

Various flattering reports upon the Victoria Lead Mines have been received from Major Farrington, Professor J. D. Whitney, Professor C. T. Jackson, George Sumner, Esq., of Boston, Captain Dunkin, and others.

The mines have been visited by a great number of scientific and practical geologists, and mining engineers, and agents, all of whom express entire confidence in their success if judiciously managed. J. D. Whitney, United States Geologist, says of these veins, under date of July 15, 1853 :—

“There are two lodes here, which cut each other at an angle of about ten degrees. Both have been opened to some extent, *but the principal workings are on the Union vein*, which seems to have a course of about S. 62 deg. E. The course of the other lode (the Victoria) is about S. 73 deg. E., and it would seem that the two intersect each other a few yards west of the shaft which has been opened on the Victoria lode. In a shaft opened three or four rods further west still, there are seen two distinct branches or lodes, diverging from each other in the direction which the two other lodes should have after their intersection.

“In the Union Mine, the work is confined to driving, no sinking being possible unless a steam engine be erected. *In the sixteen fathom level, going east from the Victoria shaft, the drift is in forty feet, and is in a fine vein $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet*