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## MINING MONEY FROM EVERYWHERE

### SEEKING INVESTMENT IN THE SUMPTER DISTRICT.

**Come in Palace Cars and Work the Year  
Around—Nowhere on Earth are Mining  
Operations Conducted With so Little  
Privation and Danger—What President  
McKinley Says of Sumpter and Its  
Mines.**

"A practical man can not help becoming enthusiastic over the mining resources of Oregon," said D. R. Young, of Rossland, yesterday. Mr. Young is editor of the Kootnay Mining Standard, has long been connected with mining affairs in the north country and has lately acquired considerable interests in the Sumpter district. "I am not alone," he continued, "in this conclusion, as there are mining men from all parts of the globe, including German, Australian, English and Canadian syndicates; Standard Oil people, men from Butte, Salt Lake, Republic, Rossland and Cripple Creek districts; in fact from almost every part of the world, who not only agree with me, but are backing their judgment by buying property in the vicinity of Sumpter.

"There are 251 stamps already falling in this district, and the following properties, namely, Ibe, Bunker Hill, Anna Lulu, Diadem, Van Anda, Richmond, White Elephant, Bald Mountain, Inter-Mountain, Majestic, Keystone Belle, Mammoth, Free Coinage, Bryson and Mastiff, have ordered machinery which will be installed as fast as possible. In fact, freight sheds, platforms and several cars are piled with mining machinery at Sumpter, waiting to be taken into the mines.

"Placer mining will soon be running full blast. There are certainly hundreds of acres of good placer mining ground that has never been touched that contains an immense amount of gold. The output for 1899 for Oregon was something over two millions, principally gold, and I understand from authentic information that returns for last month were over \$200,000, which goes to show that Oregon has a bright future.

"Oregon is certainly self-sustaining outside of its mining industries. Fruit growing in abundance, large tracts of good farming lands, good timber and in some of its valleys large herds of cattle, all have a tendency to make mining operations much easier and cheaper than in any other district I was ever in. In fact I know of no place on earth where mining is conducted with more pleasure and less privation and danger to life than in this district. This country is reached on the palatial cars of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's lines. Klondike dogs are not necessary and packing is almost unknown; nor do you have to travel 4,000 miles by Alaskan waters, only to work three months and remain idle the other nine months of the year. But in Sumpter district work the year around is the condition that makes it possible for poor men to live as well as the wealthy."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

#### Colorado Floated in Portland.

O. C. McLeod returned yesterday from Portland, where he had been for two weeks past on mining business. He

says: "I accomplished exactly what I went there for; to float a proposition to develop the Colorado group. I was much gratified to learn that people there are now sufficiently interested to invest their money in an advantageous mining deal, such as I presented to them. Formerly, when I left there several months since for Sumpter, such was not the case. I think that considerable Portland money will go into our mines this year."

#### GREAT MINING EXCITEMENT.

**President William McKinley's Opinion of  
Sumpter.**

Wm. McKinley, president of the Consolidated Mines, Limited, returned from Sumpter, Oregon, Thursday night, and states that that camp is experiencing a great boom, and that a great many properties are changing hands. The only drawback in the camp is the lack of producing mines being offered on the market. Those owning "going" properties are unwilling to name a price on them because they know that they cannot re-invest the money to better advantage.

The Golconda mine, situated about seven miles up Cracker Creek from Sumpter, has been incorporated for \$500,000, and the stock of this company seems to sell readily at par. There are numerous other properties that have been stocked and in nearly every instance where the companies own desirable properties, their stocks are a ready seller.

Among the more recent companies there is that of the Co-Operation Gold Mining company, which is operating a group of claims five miles from Sumpter on the Granite road. This company has uncovered a large body of high grade ore that runs from 10 to 18 per cent in copper and from \$5 to \$20 in gold and silver per ton, and found in the grass roots. The Consolidated Mines, Limited, have secured a number of claims in close proximity to the Co-Operative company properties, and also up toward the Golconda.

Mr. McKinley states that while he was in Sumpter he secured a suite of rooms and will establish a branch office of his company at that point. Although the roads are in frightful condition, caused by the recent thaw, he said it does not seem to retard freighting or to keep the prospector, or mine owner, promoter or capitalist from crowding the stages to their full capacity. In his opinion Sumpter will be the scene of the greatest mining excitement during the spring and summer ever experienced in the west.—Boise Mining World.

#### Rich Strikes Near Prairie City.

Several rich strikes are reported from Prairie City, the new mining town at the head of the John Day. Dr. Lon Cleaver, who is heavily interested in mining property in that section, telephoned to his brother, E. E. Cleaver, of this city, that half a dozen rich strikes had been made three miles from Prairie City. Another rich strike was made on Dixie Butte mountain, six miles from Prairie City, of free gold which was said to be very rich. The bare particulars of the strikes only were telephoned and no details were given. Mr. Cleaver yesterday tried to obtain additional news, but the wires were not in working order and nothing further could be learned.—Baker City Democrat.

Go to Fenner & Worthington for all kinds of engineering.

Columbia beer, brewed in Sumpter, is second to none.

Superior job printing at this office.

## FINE BANKING HOUSE.

### First Bank of Sumpter in Elegant Quarters.

The furniture for the First Bank of Sumpter arrived today and handsomer bank fixtures, of more artistic design and elegant finish can't be found in eastern Oregon. The fixtures were manufactured by A. H. Andrews & Co., of Chicago; are of quarter sawed oak, Pollard finish and crystalized plate glass. The chairs and sofas are upholstered in Turkish leather.

The whole is in keeping with the building owned and occupied by the bank, which is of brick, with stone trimmings; 60 by 25 feet, two stories high, plumbing and electric wires throughout. The upper floor consists of the most desirable office rooms in town. The first floor is occupied by the bank.

There every convenience known to the business is found. The vault, positively, is complete and modern. The walls, floor and ceiling are made of brick, stone, cement and railroad iron. Although it contains \$150,000 of deposits, besides the capital of the institution, a skilled burglar couldn't make wages if allowed to work at it unmolested. It would take him too long to dig his way into the treasurer apartments.

The First Bank of Sumpter is doing a large, legitimate business. Its officers and employees are men of experience, courteous to, and popular with patrons and the public at large. It is destined to play an important part in the development and building up of this region.

#### Local "Burglars Are Aburgling."

Among the thousands who have come to Sumpter during the past few months, there were necessarily some tough characters. Since Saturday night the police have arrested Annie Pilkey, Flossie Hill, Nellie Powers, J. W. Hicks and Warren Buker, charged with various degrees of theft, from stealing a hypodermic syringe—which went to the pawn shop—to "rolling" a man for \$360. They were all bound over to the circuit court by Justice Steffen, before whom they were tried. Only one of the parties, a woman implicated in the rich haul, had given bonds at noon today. She shovled up \$500 cash bail.

#### Granite Light and Power Co.

In Baker City yesterday articles of incorporation of the Oregon Light and Power company were filed with the county clerk. The incorporators are: W. J. Patterson, Grant Thornburg, John Schmitz and William Moreland. The capital stock is \$50,000, with par value of \$1 each. It is the purpose of the company to put in an electric light and power plant at Granite to furnish lights for the town and power to the mines of the district.—Baker City Democrat.

#### This Town Needs Street Lights.

Last night was as dark as the inside of a cow. That fact impressed every one who had to leave the business streets in order to reach home, including the writer, with the crying need this town has for street lights. When one is entirely sober and the darkness is so dense that he can see no landmark to guide his feet, and chances to step off the sidewalk two or three times within half a block, he loses confidence in himself, his sense of unaided direction—in fact, in all things. He creeps along, scraping every inch with his

feet, to escape imaginary pitfalls, holes, wells, discovery shafts, reservoirs that he knows are not in the same township. And when he crosses the street, of course, he misses the cross walk, he escapes all the high, dry spots, steps in the worst mud holes in the ward, looses his rubbers and then breaks the stillness of the dead night with frightful oaths, all in vain. Now, with a man who is good and drunk, it is different. He stumbles along like a horse with the blind staggers, never gets off his course, lands at home with even the soles of his shoes not muddy, and doesn't care whether the streets are ever lighted or not, for it would make no difference with him. He is guided by some guardian spirit; Bacchus or Gambrinus perhaps, who never fails to care for their own. But the sober, substantial, respectable citizen has no such watchful protector, so he wants and needs street lights and is willing to pay for them. What does the council say?

#### Will Run if Nominated.

In another column of THE MINER today there is made the statement that there are no candidates here for the democratic nomination to any of the county offices. Two or three men have been found, however, who may be induced to accept nominations and make the run. W. W. Looney has placed himself in the hands of his friends, and says if the convention decides to place his name on the democratic ticket, that he will be the next sheriff of Baker County. Citizens of Sumpter want a representative on the board of county commissioners and are endeavoring to induce either William Stinson or A. W. Ellis to make the race. One or the other of these gentlemen will probably consent. C. W. James, of Baker City, who was here yesterday arranging the preliminaries for holding the convention, in his capacity as secretary of the central committee, also laid a network of wires to secure the nomination of recorder. He is favorably spoken of by the delegates from Sumpter.

#### Assays From the Diadem.

J. O. Loundagin states that he has made 20 assays of ore from the Diadem and his lowest return was \$145.55 per ton in gold, silver and copper. The highest assay was \$426.51 in gold and silver. The lowest assay in gold alone was \$125 per ton, while the highest for gold alone was \$326.28. On the dump the company has 500 sacks of ore ready to ship. The 500 will weigh about 56,000 pounds, and the ore will net them something over \$200 to the ton. There is also between 150 and 200 tons of second-grade ore on the dump, not sacked, which will mill \$50 to the ton. Mr. Loundagin has visited many of the best properties in the district, and in his opinion, for the work done, the Diadem is second to none.—Portland Telegram.

#### Will Form a Camera Club.

There are a number of enthusiastic amateur photographers—or kodak fiends, as they are sometimes called—in Sumpter, who are discussing the question of organizing a camera club. Certainly nowhere could such a club find in Nature so much that is grand and beautiful to work on. There are hundreds of landscapes in the vicinity of Sumpter from which exquisite photographs could and ought to be made.

#### Portland Interested in Mines.

Judge Newbury returned to Sumpter Sunday from a two weeks trip to Portland, his former home, and reports the business men in all lines becoming interested in mining and anxious for information as to this district, with a view to investment. He further says the newly organized mining exchange will be a helping factor in the movement of legitimate stocks of the Sumpter mines.