

**CHICAGO CAPITAL.**

**Some Already Invested and More Coming to Sumpter.**

W. A. Halteman, of Spokane, was in Sumpter Friday, on his way home from Chicago, where he had been to float a mining deal. He left here the same afternoon, feeling much elated, owing to the fact that he was greeted on his arrival here with the news of the rich strike in the Umpqua. His claims are on the same ledge and in the immediate vicinity.

The properties in which he is interested are the Iron Crown and the Lelia, on McCollough creek, four or five miles from Sumpter. They were located last fall by J. M. McPhee and W. E. Runner, of this camp. The assessment work was done, which revealed a well defined ledge, sixteen feet in width, with fair surface values.

The locators placed the claims in Mr. Halteman's hands. His trip to Chicago was for the purpose of floating the proposition, and he reports that he met with the most flattering success, raising all the money necessary for extensive development. This work will be commenced in a few days, as soon as he can go to Spokane and return here.

Mr. Halteman says the greatest need of this country is advertising; that among the mining men of Chicago he met very few who have even a superficial knowledge of the country, and none who are familiar with its rich, and almost limitless mineral resources. He says that at this time there are millions of money seeking investment in mines, and the ease with which he secured money to develop mere prospects in a comparatively unknown region, demonstrates what can be done here if a systematic, united effort should be made by people interested in the Sumpter district.

As a result of his efforts in this direction, sometime during the summer there will be a party of four men come here from Chicago for the purpose of buying and developing a property. They have ample capital of their own for such an investment and will do business while here, if they find what they want, without returning east to consult with any one.

**Abandoned Mines Become Producers.**

How often it is that an old and abandoned mine is transformed from an apparently valueless proposition into a heavy producer of the precious metals; into a regular dividend payer. Many such are to be found in this intermountain region. Such instances are not more numerous, however, than are properties which are being steadily developed but which have lost value in public estimation because of the fact that they have not been productive for a year or more, but which suddenly, like Jonah's gourd, spring into remarkable prominence almost over night. Then it is that the mining public awakens to the fact that there is virtue in the mine; that its future is alluring. And yet there are people in this class who, doubtless, were willing to sell their holdings in the property, but a few hours before, for a mere song. Today they feel discouraged about the future outlook for the mine. A rich strike is unexpectedly recorded, and the next day they are racing around for the stock of the company in a manner that would indicate that they had always had the utmost confidence in its value. An instance or two of this character have occurred in Salt Lake during the past week. They illustrate the fact that mining has its ups and downs, and more, they demonstrate the truth of the saying that when a property is desirably located and is known to be possessed of merit, that it is generally safe to hold when

stock in such properties is below ebb tide, for a time will surely come when the flood will rise and sweep above the highest recorded mark. More people make big money by buying a good stock when it is down than they do when they try to get in on a rising market.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

**CARD FROM J. H. BUSH.**

EDITOR SUMPTER MINER: Apropos of the article in THE MINER of June 20, headed: "That Con game is off." I wish to say that it contains an error so fraught with injustice to myself and misleading to the public in general, here and elsewhere, that I cannot ignore it altogether.

I alluded to that portion wherein it states that I "modified my offer and demanded an additional \$500." Every one who was in that room at the meeting knows that such was not the case, nor even implied. But I did demand that of the one-third of the \$1500 proposed for the three of us going, I should, after deducting the cost of transportation, outfit and freight on same, pocket the remainder. There would have probably been \$100 surplus per man.

That was the rock, and the only one in evidence at least, upon which our Alaska craft was wrecked last Saturday evening a week ago.

If they are congratulating themselves upon their escape from what you term a "con game," I can assure you that I am somewhat long on the self congratulation business myself, for at one moment I came near surrendering that point also. But, well, an American and a prospector for over a quarter of a century does not submit to surrendering his individuality very readily. As to the proper name of that "game" I was trying to lead these poor bankers and capitalists into, time will declare it.

J. H. BUSH.

[There is evidently a misunderstanding about this matter somewhere. The syndicate claims that Mr. Bush wanted the \$500 given to him before leaving Sumpter. EDITOR.]

**Decision in Lawton Townsite Case Today.**

The members of the Lawton Investment company, owning the townsite of Lawton, in Grant county, have recently attended contest proceedings in La Grande before the land office officials, and the case is now pending. No decision will be rendered before the 27th of June, as permission was given to file certain papers up to and including the 20th of June, and therefore the decision in the case will not be given before the 27th. Colonel Raley has been counsel for the company, and looked after the legal points. He said today to the East Oregonian that the case remains open, and made the statement epitomized above. The members of the company feel confident that they will win the case, expecting the land commissioner's decision to be in their favor.—East Oregonian.

**Expert's Opinion of Cable Cove.**

Colonel John T. Grayson, the New York mining engineer, with headquarters established in Baker City, is just back from a visit to Cable Cove. Colonel Grayson spent several days in the district making examination of various properties, and gives it as his opinion that Cable Cove is one of the greatest mining districts embraced in the eastern Oregon gold fields and will create a great stir in the mining world before many days. The cove is a net-work of strong ledges, says Colonel Grayson, and the ores carry good values. The opportunities for mining on a large scale are to be found in this district he says and the time will come when mills from 20 to 100 stamps will be numerous. Colonel Grayson has great confidence in the mines of eastern Oregon and will be the means of bringing a large amount of capital here for investment.—Baker City Democrat.

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