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### CHARLES A. SMITH EXPLAINS TELLS OF HIS CONNECTION WITH THE GOLCONDA.

Does Not Believe the Suit Just Filed Against Him Will Cause Much Trouble.

Charles A. Smith, the East Liverpool, Ohio, capitalist, against whom suit has been entered in the Columbiana county common pleas court at Lisbon for \$244,000, is not much perturbed regarding the final outcome of the suit. He stated to a correspondent of the Baker City Democrat in an interview that he had been aware that the action would be filed against him for the past six weeks or more, and that he was in no way alarmed over the outcome of the pending litigation.

"I will admit," said Mr. Smith, "that there is a slight difference between the people who are interested in the Golconda mines and myself, but it is nothing like the amount they have asked the courts to compel me to pay them. In fact, all that I owe them is for pumping the mine for three months prior to the time that I turned the property over to them again. Some time last fall Mr. J. M. English, one of the owners of the mine, offered to settle the claim for about \$6000. We considered this an exorbitant figure and offered in settlement \$3100. This settlement was refused. It still stands good, however, the proceeds from the mine in developing it, as against the agreement in courts will require us to pay more than that amount."

"The petition states that you used the contract?" was asked. "Of course we used the proceeds in developing the mine. I also put in a large amount myself. We took out about \$25,000 worth of ore from the mine, and I personally put into the company or business about \$40,000. Everything was settled last fall with the exception of the amount due the Sumpter people for pumping the mine for three months."

"When we concluded to abandon the mine it was turned over to the former owners and they accepted it. I have no fear as to the outcome of actions they may bring, and in fact I have as yet not given the matter very much attention. Mr. English is

a man far up in years and I believe that some one has been telling him that he might be able to obtain something by the suit, but he will not be able to get any more than I have offered him for the pumping of the mine."

Mr. Smith has his attorneys working on the case, however, and they will prepare a full defense of the case before the time of the trial. Smith stated that he supposed that the case would be allowed to be tried in the Columbiana county courts instead of the United States court, as could be done.

#### NOT THE NEW COMPANY.

Present Owners of Golconda Are Not in Litigation.

The Blue Mountain American, published at Sumpter, explains that the suit now being instituted by the Messrs. English against Charles A. Smith, of New Liverpool, O., who held the property under bond for the period of a year, has no reference whatever to the Golconda company, now operating the property, nor does it bear in any manner upon the property or officers, except that Smith's conduct when in charge of the mine, before it was purchased by the present owners, is the basis for the action.

So far as the present company is concerned, the suit is as an outside transaction, as it cannot affect the mine or company in the slightest degree. It is merely an accounting between two men who were once connected with the Golconda.

The president of the Golconda company is Hon. J. H. Robbins, of Sumpter, who has nothing whatever to do with the litigation.

#### Looks Like Spencer.

Boonville, Ind., July 30.—From present indications the democratic convention of the First congressional district in session here today will result in the nomination of J. W. Spencer, of Evansville. The only other aspirant is Thomas H. Dillon, of Petersburg. Spencer represents the conservative element in his party, while Dillon has the backing of the Bryan men.

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