#### MINING.

Those of the mining fraternity who desire to encourage the fermation of a Miners' Association, should not neglect to forward their names to Mr. John Lyle, of W. L. Lowell & Co., in whose hands is the paper to be signed by those favoring the establishment of such an Association.

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"An Old Miner," writing in the Herald, strongly suports the proposal to test deep mining in Nova Scotia. Year by year, the value of our gold fields is being more and more recognized, both at home and abroad; but if it could be proved beyond question that the quartz voins contain a second pay streak, the impetus that would be given to this industry would be beyond estimation. The Local Government are not wanting in pluck and enterprise, and they should not shrink from encouraging an undertaking in which there are such great possibilities.

PLEASANT RIVER.—Work at this mine is being vigorously pushed, the buildings and houses are now complete, and the 10 stamp mill is just about ready to commence operations; fifty men will be employed in the mine during the coming spring, and the owners feel confident of making a good report.

New Germany..—The gold mine owned by W. J. Nelson and others, has recently been sold to an American company at good figures. The property is fairly developed, and will, no doubt, make a handsome return to its new owners. Mr. Nelson is still a large shareholder in several mines, after having disposed of five of the properties in which he was interested during the past three months.

A very rich strike of wire silver in the Corrillo mining districts, near Santa Fe, is attracting a great deal of attention. It is in shaft No. 2 of the Cash Entry Mine, and assays \$600 to the ton.

The Byrne lead mines, at Smelser, in Grant County, are the most productive in Southern Wisconsin. About 400,000 pounds have been taken out during the present winter.

A vein of lead ore has been struck near Galena, Ill., which promises to be one of the richest ever discovered in this region. The ore is pure galena.

Colorado's mineral product for 1885 was over \$23,000,000. To produce this amount there is employed in the gold and silver mines of Colorado, less than 20,000 miners.

As a result of the advance in the price of lead, Leadville smelters, which were running thirteen or fourteen furnaces, and short on all classes of ore the first of January, have now sixteen or seventeen furnaces in full blast, and 50,000 tons of ore on hand.

In round numbers, the value of gold in the principal countries of the world is \$3,293,000,000, and silver \$2,754,000.

The treasure coach from Deadwood, last week, took out \$175,000 bullion, the result of a semi-monthly clean-up of the mines in that vicinity.

During 1885, eighty gold, silver, lead and copper mines in the United States produced bullion and metal valued at \$36,137,265 and paid \$7,848,577 in dividends.

The Home stake gold mine, of Dakota, turned out \$1,307,040, and divided \$525,000 in dividends.

The largest silver producer in 1885 was the Ontario, of Utah, which yielded \$2,313,387, of which the shareholders received \$975,000.

Important gold discoveries in Patagonia are reported by E. L. Baker, United States Consul-General to the Argentine Republic.

A large deposit of alum has been found near Olequa, Washington Terribry.

California's quartz mines challenge the admiration of the world; owing to had management and culpable extravagance on the part of mining Superintendents, this branch of industry was threatened at one time to be short lived; but thanks to the great teacher, experience, a new order of things is shown by the healthful condition and the great progress made during the put two years.

The Churchill Soda Company, of Nevada, have completed their furnace and have on hand about 300 tone of soda ready for drying.

It is estimated by good authority that the stock of 17,000 tons of lead a Jan. 1, 1885, was reduced to 6,000 tons on Jan. 1, 1886.

It is reported that extensive deposits of tin ore have been discovered in Artansas.—Chicago Mining Review.

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