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## DIADEM DEAL CLOSED.

LAST PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TODAY.

**Purchase Price \$40,000—Rapid Development Since New Owners Took Charge—In Fifty Feet and Little Powder Used—Soft, Decomposed Rock all the Way—Thirty-Six Inches of Ore, Carrying \$165 in Gold, Some Silver, Lead and Copper.**

J. K. Pardee and his associates will today make the final payment on the Diadem group of mines, and the deeds transferring the property will be signed, sealed and delivered. The purchase price is reported to be \$40,000.

Development work on the Diadem, which was only commenced a few weeks since, as mentioned in THE MINER, has been rapidly prosecuted, until at this time the main shaft has reached a depth of 50 feet and has 36 inches of ore on the foot wall, no hanging wall being in sight as yet. This rapid work can be accounted for from the fact that but little powder has had to be used thus far, the miners working in soft, decomposed vein matter, easily gone through with pick and shovel.

The latest values from the ore by assay gives twenty-five ounces of silver, \$165.50 in gold, 15 per cent lead and 5 per cent copper.

J. T. Pardee, son of J. K. Pardee, is superintending the work. Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by Charles S. Warren, J. K. and Joseph T. Pardee. The amount of the capitalization is \$1,000,000, with shares at par value of \$1 each, full paid and non-assessable. This capitalization requires an amount in revenue stamps more than equal to the cost of some of the mineral claims in other districts not a thousand miles from Sumpter, upon which corporations have been formed with the usual one million shares, etc.

At a meeting of the stock holders of the company this week, Charles S. Warren, J. K. and J. T. Pardee were elected trustees to serve until the next annual election, the first Thursday in October, 1900. The trustees then elected the following officers: Charles S. Warren, president; J. K. Pardee, vice president and general manager; J. T. Pardee, treasurer; John M. Murphey, secretary.

## CONCORD FINANCIALLY STRONG

**Rich Property Will Be Developed by Men With Ample Means.**

A new company was formed on the fifth of this month, under the name of the Concord Gold Mining company, with J. H. Robbins, president of the First Bank of Sumpter; J. A. Howard, a prominent real estate and grain commission man of Pendleton; W. W. Robbins and C. C. Robbins, as the incorporators, with offices at Sumpter, to work the Concord group. This property consists of the Concord claim, Blaine, Hellen, Merrimac and Hobson fractions, nearly all of which directly adjoin the properties of the Red Boy company on Red Boy mountain, the apex of which is in the center of the Concord claim. An outcrop on the latter shows a vein 40 to 100 feet wide, the dip of which is toward the Blaine, one of the Red Boy group.

The main ledge can be easily traced from the May Queen and Blaine on to the

Concord and Hellen, and as the former properties are too well known to need mention, it is more than reasonable to suppose that with necessary development such as these men have the means and inclination to prosecute, the Concord can be made as valuable as any surrounding it.

From a piece of float found on the property nearly \$200 in free gold was pounded out, and a small specimen shown THE MINER man was literally alive with the yellow metal. The Concord is the same group that one or two other papers have been trying to call the Ajax.

### Sumpter Well Represented.

The O. R. & N., with its customary enterprise, is setting up a mineral exhibit that will doubtless attract attention from all visitors, as well as Portlanders, who have out a faint conception of the mineral wealth of this state. This exhibit will be given up exclusively to the mineral resources of Oregon, and will contain ore from all of the famous mines in eastern and southern Oregon. The Sumpter and Granite districts of eastern Oregon will be especially well represented. The exhibit is being set up in the office of the city passenger department, on the corner of Third and Washington streets, under the personal direction and supervision of City Ticket and Passenger Agent V. A. Schilling.—Portland Telegram.

### Rich Strike in the Mammoth.

A reliable mining man who recently visited the Mammoth mine, Cracker creek district, stated yesterday to a Democrat representative that the people on the Mammoth have just struck a rich body of ore in the mine's shaft, near the 200-foot level. A most reasonable color is given to the richness of this strike from the fact that the Mammoth years ago had taken from its shaft about \$100,000, and has ever since shown itself to be a property of reliability.—Baker City Democrat.

### Many Coming From the Black Hills.

Mr. McBride, a mining man of long experience, arrived in town yesterday from the Black Hills, South Dakota. He says that all through that section of the country, including eastern Wyoming, the Sumpter mining district is the chief topic of conversation among mining men and that there will be a large immigration here from there next spring.

### Christmas Exercises.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools have arranged a union service to be given at the church for the customary observation of Christmas. An appropriate program for the children has been arranged, and your presence is invited to help make glad the hearts of the children, as Christmas associations used to bring good cheer to yourselves. It is intended by the committee that each child shall receive a gift, and also advised that those giving gifts to their friends upon the above occasion, have their parcels properly addressed and that they refrain from placing large or easily broken gifts to the care of the committee. While due caution will be exercised in the care of gifts in their charge, the committee will in no way be responsible for gifts lost by being carelessly addressed or broken for want of extraordinary care. At the church, Saturday night, December 23; promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

A. H. WEAVER.

### New Stage Line.

Cornwell & Sullivan, of the Sumpter Feed, Livery and Freight stables, have put on a new stage line to the Bunker Hill and Ibox mines. See regular time schedule in next issue of THE MINER.

## FINAL PAYMENT MADE

SUMPTER TOWNSITE COMPANY DISCOUNTS ITS NOTES.

**Deeds Taken Out of Escrow—Amount Involved \$100,000—Canadian and English Capitalists Among the Stock Holders—No Stock for Sale—\$200 a Share Refused—Aggregate Sales Amount to Over \$50,000.**

The Sumpter Townsite company, limited, has made final payments on the property bought in and around Sumpter. These payments were not due until next May, but the company having plenty of idle money, preferred to discount its notes for a small amount and pay now. The deeds have been taken out of escrow, and W. C. Calder, to whom they were originally made, will transfer the property to the company in a few days. THE MINER is creditably informed that the amount of money involved in this deal is in reality about \$100,000, and that the revenue stamps on the deed demonstrate the truth of this statement. There has been much speculation here on this point.

The company now has a force of clerks at work making out deeds and contracts for property sold, the aggregate value of which is something over \$50,000.

THE MINER has already published the details regarding the change of name from the Sumpter Townsite syndicate to the Sumpter Townsite company, limited, 100,000 shares at \$100 each. There is none of this stock for sale. It is held largely by Canadian and London capitalists, men in close touch with the great financiers of the earth. An officer of the company is authority for the statement that an offer of \$200 a share for a large block of this stock has been refused.

General Charles S. Warren is president of the company, and to his broad gauge policy, shrewd manipulation and business acumen is largely due the unqualified success of the enterprise. W. C. Calder remains as secretary and treasurer. The idea of the proposition originated with him, and through his untiring efforts and patience it was finally launched, after months of contention with snags and obstacles and reverses. Tom C. Gray is vice president and auditor. He represents the alien stock holders and will devote his undivided attention and business abilities to the welfare of the company.

Heretofore no effort has been made to push the sale of lots, the energies of the men at the head of the enterprise having been employed principally in the direction of advertising the country, enlightening the world as to the mineral wealth of the district, and Sumpter's commanding position relative thereto—all this for the general good.

### New Warehouses.

The Sumpter Forwarding company's warehouses, the main building of which is 120x30 feet, with a 12-foot platform on the four sides, is completed and will be ready for business Saturday. The object of this new company is principally to do a storage business, for the accommodation of the heavy shipments of goods going to the mining districts tributary to Sumpter and the John Day country beyond, as well as to deal in hay, grain and feed stuffs, of which they have large consignments now en route. W. M. Sterling and R. W. Frame, the proprietors of this

large establishment, are old and experienced men in the business, having come here from Huntington, where the latter has conducted the O. C. Co.'s warehouse business for years.

### Rent Doubled in a Month.

W. Mayer has sub-let the store room on the corner of Sumpter and Center streets, which he has occupied only a few weeks, to Charles Melquist and Joseph Walker, of La Grande, who will put in there a saloon, which, it is said, will be one of the most elegantly equipped in eastern Oregon. Mr. Mayer leased this building about a month ago for one year at \$50 a month. For the remaining eleven months of his lease he receives \$100 a month. And that is the way rents are rising in this region.

### New Year Night Ball.

A grand holiday ball will be given New Year night at the opera house, under the auspices of the mayor and common council and direction of the present fire chief, J. F. Shelton, for the benefit of the new fire department, the organization of which will immediately follow the dance. Chief Shelton will select the committees for the dance, the list of which will appear in next week's MINER.

### Buying Furniture in Carload Lots.

E. A. Case, president of the Case-Looney company, incorporated, is in Portland placing necessary orders to keep their furniture, carpet and house outfitting establishment in line to supply the heavy demand made upon them. Parlor and bedroom sets, kitchen and hall furniture, carpets, etc., will begin to arrive at once in carload lots, to replace the inroad made on their store and warerooms recently.

### Merry Christmas.

Among the many appropriate articles for holiday gifts from our stock we mention men's and boys' mufflers and scarfs, fur-lined gloves and mittens, warm overcoats, arctic shoes, etc. Ladies' woolen skirts, night dresses, dress patterns, beautiful pattern lace curtains, kid gloves, etc.

W. C. CALDER,  
Proprietor the Red Front.

### Wanted.

Position by an experienced assayer, mill and cyanide man of twenty years' practical experience in mining, milling and assaying. Have made a specialty of working tests of ores by any practical process. Have complete assay outfit. Address Assayer, care Sumpter Miner.

### Music Lessons.

Professor C. E. Haight will receive a few pupils, either single or in class, for a course of instruction on the piano or organ; also in telegraphy. Enquire corner Bonanza and Clifford streets.

### For Christmas.

I have a few choice selections in embroidered center pieces, pillow covers, doilies, etc. Mrs. Marsh, adjoining Drs. Tape & Pearce's office.

### "Miner" Office Moved.

THE SUMPTER MINER has moved from the west end of Granite street to the corner of Granite and Mill.

Sideboards and dining room furniture at the Case, Looney Co., incorporated, opera house block.

All kinds of handkerchiefs for Christmas at Johns Co.

Sleighs, cutters and bobsleds at Johns & Co.