

# MINERAL EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS

## Cost of Nevada County Display Compared With Others—Attracting Marked Attention, But Additional Funds Needed

(By Samuel Butler.)

WHEN the matter of having an exhibit of the resources of Nevada county at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was first mooted, it met with considerable opposition. There was a class of citizens and tax-payers who thought the county could ill-afford the expense of such an enterprise. These men were without question conscientious in their opposition. The idea of participating in an international fair was a new one to the county, and it is only natural that there should be some doubt as to its utility. Nothing of the kind had ever before been undertaken and criticism was to be expected. But sincere criticism and opposition can always be met and endured. It is the wall of the chronic pessimist that jars and jibes and that is usually unendurable. With them there is nothing good or commendable. However worthy the enterprise they are ready with a big stick to knock it in the head. Nothing gratifies them so much as to succeed in putting a quietus on any project which did not originate with them. But this article is not for the chronic pessimists, but rather to show those who were at the outset sincere in their opposition

that it will be of greater demonstration that it has been very economically managed. Not a dollar of the sum appropriated has been wasted, as the vouchers will show. The writer has felt the necessity for economy from the beginning and he has hewed to the line, even to performing his own janitor work.

Should the supervisors feel unable to make up the deficiency I am sure that the different mining companies will see that the money is forthcoming. Several mining companies will see that the money is forthcoming. Several of the prominent mining men of the county have visited the display and have expressed their satisfaction, by saying that great good was bound to result.

It is gratifying to know that Nevada county, as a mining center is appreciated by those living at a distance as well as by those at home. Probably had we been disposed to adopt the same tactics adopted by other mining communities in advertising our resources to the world, we might today have as large a population as Cripple Creek. But we have been content to conduct our business along safer and more conservative lines, permitting the county through its ever-increasing product to speak for itself. There are few mining districts richer than ours, a fact attested in my presence recently by one of the greatest mining authorities in America, I refer to Prof. Kemp.

Prof. Kemp is the head of the Columbia School of Mines of New York. For years this school has been recognized as one of the foremost in the world. Since coming here I have met many German students who have come to Columbia in preference to Freiberg. They claim for it a superior curriculum in mining studies. A word from the head of this institution goes a long way in settling complex mining questions. His "Pure Deposits of the United States" is a standard work, and may be found in all the mining schools in the world. It is cited quite frequently by men and technical journals, and whatever he says is readily quoted by the press. Hence it was particularly pleasing to hear him speak so highly of Nevada county.

He was one of the jurors on precious metals and it was his duty with the rest to pass upon the Nevada county exhibit. I took especial pains to show him some of the rich ore our veins were capable of producing. He seemed to be more than ordinarily careful in his examination of these specimens and when he had concluded he stated that he knew of no other region in America more prolific in the production of gold unless it was possibly Cripple Creek. And the Cripple Creek ores are so different to our own that there is no comparison.

He seemed to be thoroughly familiar with the veins of the district, and spoke of them as though he had spent the greater part of his professional career there. He said the display of the county was one of the most elegant and impressive he had seen in the mines building, and he complimented the enterprise and energy that made it possible. When it came to the question of deciding whether the county should be considered as a collaborator with the state or whether it should be judged on its own merits as shown in the exhibit, he stated emphatically before leaving that he was in favor of the latter course. Mr. Charles C. Yale, statistician for the mint and the state mineralogist in San Francisco, informed everything Prof. Kemp said and stood up boldly for the county.

## THE SPORTING WORLD IN BRIEF

(Continued From Page Seven.)

tear sportsmanship, it in its way justifies the complaint so frequently made that athletics are more considered at the modern seat of learning than the curriculum. There is said to have been a case of this sort of "campaigning" here at Yale, and that Princeton was the stunner. We are bound to say that the circumstantial evidence is strong

CHA  
Just o  
Peo  
on  
and

THE  
sui  
tasty di  
say abc  
ment to  
It's a  
teeth.  
day in  
The C  
ular att  
veal in  
morning  
Spenn  
work is  
and his  
more to  
The J  
to have  
October  
the after  
A spe  
are spo  
Harriga  
day. P  
Fresh  
the dra  
very. T  
pears, w  
The s  
ton's ar  
skirts.

to the exhibit what other counties have done in this direction.

For this purpose since coming to St. Louis I have been quietly working to ascertain what it cost the counties represented here to install and maintain their exhibits. Such information will be useful and instructive and will serve to show whether Nevada county has been extravagant in the amount the supervisors appropriated. Here is a list of the counties and the sums appropriated:

Los Angeles	\$22,000
Santa Clara	15,000
San Joaquin	16,000
Alameda	20,000
San Bernardino	8,000
San Diego	8,200
Contra Costa	8,000
Ventura	4,000
Riverside	4,000
Orange	3,800
Monterey	4,000
San Luis Obispo	3,000
Monterey and San Luis Obispo occupy the same space in the agricultural building.)	
Sacramento Valley Development Association	30,000

To some of the above private subscriptions must be added. Many private firms aided the counties very considerably by sending private exhibits of their products already arranged for exhibition purposes. The city of Sacramento gave \$4,500 to defray the extra help necessary during the fair. Compared with the appropriations cited the Nevada county appropriation is abnormally small. And yet we are in a position to derive as much benefit as our neighbors and possibly more, as several of them are grouped so as to almost lose their identity. When some of the commissioners from the different counties were informed that \$2,500 was appropriated to defray the expenses of collecting, installing and maintaining the display from Nevada county they expressed surprise. And those of them who have seen the exhibit are willing to confess that it does not suffer by comparison with the more costly ones. Barring the absence of literature we have secured as much publicity and the benefits will be as great as those derived by the other exhibitors. While there will be a deficiency of about \$200 in the amount necessary to maintain the exhibit to the end of the fair, the fact

given to  
The V  
very chi  
demand  
tlement  
some ler  
Crepe  
kina and  
specials  
King. I  
tells mo  
The de  
Mrs. Mo  
but now  
at that p  
his hom  
March, r  
ed was  
taken to  
The p  
absolute  
scribes  
been all  
is disgus  
in degree  
passed i  
streets  
might a  
PERS  
Capt.  
from a l  
Mrs. A  
cisco is  
Mr. a  
returned  
Francise  
Miss J  
left yest  
ville an  
sence th  
Jones' e  
el.  
Dr. Ca  
niece an  
Francise  
ents and  
Wilson a  
zeon at t  
Francise  
press th  
Grass Va  
the young  
meeting

Oct 6, 1904