

## BENTONITE NOW ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Hardly has the oil boom in Coconino subsided, says the News of that place, before another bunch of speculators see in the land promised fortunes, and now are being given the "once over" by people who are interested in obtaining deposits of bentonite from which they expect to reap large fortunes.

Bentonite is known to exist generally over Powder River county as well and concerning this mineral the following information is published.

Bentonite is the grayish, soapy substance which outcrops all over the country and which occurs just below the Mowrey shale. It is the same material that is present in what are termed "soap holes" and can be found wherever the Mowrey shale outcrops.

This substance has several uses. It forms the principal ingredient of antiplagline, or Deaver mud. It is used for the manufacture of hoof packing that is used extensively in the cities for use in treating horses' hoofs, making a sort of muller which softens the hoof and draws out inflammation. It is also used as a water purifier and for several other purposes.

Of recent date, two carloads of bentonite were shipped from the vicinity of Osage, Wyo., to France.

### COMMENT ON FINDING OF RICH ORE SAMPLE HERE

The Eagle of Ekalaka, commenting upon a newspaper account recently carried by the Examiner on the finding of an ore sample near Epsie, has the following to say:

"The latest from Powder River county is a story which tells of the finding of a valuable specimen of ore seven times as valuable as gold and worth \$150 an ounce. Now what do you know about that? Those who have made the journey overland from the Powder River county capital to Miles City have, if they need their eyes, observed a curious formation resembling rock or metal piled up and dumped around promiscuously. It is a sort of lava and looks like rock and metals all melted together in some place where the heat was in the Nth degree. The natives say this peculiar substance was deposited there as the result of volcanic eruption in bygone ages, before Adam ate green apples. It is thought likely the valuable ore that was found may have been a piece of this lava."

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