

BUYING PROSPECTS.

Encouraging Exhibition of Faith in This District.

It is reported on the streets, apparently authoritatively, that Captain J. R. Wood has since his arrival here three weeks since, bought fifteen or twenty prospects in this district. The gentleman is now in the Greenhorn country and could not be seen to confirm this story.

If it be entirely true, it is in itself the best practical recommendation the gold fields of Oregon have yet received. Captain Wood is a mining expert of long and varied experience, of recognized ability and repute. He represents "all kinds of money," and stated to a MINER man on his first visit here last fall, that he wished to buy only a developed property; if possible, one with a mill on it and a dividend payer. Apparently, the price would cut little figure—that is the amount of money required to handle the property—if other conditions were favorable and the proposition of sufficient magnitude. It is known that he tried to make deals to secure several such mines in this district.

If the report be true that he has now bought undeveloped prospects, it means two things: One that he has failed to get what he wanted, for the reason that such properties are not on the market; again, that on investigation he is convinced that this is almost a sure thing mining country and that there is much truth in the boast that there has never been a mining failure here where the operators have "gone down" intelligently, and therefore he feels safe in investing his own and his friends' money in claims and their development.

And such an opinion from such a source, the theory being put into practice through the expenditure of large sums of money, means much for this district; for it will induce the investment of other capital in the same direction and that is what all mining countries need. No camp receives any benefit from the investment of outside money in its dividend paying stocks.

Much Freight Awaiting Shipment.

The depot and yards of the Sumpter Valley railway at Baker City present a busy appearance these days, where they are loading from seven to ten cars of freight daily for Sumpter and the camps tributary to this town. It is learned that twenty-five carloads of goods are now in the warehouses there awaiting shipment to this point for distribution to the west of Sumpter. The railway people are putting in new side tracks and spurs to better facilitate the handling and loading of cars. Never less than five cars per day have been loaded for Sumpter within the past two months. With the two regular passenger trains arriving and departing after Thursday, the fifteenth, matters will take on a busy air with the Sumpter Valley road.

Another Mill Street Saloon.

Crandall & Irvine have opened their new saloon next door south of the Golden Eagle hotel, on Mill street. The place is tastefully fitted and stocked with such merchandise as will please the most fastidious wet goods patron. They handle the Columbia draught beer, made in Sumpter, which will also serve to make the house popular, as it will all others in their line.

New Roadside Inn.

J. H. Tomlinson has established a resort a short distance this side of the five-mile summit on the Granite road, where the weary pilgrim, freighter and traveler can wash down the dust during the summer season, or be served with a square meal, or light lunch if desired. This place will do a thriving business, no doubt.

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