**BIG MINING DEAL.** 

Reported Sale of the Red Boy and North Pole.

It is again reported, this time on apparently good authority, that the Red Boy mine has been sold. The details of the deal are not given, further than that Mr. Gedfrey, one of the owners, who has been in London for some time past, has finally accomplished the object of his trip there, consummating the sale to English capitalists for \$3,000,000. It is generally believed here that two millions were refused for this property some months since, so the three million dollar proposition recelves general credence.

Coupled with this report of the sale of the Red Boy, is another to the effect that Mr. Godfrey has also placed the North Pole with an English syndicate for \$900,coo. Both are said to be bona fide sales, which is very probable, as the mines are sufficiently developed to demonstrate their permanent value, and their owners would surely not be willing to tie them up on any working bond, or other cash dodging device of the promoters.

The Baker City Democrat of yesterday also reports the sale of the Bonanza for \$3,000,000, giving no particulars. Noth-ing of this had before been heard in Sumpter.

Now, this is one the things you see in THE MINER, the absolute accuracy of which is not guaranteed by a good and sufficient bond in on old line, "conservative" surety company, but to all appearances, it approaches near enough to truth to make it good newspaper reading, though there is a vague possibility that it may not be "so."

#### Heavy Weight Editor Headed This Way.

The Butte, Montana, Times, of the fourteenth inst., says: "James Brown, the editor of this newspaper, left last Monday to take in the magnitude of the great. Sumpter mining district, where his old friend, General Charles S. Warren, is so extensively interested. Mr. Brown may probably extend his trip to San Francisco, his old home." It is under stood that this visit has some connection with General Warren's recent application for the Associated press franchises here and at Baker City. Mr. Brown has been one of the Montana heavy weight pencil fighters for ten or a dozen years. THE MINER has been unable to learn when the daily will be started.

#### Way Sumpter is Really Advan

It is three weeks since the Sumpter Hardware store bought the barn and lot adjoining THE MINER office to the west, which it uses as a hay warehouse, for \$400. Saturday Fred Mosby, as agent, sold it to C. F. Booth, of Butte, Montana, for \$700. The new owner has rented it to a Chinaman for \$25 a month. And that is the way Sumpter real estate is jumping and selling.

Improvements at the Ibez. Stannard Lohue passed through Sumpter Monday on his way from the lbex mine, where he has been working for some time past, to his old home at Oroville, California. He says that men are now working in the lbex at a depth of 200 feet, thirty being employed. The company is also constructing an underground water ditch to carry water 2700 feet to the mine's hoisting machine and boarding house. An ample supply of water will be conveyed in covered boxes.



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