

**RISING SUN GROUP.**

**Another Abandoned Mine Now Proves Promising.**

In 1891 the property known as the Lucky Boy, near the Bonanza mine, was being worked by a syndicate, and the general impression at the time was that it would prove a larger and better mine than its neighbor, the Bonanza. A five stamp mill was installed and considerable gold ore taken out, which ran \$6.50 in gold on the plates, until a horse was struck, which apparently discouraged the owners. At any rate, development work was stopped and a long season of idleness was the result.

Three years ago, the claims, of which there are three in number, were acquired by A. P. and Sam Jones and Sam Kelly, being located as the Rising Sun group. These men have since done a large amount of work, but on different lines from that of the original owners, who, it seems, only employed the method of sinking and had reached a depth of but 70 feet. In the winter of 1898-99, and the one just passed, there has been about 300 feet of drifting done, and a vein of at least thirty feet proven without finding the hanging wall, for which they are now driving and with hopes of catching the pay streak. If they are not successful in this method, it will be sought by drifting straight in on the ledge.

Samples brought in yesterday showed a very similar character of ore to that of the Bonanza. The owners have implicit faith their property, which they are willing to back up with their money and energy until developed into a mine, which is almost certain to be the result.

**Joaquin Miller Will Lecture Here.**

Joaquin Miller, than whom no western poet is more widely known, will lecture in Sumpter next Tuesday evening, March 20, at Ellis opera house, the proceeds of the entertainment to be devoted to the public school library fund. The lecture will be entitled, "Lessons Not Learned from Books," with a prelude on "Our Arctic Empire." Joaquin Miller is essentially an Oregon product, having immigrated to this country in 1852. He spent the early years of his life as an Indian fighter, pioneer editor, Wells, Fargo & Co. messenger and finally as frontier judge. From 1868 to 1870, he occupied the judicial bench in Grant county, with headquarters at Canyon City, where he "dispensed justice with certain strictness and a brace of six-shooters." Of these stirring times he tells in his inimitable lecture, "Lessons Not Learned From Books."

**Change of Miners at the Co-Operative.**

A clean sweep was made last week at the Co-Operative Gold Mining company's property near the summit: the entire force of men being paid off and released by the management and a new set of miners, with George Oswell, formerly of the Columbia mine, foreman, put at work. Two shifts have been started to work driving a drift to get a 175-foot level and another in the shaft, crosscutting to the north.

**Bald Mountain Mine at Work.**

Thomas Davidson was registered at the Capital hotel Sunday, having come down from the Bald Mountain Gold Mining company's mines, where he is making his headquarters and of which he is one of the principal owners. The water has been pumped from the shaft and active development will now be the program the balance of the summer, by the end of which time great things are expected of this property.

**"The Man About Town."**

To the Editor of THE SUMPTER MINER: Under the above caption an article appearing in the last week's issue of the

Blue Mountain American on the death of Brother J. V. Black did not meet with the approval of the Independent Order of Red Men of this city. At last evening's council the lodge unanimously adopted a vote of censure condemning the above named article and all other items appearing in said issue reflecting upon the members of of Egan Tribe No. 20, I. O. R. M., and upon the conditions as they are said to exist in this city. W. W. FELIX, Chief of Records of Egan Tribe No. 20, I. O. R. M.

**Captain Muir Returns to Sumpter.**

Captain T. King Muir returned to Sumpter Monday, after an extended absence. This will be his permanent place of residence hereafter, and within the week will have closed the purchase of a home for his family, who will join him at an early day. In an interview not intended for publication, Captain Muir gives every assurance of his unbounded faith in Sumpter, as well as that of his associates, whose interests he represents, and unhesitatingly says they are here to stay.

**First Bank of Sumpter's Cashier.**

With an experience of nine years in the United States National bank of Portland, James Newlands comes here to fill the position of cashier of the First Bank of Sumpter. The business of this institution, in the brief space of four months, has assumed such proportions that more help was necessary, and President Robbins has spared no effort in securing an efficient and experienced officer to fill the position named.

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