

SUMPTER'S WIDE REPUTE.

Every Condition Favorable to Mining Found Here.

There probably is no other comparatively new mining district in the United States, with the exception possibly of Cape Nome, that now finds as conspicuous, as frequent and as favorable mention as does Sumpter, Oregon, writes the mining editor of the Anaconda Standard.

If this district is not one of great promise, then it is being written up by gangs of boomers who are either exceedingly visionary and optimistic, or utterly destitute of common honesty.

But we know that some of them are men of both honor and, in general, sound judgment. Besides, it is a demonstrated fact that there are some good mines in the district, and many experienced mining men are showing their confidence by heavy investments there in mining and other properties. Hence, while there probably is a vein of exaggeration in some of the reports, as there is respecting all mining districts in the earlier stages of their development, we conclude that there is a broad substratum of truth in the reports and that the district has a bright future before it.

The auriferous deposits of eastern Oregon are known to be of extended area. Many rich placers have been found along the water courses, and there is no reason to doubt that the mountains are ribbed and seamed with gold-bearing quartz ledges.

Until recently the attention of practical mining men had been rather diverted from Oregon than attracted to it, and the mining operations there had been conducted by unscientific and even antiquated methods. This is now being changed and the mineral belt of the Webfoot state is receiving ample consideration at the hands of both capitalists and practically educated mining men.

In the Sumpter region every condition, including climate, is favorable for the conduct of mining operations. There is an abundance of both timber and water, the climate is good, and the region is easy of access. With a small capital we would take our chances at Sumpter a thousand times over rather than at Nome or anywhere else in the ice-bound north, where failure may mean indescribable suffering and perhaps death.

Another Miner Well Pleased.

John Kerry, an old time California miner, who has also operated in Alaska and for several years past has been superintendent of the famous Sunset mine, a copper proposition in Snohomish county, Wash., has been in this district a couple of weeks past. He came into town Monday from the Columbia and E. & E. which he pronounces to be great mines. He is examining several properties for parties who wish to buy. Like every one else who visits the region, he is greatly pleased with it. He will prospect on his own account this summer.

Catholic Mission in Sumpter.

Beginning with next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, a grand mission will be opened for all Catholics and any non-Catholic who wishes to attend, in the Ellis opera house. Rev. Patrick Henry, of the celebrated order of preachers, will conduct the mission. Lectures of great importance will be delivered on the occasion. It is hoped that a good attendance will be present to make this, the first mission in Sumpter, a great success.

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