

EXPERIENCED MINERS.

Can't Buy Mines, So Will Develop Prospects.

P. W. Campbell, an experienced Montana miner, has been in Sumpter for some days past. He has been two months in the district and has acquired interests in thirty locations. Mr. Campbell was superintendent of the Gold Sovereign and also of E. Porter Gold King mines in the Cripple creek district and spent last summer in the Buffalo Hump country, Idaho.

Of the thirty claims in which he has acquired interests since his arrival here, he is associated with Captain Wood, the famous mining expert of Chicago in twenty-one. In a very short while, as soon as the snow disappears from the mountains, these gentlemen will begin operations, developing any and all of these properties which "look good" after being prospected. They both confirm the story published in THE MINER last week relative to Captain Wood's proposed large operations in this district. That gentleman was shown the article on his return from the Green Horn and asked as to its accuracy. He replied:

"There is more or less truth in it. I am thoroughly satisfied with the district; am convinced that it is a great mining country. I will remain here indefinitely, and will try to make mines of some claims I have secured.

Captain Wood represents large capital and came here intending to buy a developed, producing mine, but none such can be purchased at anything like a money making figure, except on an interest paying basis. This change in his plans, that of developing prospects, is the best recommendation any experienced, successful miner, as he is, can give a district.

Mr. Campbell says that this is indeed the practical prospector's paradise, that it is, relatively speaking, a virgin mining region, for thus far only ledges that appear on the surface, outcroppings at the apex or exposed by erosion in the gulches, have been worked or located. He says little or no effort has been made to follow float and discover hidden veins.

"Just as the Sun Went Down."

Frank Campbell, a former employe of the O. R. & N. Co. and a brother of Robert Campbell, of the State, has just returned from the Sumpter mining district, where he has been for several months past and was the fortunate discoverer, with others, of a group of mines which they have named "Just as the Sun Went Down." They being found late in the afternoon. Assays of the rock have been made which has proven very rich, going away up in the hundreds. Mr. Campbell came to La Grande on the early morning train to visit his brother and friends and impart to them the news of his good fortune. He returns to Baker City tomorrow to meet parties from the east, who have made him an offer of \$40,000 for his interest in a part of the group, leaving him a large interest in the remainder. His friends congratulate him on his good luck.—La Grande Chronicle.

Annual Meeting May Queen Stockholders.

George J. Barrett, the experienced superintendent of the May Queen mine and mill at Granite, Oregon, and in which not a small amount of Salt Lake talent has interested itself, stopped off in this city a couple of days on his return from Fremont, Nebraska, where he had been attending the annual meeting of shareholders. Of the property Mr. Barrett, who is also secretary of the company, says he has ore enough now blocked out to supply the needs of the mill for many

years, the ore showing an average better than \$10.50 per ton. Upon this quality of ore the new mill will be started about April 1, the capacity of the plant to be increased as soon as material can be had from the manufactory. At the recent meeting of shareholders Thad H. Quinn was made president; James G. End, vice-president; George J. Barrett, secretary; H. D. Dunning, treasurer, and John Thomsen, general manager. The same gentlemen constitute the board of directors.—Salt Lake Tribune.

H. K. Wheeler Buys Mines.

H. K. Wheeler, the well known mining man, this week purchased from H. C. Dinius a half interest in the six mining claims—Montana, Michigan, Colorado, Glen, Kruger and Minnie, located near Alamo. Vigorous development work will be begun on these claims at once, with a view to putting in machinery this coming summer. P. H. Mallory owns the other half interest in these valuable claims.—Granite Gem.

OUTPUT FOR FEBRUARY.

Sumpter Mines Product Over \$200,000 in Gold Last Month.

The Sumpter correspondent of the Boise Statesman gives these interesting figures:

This camp, while not unusually active last month, still maintained a good mining and milling average. A total of 166 stamps pounded uninterruptedly throughout the 28 days of February, and the 10 mines in complete operations produced a round \$200,000 for that period. Below is a table of outputs:

MINES	Stamp Capacity	Tons milled in February	Value of output
Red Boy	20	1,200	\$27,000
Badger	8	950	15,000
Bonanza	40	1,750	40,000
Columbia	10	1,000	20,000
Great Northern	10	900	11,000
Golden Eagle	3	300	4,500
Golconda	40	1,500	30,000
H. & H.	10	800	15,000
North Pole	20	1,200	26,000
Tiger	5	450	5,000
Totals	166	15,050	196,000

A total of 166 stamps on 9 mills were idle during the month for various causes. Mining development in the way of stopping, cross-cutting and exploring, however, continued upon six of these nine mines, and the Magnolia, 10 stamps, ran for a portion of the period mentioned.

The total output given for the month, \$196,000, does not include the output of the three above mentioned irregular producers; nor does it include returns from shipments to the Selby Smelting works at San Francisco of the marvelously rich ore recently struck on the 350-foot level at the Golconda mine, owned by the Englishes. Nor does the total given embrace returns from the shipments of concentrates to smelters at Trall, Tacoma and Everett by the Golconda, Bonanza, Columbia and Badger; neither is the value of base ores shipped from the working mines in the young Cable Cove district to the Everett smelter embraced in the above.

Machinery for new mills upon 14 mines has been ordered already and will be installed before June 1.

Altogether the camp has maintained its enviable position among the big dividend payers of the northwest.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and the members of the Improved Order of Red Men who so kindly assisted us by their presence, sympathy and fraternal feeling at the funeral services and burial of our beloved J. V. Black. In loving remembrance of your offerings accept our thanks. MRS. W. WICHMAN, and relatives.

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