in to facilitate the working of the various claims, and in the future placer mining in that section will be conducted in a scientific and systematic manner. All the placer claims are now being worked to their full capacity, and the output of gold this season will, it is thought, equal that of any previous year.

Last Saturday the new 120-stamp mill of the Alaska Mill and Mining company was started up for the first time, making 240 stamps in operation by this company under one roof. Everything went off smoothly, which speaks well for those having charge. The success of this company in the rapid opening up and developing of their property has no equal in the history of mining operations in the world, and to-day Alaska can boast of the most extensive mine and the largest and most complete stamp mill, in all of its appointments, in the world. And as yet the mining industry in Alaska is in its infancy.

A force of men is now employed on the trail and grade for the wire tramway leading from the mill site, about one and a half miles back of Juneau, to the Nowell property in the Upper Basin. Mr. Nowell is sparing neither time nor money to expedite the erection of a mill and tramway to work his Basin property, and it is at present his intention to have both in active operation this fall. Buildidg material is being taken to the mill site, and other necessary preparations are being made. From all indications' the time is not far distant when we will hear the roar of another stamp mill in the direction of the Basin.

LAST Tuesday G. W. Garside, United States deputy mineral surveyor, made the final survey for the flume and pipe line at Sheep creek, for the Eastern Alaska Mill and Mining company. This company contemplates in the near future the erec-

tion of a large stamp mill at the mouth of Sheep creek, where they have an excellent supply of water with a fall of nearly 300 feet. Their property lies directly across the channel, and it is the intention to carry the ore across in transport boats, which can be done at a small expense. The work of developing is being vigorously carried on, and it is expected that by next spring the mill will be erected and in active operation.

Up to the present time no news of any importance has been received from the Yukon country.

tions ever held in the west. The managers of the Kansas City Mining Exchange ask miners everywhere to forward ore specimens for exhibition and their efforts should meet with a hearty response. A great many men in Alaska have good mining property, but lack the necessary capital to develop it; therefore, to such we would extend the advice that they send specimens and have them placed on exhibition, which might result in bringing capitalists to this section to further investigate. Specimens should be addressed to Major J. B. Cooke, care of the Mining Exchange, Kansas City, Mo.

Record.

Captain William Moore and his son, B. Moore, who have spent a portion of this season in looking for a more practicable route into the Yukon country, returned to Juneau last week, and in conversation with Captain Moore he said: "In passing over the ground over which the road would have to lead through the White Pass, we find that there is-about seven miles of the Alaskan portion which would necessitate heavy work to construct a road, being principally rock work and cribbing, while the balance, nine miles, can be made comparatively easy. . There is ground in British Columbia of the same nature, where wagon roads have been built, and railroads are at present running. Beyond these sixteen miles, to the navigable waters of the Yukon-a distance of about twenty-six miles through British territory-there is no particular obstruction to the making of a good wagon The upper lakes broke up on the 28th of road. May. We experienced beautiful weather throughout the trip."

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The Sisters of St. Ann's convent will reopen school on Monday next, 20th inst. Any young ladies wishing to take piano lessons will also be accommodated.

J: W. Nightingale, special agent of the department of justice, after a sojourn of two weeks at Sitka, looking into the affairs of the government officials, returned on the Ancon. He expressed himself as well pleased with the climate of Alaska and our magnificent scenery.

Professor E. P. Lamkin of Clinton, Mo., was among the excursionists on the Ancon. He is president of the Clinton academy, and is a brotherin-law of Judge L. L. Williams of this place. The pro.essor expressed himself as being most agreeably surprised at the Alaska climate and the magnificent grandeur of our scenery.

The St. Louis Auxiliary, a monthly paper, pubis being pushed The Alaska Commercial company's steamer Dora lishes a portrait of Walter Williams, brother of

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