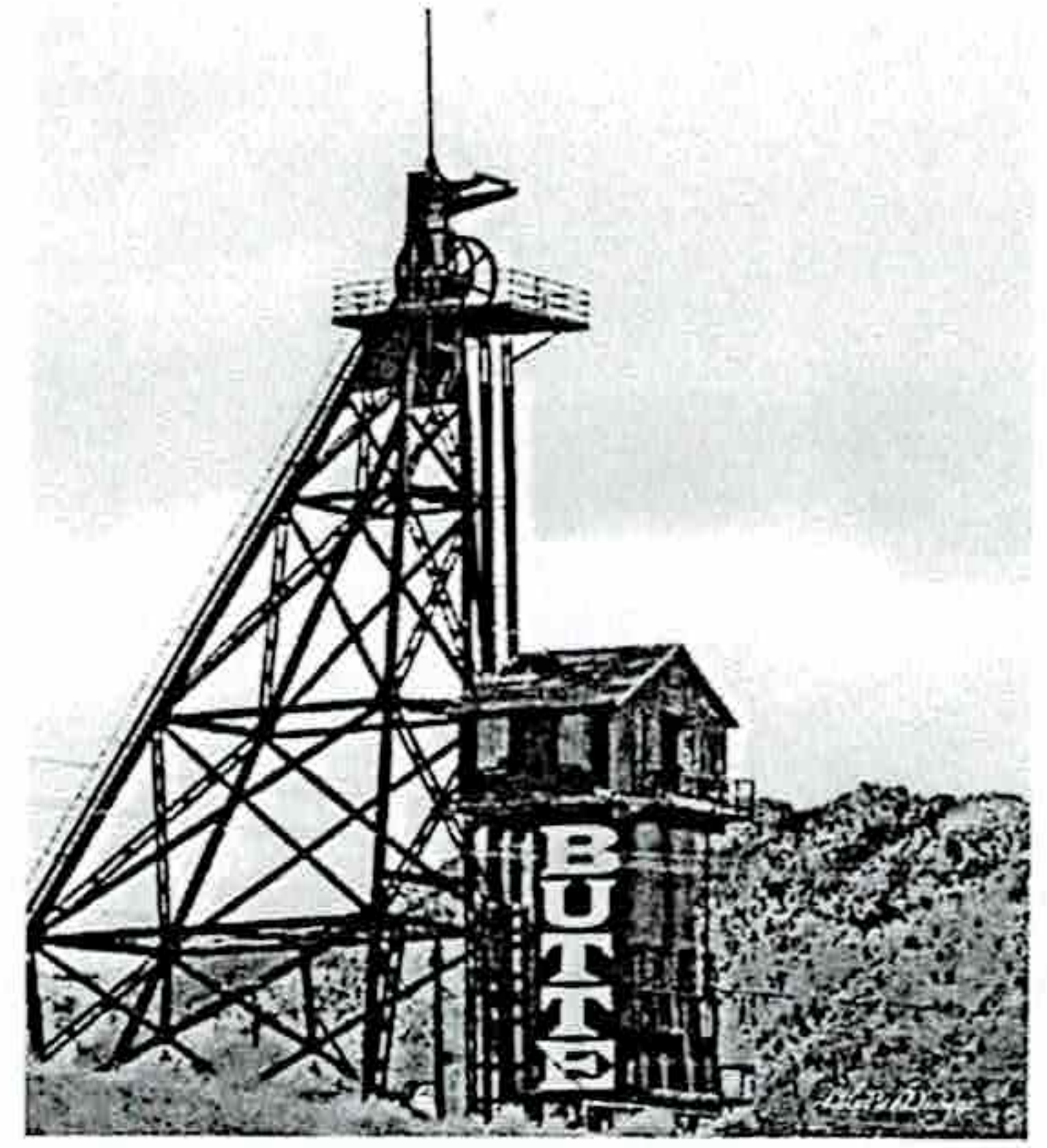


BUTTE MONTANA

FUN FACTS



- It is estimated that there are 10,000 miles of underground tunnels beneath the city of Butte
- The term "Butte" (meaning rising out of the earth) is the geological term for the small hill on which the town was built. Originally called Butte City, the name was changed to Butte in 1894
- This city has many nicknames including: "The Richest Hill on Earth", "The Melting Pot Mixer", and "The Mining City"
- Butte is home to the longest running *brothel* in American History
- From 1880 to 2000, the following quantities of ore were produced from the Butte Hill: 22,799,000,000 pounds of copper, 4,909,202,540 pounds of zinc; 725,486,448 ounces of silver and 2,922,466 ounces of gold
- By 1887 Butte became the world's leading producer of copper, and for 30 years we produced 1/3 of the world's copper supply
- The Butte National Historic Landmark District is the largest in the United States, having close to 6,000 historic buildings within its confines
- Butte was once known as the "Melting Pot Mixer" because immigrants of every ethnicity came to the city looking for work. At one point, the city had a population of over 100,000
- Butte was so diverse that the "No Smoking" signs Uptown had to be written in 16 different languages.
- A quarter of all immigrants that came to Butte originated from Ireland
- Butte's Berkeley Pit Copper Mine is one mile long by half a mile wide. Its current water level is approximately 5,350 ft above sea level.
- American Daredevil Evel Knievel was born, raised, and buried in Butte
- The commonly used phrase "Tap er' Light" refers to how the miners would carefully tap TNT charges into blasting holes while digging. Today, the phrase is used the same way as "Take it easy"