

# MEN WHO HAVE BEEN FOREMOST IN UTAH MINING

In this day and age, when mining has become universally popular with the masses and when the flame of enthusiasm is constantly being rekindled by frequent reports

of sensational finds in almost every mining camp of the west, no surprise is expressed when a new mining magnate makes his appearance on the horizon of the mining world, and successes have multiplied so rapidly that it is no uncommon thing to hear of a struggling mining man, poor today, who is a millionaire tomorrow; for men almost unknown in mining circles to spring into such prominence that the papers are full of their exploits, and who are classed as mining magnates and "Captains of the Mining Industry" almost before they, themselves, are fully aware of the proud position they occupy before the public. To these all honor is due and, while congratulating them upon the enviable positions they have attained, it is well to take a glance in retrospect, and give due credit to the "Old Guard" who stormed the hills of the west when mining in this country was still in its infancy. Men who gave the first impetus to the mining industry in this intermountain region, who have given to the world bonanzas which are still productive of the precious metals, and who have fostered and encouraged mining in so many ways that the industry has since become recognized as one of the most profitable and legitimate occupations that one can follow or pursue.

have men who have been an honor to the mining industry, but their rank and file is being rapidly thinned by the hand of death. And still the old-timer will not forget the old stalwarts who made Utah famous as a mining region long before the mining kings of today had learned the first rudiments of the industry. Of these who have helped to make mining possible in Utah, in the early days, and who amassed fortunes in this fascinating pursuit, there are many in Salt Lake who refer, with pride, to the late R. C. Chambers, Richard Mackintosh, Allen G. Campbell, and J. F. Woodman; while, still among the living are such men as W. W. Chisholm, John Dern, Charlie

Centennial-Eureka, and now one of the richest holdings of the United States Mining company. From a mere prospect Mr. Chisholm, with his associates, developed the Centennial-Eureka into one of the greatest bonanzas ever found in the state; a property that paid its owners \$2,100,000 in dividends before it was sold to the United States people for an equal amount. Mr. Chisholm is still heavily interested in mining in different portions of the west, but has practically retired from active work. Throughout his career he has held the esteem and confidence of his friends and, although of a retiring disposition, there is no more popular man in Utah today. He might well be termed a "Mining King," but he wears his laurels most modestly.



W. W. Chisholm



Hon. John Dern

Another of the old-timers, comparatively speaking, is Hon. John Dern, who has been a power for good to the mining interests of the state ever since the time, when a "tenderfoot," he became identified with the Mercur mine, at Mercur, then regarded as but little beyond a "wild-cat" in conservative mining circles. More than once failure has stared him in the face in the operation of this now far-famed property, which has nearly three and a half

Lammersdorf, J. E. Bamberger, William Hatfield and Prof. J. E. Talmage.

W. W. Chisholm.

One of the oldest of mining men of Utah in point of experience is W. W. Chisholm, of Salt Lake. He is one of the "Old Guard." He was mining in Utah when hardly more than a stripling of a boy. With his father and J. F. Woodman he was one of the early pioneers of Alta, his interest being identified with the old Emma, one of the greatest of the old mines of the west. Mr. Chisholm was also engaged in mining in Bingham in the early days, and, at one time, owned some of the best of the producing mines of this grand old camp. Later on he began the development of the Blue Rock, at Eureka, now more popularly known as the



William Hatfield

millions, in dividends paid, to its credit. Mr. Dern is still president of the Con. Mercur company. He is managing director for the Uncle Sam, at Eureka, and has heavy

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# SIX OLD-TIMERS WHO ARE CAMP BUILDERS

mining interests in Utah and adjoining states. He is prominent in commercial, business and political affairs in Salt Lake, and is universally regarded as one of our "substantial citizens." "Honest old John Dern," he is called by his most intimate friends, and he is held in high esteem by his business associates and acquaintances. From a tyro at mining he is now a marked man for the success that has attended his career, and some of the younger aspirants for mining honors will have to "go some" if they expect to eclipse the record and reputation he has made.

## Charlie Lammersdorf.

Almost every man, woman and child in the mining camps of the west know Charlie Lammersdorf, of Richfield. He is an immensely popular man, and he cannot help it. When he was a poor man he was as much a general favorite as he is now that he is wealthy. Mr. Lammersdorf did not inherit riches, but he was endowed with such an abundant stock of indomitable pluck and perseverance that he never knew when he was beaten; when he had met with failure. He has made mining camps his home for more than two score years, and he clings to them yet. To the prospector he has ever been a friend; many is the poor

ing Gold Mountain district in Piute county. He is, in fact, the father of this splendid camp. The state is in debt to him for the Seveier gold mine which, almost single-handed, and alone, he developed from a mere prospect into a wonderfully rich producer of the yellow metal. With his estimable wife he camped with the Sevier until its great possibilities attracted the attention of capital. The capital is his, now, and he still retains an interest in the mine. At Richfield he has built for himself one of the finest homes to be found in southern Utah. Here he lives in solid comfort, and the "latch-string" is always out for his friends. Dear old Charlie, we all love him.

ty years ago Mr. Bamberger became identified with the mining industry of the state. His capital was then as limited as was his experience; but, a few well-advised and



Charles Lammersdorf

When he comes to Salt Lake he is always sure of an ovation, and from every corner, from every doorway, friends appear to greet him.

## J. E. Bamberger.

He of the "velvet hand." We feel but it is not often that we see. This may well be termed one of the strong characteristics of J. E. Bamberger, for many years a resident of Salt Lake City. Mr. Bamberger is a bold mining operator, and yet the larger portion of his business in this line has been transacted through the medium of trusted lieutenants. Behind the scenes he directs mining transactions of great magnitude, and the public know him not, except by vague rumors; and still he has well-earned the distinction of being one of the mining magnates of Utah. Some eighteen or twen-



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wise investments added to his store of coin and knowledge to such an extent that his friends began to "sit up and take notice." Almost from the beginning of operations at the Centennial-Eureka he was identified with this magnificent property. Later on he turned his attention to Park City, and was instrumental in helping to make the great Daly-West what it is today. It was through his efforts that this gigantic property was successfully financed, and he can refer with pride to the fact that the company has paid over five millions in dividends. Besides the Daly-West Mr. Bamberger is interested in various other mammoth enterprises throughout the west, and he is "hand-in-glove" with some of the most famous financiers and mining men of the age. It is not often that we hear of Mr. Bamberger, excepting upon the consummation of some important and far-reaching deal. He does not court notoriety, nor does he love it. Still, he is easily accessible, and is as sociable with his old friends, and just as approachable, as when he first pinned his faith to the ultimate outcome of the Centennial-Eureka mine.

## William Hatfield.

Another man who is as modest as he is successful is William Hatfield. Mr. Hat-



J. E. Bamberger

man he has grub-staked, and many a time has he joined them in the search for Nature's depositories of the precious metals. To him belongs the distinction of discover-

field has sojourned in Salt Lake for a number of years, being a familiar figure on "Brokers' Row," but now he is a resident of Provo, where he is in close touch with his extensive Tintic interests. Those acquainted with the early history of mining at Eureka remember well when Mr. Hatfield made his advent into this now popular and well-proven camp. Like many others who cast their lot in fields of future promise, he was willing to be shown. With a strong determination to succeed, combined with a shrewdness and discretion that soon enrolled him among the master minds of the camp, it was not long before he became identified with various mining enterprises throughout the district. In some of these he met with success; others with failures, and it was not until he attempted the rejuvenation of the old Swansea mine that he began to climb up the ladder of celebrity. Almost from the beginning he was associated with the Grand Central and its development. The splendid productiveness of these two mines have made for him a fortune, and he has long since been regarded as one of the most successful as well as one of the most substantial mining men of the state. Besides the properties mentioned Mr. Hatfield is interested in the Victoria and several other valuable propositions in Tintic district, and, for years' past he has been directly interested in the rehabilitation of the old Albion mine, at Alta, in the development of which many hundreds of feet of dead work have been performed, the indications being that this mine will soon take rank as a regular and paying producer. Mr. Hatfield is of a pleasant personality and has a host of friends throughout the west. He is quiet in his demeanor, but as big-hearted as an ox. He speaks with directness and means what he says. He well deserves to be designated as one of the "Old Guard" and as one of Utah's mining magnates.

#### James E. Talmage, Ph. D.

While not a mining man, in the strict acceptance of the term, Dr. James E. Talmage, professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Utah, has long been identified with the mining industry of the state. Ever since the chair of geology and mineralogy has been established at the state university Dr. Talmage has filled it ably and well, and his profound knowledge of these departments has been of inestimable benefit to the mining men of the state and of the west. They say that "mineral is where you find it," but Doctor Talmage has told the inquiring individual where it should be found, and what could be expected of certain formations; what would be the result of certain conditions. Dr. Talmage, in a most forceful manner, has made his knowledge and experience felt throughout the mining camps of the west, and his recognized ability in his profession has placed him in the front ranks of men possessed

of scientific attainments. With big mining men his word is authority, and his recommendation or condemnation of a mining property is final with those by whom he is employed. He is a gentleman of high culture, and his work at the university is showing itself in the ease with which his pupils find desirable employment when once they

have been graduated. He has been of great help to those who have sought his advice and services, and, while not a "Mining King," he has been a king maker and, unseen, has often been the "power behind the throne." Dr. Talmage is an amiable man, highly respected and esteemed, and is justly entitled to be classed as one of the "Old Guard"