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## PIERCE TO FRONT

Time works wonders and many changes. Thus Pierce City has passed from the silent wilderness, whose quietude was only broken by the cry of the night hawk, to the cosmopolitan city with her teeming thousands, and again back to the scattered cabins of a few miners who were not lured away by the enchanting reports of other fields, and if the present indications of the hour hand are right and the many prophets are truly inspired, Pierce City is again on the eve of adorning herself with her golden mantle and again assuming her proper place among the cities of Idaho—at the head. Pierce is the oldest town in Idaho. Gold was first discovered here in 1859, in what is known as Canal Gulch. The discoverers returned to California to winter, and in the spring of 1860 returned with a party of twelve, having kept to themselves the fact of the discovery. That year Pierce was founded. Again, as the fall and winter of 1860 began to approach, those who had been working in the camp returned to California, but having several thousand dollars in gold dust with them they were unable to keep their rich find any longer a secret. The result was that the news flashed and in the spring of 1861 thousands flocked to the new Eldorado and in a short time this camp, isolated as it was, contained 12,000 inhabitants. Hundreds of the wealthiest men in the northwest can look back to the

early days of Pierce with fond remembrance, as it was here that they themselves either took their fortunes out of the golden sands or at least secured the nest egg which enabled them to mount to where they now stand in the financial world. Hundreds of men who only remained in the camp two years were enabled to carry out with them from \$20,000 to \$80,000 as the result of their two years of labor.

There is not a question but what Pierce will be in the near future what she was in '61 and '62. A new era is dawning for her. Her night of sleep has certainly passed away. For several years passed she has been looked upon as a worked out camp; but this is a false impression. In the early days placer alone was looked for, while quartz was not thought of. But the last few years has demonstrated the fact, that the placer was the least of her vast mineral wealth. Hundreds of gold bearing quartz ledges have been discovered; some of them, for richness, not being excelled in any camp. The exact figures can not be obtained, but from as close an approximation as can be obtained, it is safe to say that there are 1000 claims in the district today that are properly represented. The records of the recorder show that during the past year, 161 quartz locations were made, while 251 placers were placed on record.

Last year stamp mills were installed upon three properties which

have proven to be dividend payers. There are at present ten or twelve stamp mills in the camp, and it is estimated that fifteen or twenty will go in this year. Besides these mills, several large hydraulic elevators will start up this spring.

The mineral wealth of the Pierce district is only a portion of her rich resources. Right at its door is to be found the extensive white pine belt over which the syndicates have been scrambling for the past two years. This is represented as being the largest known body of white pine timber in the world. In this belt there are upwards of 200,000 acres with an estimate value as it stands of from \$20 to \$40 per acre. This timber alone is enough to make this one of the richest sections in the northwest. Stock raising comes in for its share of consideration, the ranges affording good grazing during the greater portion of the year. All of the cereals and fruits of the middle states can be grown here in abundance. It is only a question of a short time until a home market will be furnished by Pierce for all that the farmers of the farming section tributary to her can produce.

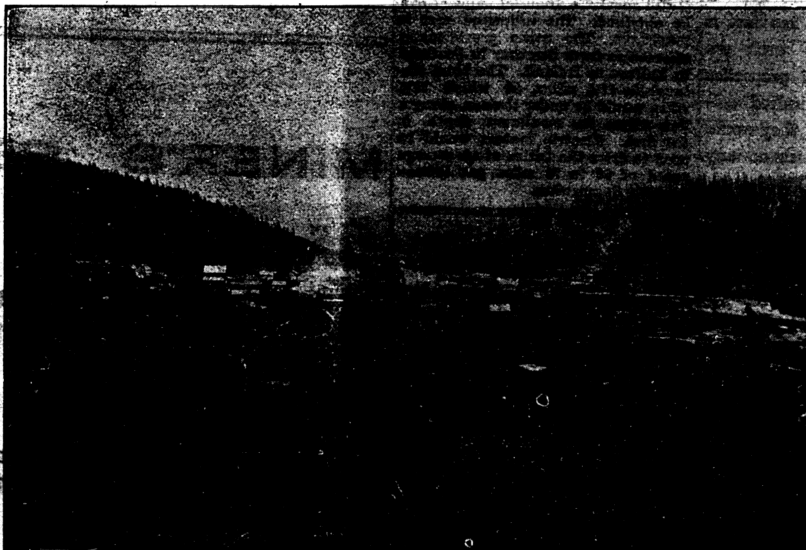
### The Aspen.

The Aspen is included in what promises to be one of the very best group of claims in the camp. The Aspen is located a half a mile southeast of town and is included in the group of claims beginning on the south and running northeast as

follows: Denver, Aspen, Butcher Boy, Gold Dollar and the Ozark. From a survey, made last fall, it is shown that this group is continuous and unbroken, following a high ridge from the Orofino creek to Rhodes creek, where is located the already famous Ozark mine which is the property of John Gaffney and John Pound. John Hausam, the owner of the Aspen and Denver, has been busy for the past few months running a tunnel in on the Aspen. He has drove it in for a distance of 130 feet, 100 of which are on the ledge. At 130 feet he has crossed his ledge, securing both walls and finding twelve feet of ledge matter. The face of the tunnel and the ore on the dump shows up the mineral in a very satisfactory manner to the owner and the assay returns demonstrate the fact that the ore is of a very high grade. The Aspen, along with the other properties mentioned, is the making of a very rich and desirable property.

If you have a property that you want to dispose of; go at it and get in as good condition as possible for inspection. If you have a good prospect, there will be plenty of opportunities to dispose of it this summer to a good advantage, but no man will care to invest in a proposition, where everything is on the blind. There are plenty of properties on which a few weeks work might make a difference in its value of hundreds, if not thousands of dollars.

The view represented here is one taken last year of Pierce, the Queen City of the "Gem of the Mountains." We give you this view of Pierce now and when she is a city of ten thousand inhabitants we will see that you are furnished with another view. Place this one away on file and when we give you the next hunt this one up and compare them and see the wonderful changes time will wrought in five years, or in other words look upon the Pierce of 1901 and behold the Queen City of Idaho in 1906. In five years time Pierce City, in importance will rank second to no town in the state of Idaho. Remember this.



THE QUEEN CITY.

If you are in search of a good business location in a growing section, give Pierce a call and investigate. If you are looking for a profitable investment, there is not a district in the state of Idaho that can offer you any better opportunities than Pierce. If you have a few hundred stored away in some bank; what is the use of leaving it there and deriving no benefit from it? Here is an opportunity for you to invest it and make a fortune. Good mining properties, both placer and quartz, can be secured now upon reasonable terms. Thousands of acres, yet unknown are open to the prospector. Come and be convinced.