

**TWO MORE COMPANIES.****Experienced Men in Control of Good Properties.**

Wesley Warren and H. A. Mitchell have secured a bond on six valuable claims in the southern portion of the Cable Cove district, from Martin Gibbons, the owner. They are the Gold Note, Angolia and Red Ghief, in one group and the Portland, Ohio and Myrtle in another. They adjoin each other and are contiguous to the famous Imperial group, owned by J. C. Young.

These properties have been prospected by two open cuts, one shaft and two tunnels, of varying depth. The tunnels are each thirty feet in, with three feet of good ore in the face. An effort was made last fall to secure these properties for Canadian capitalists, but at that time they were under bond to Captain C. H. Thompson. That bond lapsed a few days since and Mr. Warren at once tied them up. The price agreed to be paid is said to be \$20,000.

This group is one of the richest undeveloped properties in the district. There is plenty of water and timber and a fine mill site on the property. Mr. Warren says that development work will commence in about thirty days, or as soon as the snow on the mountains disappears. There are two distinct veins traceable, from 2 to 3½ feet wide. The ore sampled goes from \$10 to \$20 per ton. The highest grade ores in this country are now coming from this district.

Two companies have been incorporated on these properties, the Red Chief Gold Mining company being the name of the company which will work the first above mentioned group and the Portland-Ohio Gold Mining company the second. Each are capitalized for \$500,000 at fifty cents a share. A. W. Ellis will be president of both companies, and good men, practical miners and successful financiers, will be in other positions of responsibility. With experienced men in control of good properties, it is difficult to see how these two companies can fail to "make a go."

**OREGONIAN MOSSBACKISM.****Philosophic Theory to Account for Its Existence.**

California and Washington have in the past pointed to Oregon as the state of "mossbacks," a state where people existed, but did not progress. To some extent these accusations were justified. Oregon has ever been an easy place in which to make a living, hence extra exertion on the part of people was unnecessary. The early settlers were given large tracts of land on which they made comfortable homes, and in the struggle for existence were not forced to combat with the adverse conditions that surrounded those in the older and less favored states. This easy life was transmitted from one generation to another, and did not have the tendency to bring forth the latent energies of the people or force them to grasp new enterprises or engage in speculations as readily as did their neighbors to the north or south. But there has been some beneficial results from this slow progress. While Oregon has not advanced as rapidly as have California and Washington, and fewer gigantic schemes have been launched, business has progressed slowly and on a firm basis, and there has been less financial embarrassment in Oregon than in either of the other Pacific coast states. Immense fortunes have not been made, neither have they been lost in wildcat speculations.

This apparent slowness, while it has retarded progress to a considerable ex-

tent, has left Oregon on a pretty firm financial basis, and in good condition to accept the hustle and bustle that is soon to be thrust upon it. The visit of the National Editorial Association to the state last year brought it into prominence with people of other states who have capital to put into safe investments. The agricultural, mining and forest wealth was brought to their attention, and in consequence their money is being offered throughout the state in payment for properties which in part have been considered of little value. They are seeking our agricultural and timber lands and investing in our mines. These people are not making investments to remain idle. They are putting their money into properties which they will develop—with a view to getting returns on their investments. The importance of Oregon as a manufacturing center is also being made prominent. The importance of locating factories near the production and market is becoming more fully realized, and manufacturers are looking toward this state for locations.

With these facts existing it is difficult to predict anything but a prosperous future for the state. The time is now at hand when Oregon cannot longer be kept back by so-called "mossbackers." Its varied resources are certain to be developed, not in the form of a boom or on borrowed capital at a high rate of interests, as California and Washington have been developed, but by capital that is owned by the investors. The state will have a steady, substantial growth. Its future is the brightest of any state on the coast. It will be surprising indeed if its population does not double within the next ten years.—The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

**Last Payment on the White Elephant.**

In this city yesterday at the First National bank, Messrs. Walter Looney, J. F. Gallagher and Hy. Saulsberry received the last payment on the White Elephant mine in Bonanza district, the amount being \$4,500. Colonel Ray, of Port Arthur, Canada, was the purchaser of this property and since it was bonded a few months ago extensive development work has progressed on it until now it is considered one of the promising mines of the district. Walter Looney and J. F. Gallagher arrived in the city yesterday morning, received their money and returned home to Sumpter in the evening.—Baker Democrat.

**All Except the "Veritable Bonanza."**

THE SUMPTER MINER is one of the brightest and most successful weekly papers in the Pacific Northwest. The great mining journals of the country quote it as an authority on all matters connected with the mines and minerals of eastern Oregon, and it is said to be gaining a wide circulation, and to be making money like a veritable little bonanza.—The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

**Notice to the Public.**

All consumers of city water must make application to the office of the Sumpter Water company before the mains are tapped or any residence or business house supplied with water.

**SUMPTER WATER COMPANY.****Voters Attention.**

The voters of the North and South Sumpter precincts can now register at the city hall, E. L. Manning, city recorder, having received the registration books from the county clerk for that purpose.

Secure a block in the Smelter Addition before the prices advance. D. Copping, agent, corner Mill and Sumpter streets.

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