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GOLGONDA COMPANY WILL ISSUE THE BONDS

R. E. Norton, one of the syndicate that recently bought the control of the Golconda, arrived in Sumpter Sunday, having recently returned from the east in order to attend the meeting of stockholders at Pendleton Saturday. He went direct to the mine, remaining in Sumpter only a few minutes.

Regarding the meeting of the stockholders, he stated to a Miner representative that the only business of importance transacted was the authorization of the proposed \$90,000 bond issue. About five-sixths of the stock was represented and there was no opposition to the bonds. A meeting of directors has been called for next Saturday, the 15th instant, for the purpose of going through the legal formality of issuing these bonds.

"One thing I wish you would do for me," said Mr. Norton, "correct the false impression that has been created and widely, persistently cir-

culated that the company has demanded of stockholders that they subscribe for their pro-rata share of these bonds, with the alternative of losing their stocks. There is absolutely no truth in this statement. The holdings of the smallest stockholder will be protected. No one is going to lose his stock. The management has merely given stockholders the first opportunity to subscribe for these bonds, if they wish to do so, which we consider a privilege.

"So far as a market for the bonds is concerned, there is no trouble whatever on that score. Myself and associates are prepared to take the whole issue, if necessary."

Mr. Norton stated further that work at the mine will be started at an early date, as soon as Manager McCarthy can get in supplies and organize his forces. This will be in the nature of development work, to carry on which ample funds have already been provided.

PLACER MINING STARTS OVER SUSANVILLE WAY

A correspondent at Susanville writes as follows:

Placer mining is being resumed in all directions, as the early spring is extremely favorable for that class of mining, and all the miners who left to "winter" on the outside, are rushing back to take advantage of the early water. Rarely or never before in the history of the camp has water enough been available for placer mining at this time of the year, and consequently everyone is putting his ground in shape for working.

The Blue Channel mine, on Big creek, was one of the earliest to take advantage of the open season, and has been at work for the last three weeks preparing ground and also making improvements to overcome the lack of grade, by which it has been hampered for several seasons. The management has at last the satisfaction of seeing that difficulty overcome, for its lift, a home-made affair, raises its gravel and water about 12 feet into an upraised flume, which discharges it out of the way. This company owns nearly 600 acres of nearly all gold-bearing ground. The average depth to bed-rock is about 12 feet, and the bed-rock on which most of the gold is

deposited is of a decomposed granite. The gold is all coarse, and goes over \$18 fine. The property is an ideal dredging proposition, but the present owners are not situated so as to undertake the great expense the building of a dredge would entail. Their gravel is very similar to that dredged on Feather river and around Oroville, California.

Messrs. Briggs and Welch are also on the ground and preparing their Deep creek dredgings for a good, long run, as the conditions are most favorable for a good and late supply of water. They are working on an ancient channel, which is confined to about 150 feet width. All their gold is very coarse. The largest nuggets ever found in this section were picked up on that creek. Their clean-ups for the last several seasons are reported to have been very good.

Messrs. A. J. Huckleby and Fred Hunter have relocated the old Keeney diggings and are making preparations for extensive working and prospecting of same. The ground has yielded some very pretty returns in years past, and the present locators have considerable faith in its yielding capacity yet.

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SENSATIONAL CHARGES IN THE MORNING CASE

Lawrence Blowers, first mayor of Sumpter, at present deputy United States marshal, was in town between trains Saturday. He was here to serve papers issued out of the federal court at Portland in the Morning mine case. As previously stated in this paper, the sale of that property under judgment execution was stopped March 25, on a writ order from Judge Bellinger to the sheriff of Grant county, at Canyon City. The United States marshal served the papers Saturday on Clark Snyder, vice president of the First National bank, and other creditors who were forcing the sale of the property.

The suit, which asks for a receiver, was brought by James Bennett and N. B. Patten, residents of Minnesota. The allegations which they make in the complaint are startlingly sensational, alleging collusion and conspiracy to defraud.

The plaintiffs claim an interest in the property through grubstake rights, a fact heretofore, apparently, unknown in all the negotiations for the sale of and litigation over this valuable mine. It was located June 24, 1898, by Ames and his partners, and under the grubstake contract the plaintiffs say they then acquired a half interest in the property. In

September, 1900, the complaint goes on to say, they sold their half interest to their co-owners for \$11,000, \$1,000 of which was paid in cash and the remaining \$10,000 became due in eighteen months, none of which has been paid. The deed was placed in escrow in a Pendleton bank; where, the inference is, it still is.

Messrs. Bennett and Patten seek to have this lien given priority over all others and to have a receiver appointed for the Morning Mining company. The case will be heard in Portland on the twenty-first of this month and the indications are that this is the beginning of a long series of litigation.

N. C. Richards, representing Clark Snyder in this case, went to Portland last week for the purpose of trying to have it called for hearing before the twenty-first, the time set by the court; which, it is said, according to the rules of practice in the federal court, can be done. The scheme of the defense, so it is reported, is to have the case thrown out of the federal court on a technicality. There is some United States statute forbidding the interference with the judgment of state courts by federal authorities. If that move succeeds, the case fight will be renewed in the state circuit court.

500-FOOT CONTRACT LET ON IMPERIAL

A. L. McEwen, general manager of the Imperial mine, in Cable Cove, came down from the property last Friday and while in Sumpter signed a 500-foot tunnel contract, awarded to Joe Miller and Charles Beck, of the Columbia mine. The new work will be done on the Miner claim of the Imperial group, and the contract calls for completion at the earliest possible moment.

The Miner tunnel will tap the main Imperial ore shoot 275 feet below the present level, and will also enable the management to attack the ore shoot developed by the Grassroots tunnel on the Eagle vein, which has been shown by other developments to be about 140 feet long, and which is virgin territory.

Pending the completion of the 500-foot extension of the Miner tunnel, work on the Imperial shaft has been discontinued, as the shaft has fully

answered its purpose, which was to prove the continuity and depth of the Imperial shoot, which is one of the richest, if not the richest in the Cable Cove camp. Furthermore, ore from this shoot can hereafter be much more economically and easily reached by the Miner tunnel.

Owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads between Sumpter and Cable Cove, milling operations at the Imperial have been temporarily suspended. The rich Imperial slopes have been left for a time, as all the ore bins are full, and it is absolutely impossible to haul the product of the mill to the Sumpter smelter. General Manager McEwen is authority for the statement that just the moment the roads are in passable condition, work in all departments at the Imperial will be resumed on a larger scale than ever before.

A fresh lot of Chancellor Cigars. Now 5 cents, at J. E. Weasberg's, Sumpter Hotel Building.

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