

SUMPTER STILL LIVES.

**Because Our Mines are Great
and are Being Worked.**

At no time in the history of Sumpter has the mining outlook been so bright as it is today, and while there may be a lull in the town, there are more men in the hills, more actual and intelligent development work going on, more faith and hope in the ultimate outcome of the whole district than ever before. This is as it should be. Mines are made in the hills and not in town. As the mines increase and improve, the town grows. Develop the mines and the town will take care of itself—the mines are still here.

It takes reasonable time, some money, patience and good management to make a productive mine, even with fair merit to begin with, here or elsewhere. It took a good five years to bring the Red Boy, Bonanza and North Pole up to their present productive status. All successful business demands the application of the same principles. Why deny it to a mine and then complain of failure? Mines, like worlds, are not made in a day. Don't expect it, for there will be disappointment.

It is regretted that there is a mercenary element in this camp not imbued with a mining spirit. They are eager to take the proceeds of the miner and prospector, but refuse to take a solitary chance with him to develop the one industry that makes it possible for him to live and make money.

Aside from this, there is a better class of investors and experienced mining men entering this field than at any time since the first discovery was made. The most hopeful sign, among others, is that many who have been here before have returned to invest, imbued with greater confidence than ever. All points of the financial compass is represented here; outside capital is predominant. London, Canada, New York, Boston, Lowell, Spokane, Butte, Chicago, Seattle, Denver, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Grand Rapids and even New Jersey and Connecticut are represented in these gold fields. Within the state Pendleton is largely to the front. The enterprise of that place has built a whole town, to begin with. There are a few good men in Baker who have the mining interest at heart, but they cannot accomplish miracles. Put Pendleton where Baker is, and there would be a city half the size of Portland in five years.

We are glad to see that Portland has thoroughly awakened to the vast opportunities in the mines of this section, and nothing but a revelation of facts could have brought this about. Eighty per cent of the mines and their immense products in Colorado are owned and controlled by the people of that state. Portland can accomplish the same result here, by well directed efforts. Nothing inspires outside capital more than to see examples of faith in home industries by those who reside within the state. Whatever attitude they take, will certainly influence foreign investors for or against becoming interested.

The recent sale of the Bunker Hill is one of the events of the month. Every mine here in course of development, that had a reasonable basis to begin with is improving with depth. Under the able management of C. H. McCalaum, of Colorado, the Bald Mountain and Mammoth are rapidly developing into mines, and will soon add twenty stamps and take their place as producers. Over 800 feet of work has been done on this mine. At the 200 foot level, after cutting through a porphyry dyke 180 feet thick, the continuation of the old surface ore chule was encountered again, after cross-cutting. Fine stratas of ore, varying from nine to four inches thick, were exposed, that run from \$8.00 to \$3,200 per ton in

gold. This is one of the old mines of the camp. About the first mill was operated here and produced \$100,000 from the surface ores. The old tunnel on the Bald Mountain was close to 575 feet long, run mostly on the lead. At 150 feet from the mouth of the tunnel a shaft was sunk, that at a depth of 100 feet disclosed eight feet of ore that averages \$10 per ton.

The North Pole has followed ore for at least 700 feet. At a depth of 1020 feet there is five feet of sixteen dollar ore, and the half is not told of this mine. There are few spots on the globe that has exposed the existence of a continuous vein of ore for at least 10,000 feet in length, but this has been done in the Bourne district and the end is not yet. A new tramway will be built to the North Pole mill.

H. B. McLane has begun to prepare for ten new stamps on the Gokonda. In six months time the greatest hoist on the Red Boy will be in place. It will be capable of sinking 2000 feet below the present workings. The Keystone will have a new mill this summer. Thousands of dollars are being expended on the Granite road. Menno Unzicker, the general agent of Fraser & Chalmers, has shown his faith by his work and is going to develop a mine in the Cove, and will erect a plant there if the outlook warrants it. There is renewed activity all along the line and Sumpter still lives.

JOHN F. LELAND.

Northwestern States All Right.

A press dispatch from Portland says: President A. L. Mohler, of the O. R. & N., returned from the east today. "In New York," said he, "the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are becoming conspicuously favorable to investors, on account of their immense mineral developments, magnificent grain prospects of 1900 and our tremendous reserves of timber, not to mention any lesser industrial interests. Crop prospects, compared with the recent failures in the spring wheat producing districts of the world, give the Northwestern states great prominence. The Northwest Pacific coast states will not be subjected to the depressing conditions that have influenced eastern districts and states, for the reason that the latter are well up to their maximum growth, while Pacific coast territory has developed only 10 per cent of its maximum possibilities, therefore the field for enterprising investors is an attractive one. The outlook for the lines of the O. R. & N. was never as promising as at the present time."

Greenside Being Worked Under Bond.

The Greenside group, situated in the Granite district, about a mile and a half northeast from the famous Cougar mine bids fair to become a permanent producer. A recent visit to the property disclosed the fact that ten men were at work for Dr. D. W. Ward, who holds it under a working bond. There is a tunnel 200 feet in length, and a shaft is being sunk to intersect the tunnel. Dr. Ward has shipped ore to the smelter, which after paying \$21 for mining, hauling and smelting charges, paid a profit of \$27.50 per ton. This property shipped ore as far back as 1892, when it was packed on muleback to Umatilla, a distance of over 100 miles. The character of the ore is gray copper—running as high as \$200 in silver and over \$100 in gold. It is not a very large ledge but seems to improve with depth. Jerry Seabrook of this city, has owned an interest in the property for two or three years and has done most of the development work that has been done on the claims. He and his partners bonded the property in May for sixty days and from all accounts the bond will be taken up.—Baker City Democrat.

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