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GREAT GOLD EXCITEMENT.--We have received information concerning the great gold excitement which has produced such a stampede from Beartown and vicinity and almost depopulated that section of the country. The new mines are situated on Clear Water Creek, in the Coeur d'Alene mountains, fifty miles across the range from Fort Union, and eighty-five miles from there by trail, and forty-five miles southeast of the once famous Florence, Idaho. A bar has been discovered there seven miles in length and about four hundred feet in width, the dirt upon which, so far as tested, is from four to twelve feet in depth, and prospects from ten cents to \$1.85 to the pan. The creek below the bar prospects well. There is no grass within ten miles and it is impossible to keep horses there. The trail is very rough, and no wagons can reach the new mines. Eight hundred men, among which are representatives of Lewiston, Walla Walla, Beartown, and all western Montana, had poured in there a week ago, presenting to view one of the most motly assemblages of men ever seen in America. Many of them are dead broke, and this too when provisions and all the necessaries of life are extravagantly high. Tobacco is worth \$4.50 per pound, and all other articles bring a corresponding price. A ditch about one and a half miles in length has been brought in upon one portion of the bar and furnishes a good supply of water.

Great Excitement--Still Further Gold Discoveries--Immense Stampede.--From Mr. David Lusk, just arrived in this city, we learn that fabulously rich placer mines have been discovered in the Coeur d'Alene mountains, on the head waters of the Coeur d'Alene and St. Joseph rivers. These new diggings are not the same as those on the Clear Water, recently reported by us, but are a long distance further north. They are three hundred miles from here and are creating an intense excitement, especially on the other side of the range. Mr. Sweeney, formerly of Washington Gulch, has been prospecting in the Coeur d'Alene mountains for two years and "struck it rich" about four weeks ago. His claim is situated on a stream forty-five miles in length, which has been named for him, Sweeney River. From this ground he obtains prospects of one dollar to the pan, in a strip of pay gravel four feet deep and twenty-five feet in width. Good

prospects have been obtained all along the banks of this river, and two hundred men are now engaged there opening claims. Sweeney's is the only one upon which a sluice is running. On Booth's River, seven miles southwest of Sweeney's River, prospects of from twenty-five to seventy-five cents to the pan are obtained, with a pay streak six feet in depth and 18 feet wide. Upon still another river from ten to fifteen cents to the pan is obtained. Tributary to all these rivers are numerous gulches, in which good prospects are obtained, in fact, the whole of that section of country seems to be a network of rich placer mines. There are, all together, in these new diggings about seven hundred men, and immense numbers on horseback and on foot, and with every conceivable character of an outfit, are hurrying to them from every point of the compass. On his way from there, our informant met fully three hundred persons, among them fourteen women, on their way to the new mines. Billiard tables, fixtures for restaurants and hotels, in fact, everything required in a large mining camp are being moved in. All western Montana is in a fever of excitement. The scarcity of water over the range offers no present inducement for our miners to remain and they are hurrying off to the new diggings to such an extent that some portions of the country seem almost deserted. At Missoula, the crops are all standing ripe in the fields, but it is impossible to obtain hands to harvest them. Six dollars a day in gold is offered for workmen, but all think they see a fortune before them, in the Coeur d'Alene mountains, and cannot stop for any such money. The proper means by which to reach these mines, is to follow the Mullan Road to a point sixteen miles beyond the Bitter Root ferry and there take the trail leading to the left. Following this trail fifty miles in a southerly direction will bring the traveler to Sweeney's river and the centre of the new gold field. These new mines are in the Territory of Idaho, and the rivers upon which they are situated are the sources of the Spokane. Many of our readers will remember the remarkable richness of the mines of Florence, and it may interest them to know that both the Clear Water mines recently reported by us and the Coeur d'Alene mines which we report to-day are in the same general range of mountains--the dividing line between Montana and Idaho. It would be reasonable from present appearances to suppose that these mountains are again to astonish the world with their riches; and it would also seem probable that mines will be discovered on the Montana side of them fully equal to those on their western slope.