



The *St. Paul Pioneer* dispatched a special reporter to the new gold fields in Minnesota. During September and October, 1865, Ossian Euclid Dodge, writing under the pen name of "Oro Fino", submitted a series of "Gold Letters" to the paper. Dodge ... had been a journalist and itinerant singer and song writer in the East before settling in St. Paul in 1862... *

Lee Mine

The Lee Mine was an open pit about 60' x 80' and it is said that the first blast was in 1875. The overburden and rock was hauled by mules to the dumps. A shaft was sunk and a steam hoist installed to hoist the ore. The ore was hauled to the incline by mules where it was loaded in small dump cars. These were run down the incline by an endless cable to a trestle where they were dumped into wooden ore cars. The cable was operated by a large steel wheel and the other end made a counter-balance.

The mine was owned by the Minnesota Iron Mining Company and their superintendent was Capt. Don H. Bacon. Ike estimated that there were about fifty miners employed there. When asked about accidents in the mine he said he could not recall any during the time they operated.

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