



THE SUMPTER MINER

BIG BUNCH OF BOOMS

SOME GIGANTIC ENTERPRISES IN PROCESS OF INCUBATION.

North Pole to Build That Electric Line— Refreshing Rail Road Rumor—Several Big Mining Deals On—The Weyerhaeusers Scripping Timber Lands.

Not in all the history of modern eastern Oregon has there been so much industrial activity as at the present time; so many gigantic enterprises in process of consummation or incubation, backed by men of brains, business discretion and ample capital. Here in Sumpter during the past few days there has been no little suppressed excitement. The air is full of rumors of big deals.

Perhaps the most important of all, the one that has doubtless taken most definite shape, is surest of being carried through to success, is the building of the long talked of and longed for electric road from Sumpter to the Cracker Creek and Cable Cove districts. At the last meeting of the city council Tom McEwen asked for a franchise to operate an electric line through the streets of Sumpter. It is true that this is nothing new; it has been repeatedly done before and the desired franchise granted, but this time it looks as if the road is going to be built. Mr. McEwen says it will be, but declines to say who his backers are. THE MINER is informed, on reliable authority, that the North Pole people are going to do it. The output of the mine for one month would build and equip the road. Mr. McEwen and one or two other gentlemen own the right-of-way. This is the short of a long story.

Then there is a railroad rumor that THE MINER knows more about than it can tell at this time. It will leave the O. R. & N. at Huntington and build toward Sumpter. The contract pledging the transportation business of this town and district for ten years, mention of which we made in these columns two weeks since, will be presented to the projectors and it will come pretty near guaranteeing the erection of a depot on the Ellis addition, west of Powder river.

The most encouraging feature of all, however, is found in the fact that men famous in the world of finance, who command millions of money, have their representatives here looking for investments. For instance:

Arthur Hill, who owns the Ibez, is expected to arrive in a day or two, to meet a representative of F. W. Bradley, Mr. Yost, now here, to arrange for the transfer of that property. This deal was mentioned in THE MINER several weeks since. Mr. Bradley owns the Bunker Hill-Sullivan, in Idaho, the Tacoma smelter and recently bought the Badger.

He is one of the most extensive and successful mining operators in the west.

A representative of Captain Delamar, one of the mining kings of the world, has been in the district for ten days past. He has bonded one property and will have an engineer of fame here in a couple of weeks to examine another. Names of men and properties are here omitted for obvious reasons, but this statement is an unadorned fact.

One of the largest producing mines in the district, one that the public thinks can not be bought, has virtually been sold. The owners had no desire to part with it, but the offer made by one of the strongest syndicates, financially, in America was too tempting to be refused. The price agreed upon is creditably reported to be three million dollars.

General Warren will arrive in Sumpter in a few days accompanied by ex-United States Senator Lee Mantle, of Montana, a mining plunger, who will do things in a hurry and on a gigantic scale when he gets started. His expert has been here for a week, examining a property.

It has been previously stated that Captain Wood is here as the representative of Gates, the steel magnate.

And last, but not least, the Weyerhaeusers, the acknowledged largest timber land owners and lumber manufacturers in the world, have five cruisers at work in country contiguous to Sumpter, selecting and scripping pine lands. Wont they give the Salt Lake moss-backs a jolt when they get a good start?

Friday is Now Ready for Inspection.

Otto Herlocker had a letter from Superintendent Griffith, of the Friday mine, Monday, stating that the workings have all been cleaned out, that everything is in satisfactory condition, and that Neil J. Sorensen can now bring out prospective investors at any time. He can show them what the Friday actually is and demonstrate the accuracy of all his statements regarding the property. Much ore has fallen down in the stopes, saving the work of blasting, and revealing some very rich rock. Mr. Sorensen will accompany a party of capitalists to the mine on his return from Portland.

Rich Ore on 300-Foot Level.

Word was received here yesterday that a rich ore body had been broken into on the 300-foot level of the Golconda. Mayor Robbins stated to a MINER man today that the rock assays \$94, and that Superintendent Meikle is of the opinion that it is a continuation of the shoot carrying the fabulously rich ore found on the 200 foot level. At the last account received from the mine it had not been penetrated far enough to determine this fact definitely. It is a "big thing," however, at even \$100.

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TALK OF THE TOWN.

A. J. Trimble left last week for a trip east, as far as Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil J. Sorensen are in Portland this week. They are expected home in a few days.

Tom Gray has made a sale of a mining property to New York parties, on which a large amount of money has been paid.

P. J. Griffin, former owner of the Capital hotel, left today for his home at Pine creek, after visiting awhile with P. D. Healy.

C. I. Flynn, the well known cigar man of Baker City, was a visitor this week in the Sumpter district. He has just returned from a three months trip east.

Attorney Richards has been retained by the city council to collect street improvement taxes. The first case will be brought against the Sumpter Valley railroad, unless that company pungles in a day or two.

Andy Stinson will ask the council at the meeting this evening for an electric light franchise. There is a scrap on between the Hotel Sumpter management and the Electric Light company regarding the price of lights.

P. A. Brady, superintendent of the Belcher group, in the Greenhorns, spent the Fourth in Sumpter, returning to the mine Monday. He says that property is looking well and that a mill will be erected there this year.

Seymour H. Bell returned Monday from a trip to New York and other eastern cities. As he refused to be interviewed on the object of the trip and the success attained, it would be well for the public to keep its eye on him.

Judge Evans has taken offices in the Gleason block, corner of Granite and Center streets, where he dispenses justice, affixes his notarial seal, gives advice on love and business affairs, tells a good story well and entertains his visitors plenty.

W. A. McNaughton, of San Francisco, has been in Sumpter and surrounding districts for ten days past. He is pleased with the country, and after a flying trip home will return and remain here. He is a mining man of experience, and has bonded a property that he will develop.

Dr. William H. Hoppe, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has arrived in Sumpter and accepted a position with Killen, Warner & Stewart. He will edit their paper and look after the preparation of their other advertising literature. His family will come to Sumpter later, to reside permanently.

Will Build Another Brick Block.

David Wilson yesterday notified THE MINER management that this office will have to be moved, as he had completed arrangements to erect on the lot a brick block. It will be 50x100 feet in size. When Mr. Wilson left here yesterday

afternoon, it was his intention to make it only one story high, but since then several of the fraternal orders have appointed a joint committee to consult with him and see if arrangements can not be made to build on another story, which they will rent for lodge purposes. All of the rooms on the ground floor, as now planned, have been rented. Mayor Robbins has secured the corner room and the one adjoining, which he will occupy both as an office and a residence. This will be the handsomest suit of offices in town.

J. J. Penhale Returns to Sumpter.

J. J. Penhale, of Sherbrooke, Canada, who operated in this district two years ago, arrived in Sumpter yesterday, coming here from Arizona. He is interested in the Bunker Hill, near the Ibez, and also the Keystone-Belle, near the Bonanza. He and A. L. McEwen went to the former property today. It is very probable that work will be resumed there at an early date. Mr. Penhale is personally a courteous gentleman and an excellent business man; he represents "good people" of large means and it is hoped that he will become re-identified with Sumpter and this mining district. He will prove a valuable citizen.

Superintendent for the Western Union.

O. F. Lindley, late superintendent at the Princess Maud mine, at Republic, Washington, and formerly with the Leyner Power Drill company, arrived last Monday and will have charge of the work to be done by the Western Union Mining and Development company on the North Pole ledge, over on Rock creek. Manager Hilliker says Mr. Lindley is a gentleman well up in his profession and will prove to be a valuable man for the district, as well as his company. Both came down from the property yesterday. Mr. Hilliker left on the afternoon train for Spokane and Mr. Lindley returned to the mine today.

Three Shifts at Oregon Monarch.

Superintendent Tom Moffitt, of the Oregon Monarch, was in town Monday. He reports that he is now working three eight hour shifts, ten men in all, driving the new crosscut tunnel as rapidly as possible. It is now 150 feet in, with several prospecting crosscuts. He hopes to cut the main ledge at an early day, and says that when that is accomplished, the Oregon Monarch will be a mine, because great depth will then have been attained.

Found Strange Underground Crevice.

W. Allen and J. Barns, who are developing the Kimberly group in Deer Creek district, when at a depth of fourteen feet struck a crevice 10 inches wide and of unknown depth, but the time consumed for a stone to reach bottom indicates that it is at least 100 feet deep. They are using the crevice as a dump. They are sinking on the vein with values at the present depth of between seven and eight dollars.