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SALE OF THE DORA B. MINE.

PORTLAND SYNDICATE BUYS CON- TROL IN THIS PROPERTY.

**Local Stockholders, With Two Exceptions,
Dispose of All Their Holdings—Pros-
pects Will be Developed at Once—
South Extension of the Ibez Ledge.**

Through the efforts of H. L. Stewart, a financially strong syndicate of Portland people have bought very much the larger portion of the stock in the Dora B. mine and will begin extensive development work at an early day.

The Dora B. company was incorporated with 1,500,000 shares, at 5 cents each, one-third of which was placed in the treasury. Only 11,000 shares of the treasury stock have been sold. With the exception of H. L. Stewart, who retains his entire holdings, and E. F. Warner, who retains 50,000 shares, the local stock holders have sold all their interests to the Portland syndicate. Seymour Bell, A. C. Little, O. M. Sanford, D. W. Cushman, J. C. Lancaster, and J. Beardsley are those who "let go" entirely. The price paid is not stated, though it is said to be a very low figure.

A. C. Going, Frank E. Hart and Mr. Comstock, of Portland, who are members of the Portland syndicate, were here last week with their expert, Mr. Perkins, examined the property and consummated the deal. Friday evening a meeting of the old and new stockholders was held, when the transfer was made, the old board of directors and officers resigned and a new board elected, consisting of Messrs. Going, Hart, Comstock and Stewart. The latter leaves this afternoon for Portland. Upon his arrival there a meeting of directors will be held, when officers will be elected and the future policy of the company outlined in detail.

Already several men are on the property doing preliminary work, building houses, etc. It is the intention of the company to employ a large force and push development work. As soon as enough work is done to show up the property, it will be listed on one or both of the stock exchanges at Portland, and its treasury stock offered for sale. All of the other stock is pooled.

The Dora B. owns four claims on the south extension of the Ibez ledge, which in itself is a good recommendation for the property.

'Following "Patsy" Clark's Lead.

Patrick Clark's lead in testing the possibilities of Keller camp has been followed by a number of western syndicates and has resulted in the starting of a great deal of work in the district. Now easterners are following the lead and starting work on one of the big low-grade ledges characteristic of the South Half. If the district amounts to anything, as there seems every likelihood of its doing, it may quickly become one of the greatest camps in the Northwest.—Spokesman Review.

Beer Sells Here at Five Cents.

At a meeting of most of the saloon men of Sumpter, held a few evenings since at Harley Woods' place, it was decided to meet the cut in the price of beer, inaugu-

ated by Henry Finger, as announced in these columns two weeks since. Now, everywhere over town the eye rests on flaming signs reading "Beer 5 cents." There has been considerable sparring for points in getting exclusive agencies for the several breweries in the Northwest. Some have refused to furnish goods to those who wished to resell at five cents, but now, as all will do so, this objection will not stand. A beer war is on and the next step will be to increase the size of the glasses, and give enough of the amber fluid to wet the thirsty throat, which is not the practice at the present writing.

UMPQUA MINING COMPANY.

**Incorporated in Roseburg and Will Develop
the Property.**

Some weeks since THE MINER mentioned the rich strike in the Umpqua, a property which H. W. Miller, of Roseburg, was working. That gentleman was called home some days since, on account of the sickness of his wife, and work was suspended. He has organized a company there to work the property on a large scale, and men left here Monday to resume the work. Mr. Miller will return in a week or ten days, when extensive improvements will be inaugurated, that development work may continue all winter.

Regarding the Umpqua company, the Roseburg Review of last Saturday, says: "Yesterday the articles of incorporation of the Umpqua Mining and Milling Company were duly filed by Willis Kramer, J. C. Aiken and H. W. Miller. Directors were chosen, also, who elected the following officers: Willis Kramer, president; H. W. Miller, vice-president and general manager; W. F. Burlison, secretary; A. P. Goss, treasurer. The capital stock is \$150,000, divided into shares of 15 cents each. This corporation will have its principal place of business in Sumpter, Oregon, and its objects are plainly implied from its corporate name. It has purchased the American, Gold Hill, Grand Prize, and Chance claims, and the American mill site, the property being commonly known as the Umpqua group in the Sumpter district.

"The incorporators of this new mining company are well known men in Roseburg whose connection with it is a guarantee that the project they are engaged in is a genuine business proposition that will be pushed through to ultimate success. Since the tapping of the ledge and the rich character of the quartz found have become matters of public knowledge, the owners of the Umpqua group have had many flattering offers from the people who wished to bond the property, but they preferred to organize a stock company, more completely develop the claims, and thus retain control of what they firmly believe to be one of the best properties in the Sumpter district. Already they have spent a considerable amount of money, having 400 feet of excellent tunnel, and their intention is to resume work at once."

For Sale.—A ten light arc dynamo, in first class condition. Very cheap. Apply to Seymour H. Bell at office Sumpter Light and Power Co.

Only the best of Wines, Liquors, Ice Cold Beer and temperance drinks at Barnard's Halfway House.

All kind of cake, pies bread etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite the depot. All orders filled promptly.

WANT TO BUY TIMBER.

Cruisers and Capitalists Here Looking For "Buys."

During the past two weeks there have been several parties here looking for timber lands. They have all been on still hunts and it has been impossible to get any details.

In most cases they have been timber cruisers representing outside capitalists, who are here to look over lands regarding the sale of which negotiations are pending. Their work has been to calculate the amount of standing timber on given tracts; experting it, as it were. There have been others here looking for buys, willing to take in anything from a quarter section to a township of patented land. Those who proved up on timber lands last winter now have an opportunity of cashing in.

The reason for this renewed activity in the demand for timber lands is found in the fact the vast area of rich country to the west and south of Sumpter is being opened up by railroad construction. This makes the adjacent timber lands doubly valuable, for two reasons. Railroad building stimulates all industries, creating a local demand for lumber; and by furnishing transportation, gives a certain value to otherwise worthless timber. Surrounded as the Blue Mountains are with treeless plains, thickly settled with prosperous farmers, with transportation facilities our timber is about as valuable as our gold mines. And' although on account of being discriminated against in freight rates, we cannot ship lumber to the prairies of the middle west, we can compete with the coast in the markets at our very doors.

Besides, the railroads themselves use large quantities of timber in construction, so, the old story of the mau with ready money and nerve to invest it while the market is dull making the big stake, is about to be repeated here.

OLD AND NEW METHODS.

**Modern Mills and Old Style Arastras Be-
ing Erected in this District.**

The Phoenix mine in Greenwood gulch, one-half mile above the Golden Eagle, and opposite the Don Juan, is being operated by C. N. Chatham and William Sanders, who have a two years' lease from the owners, C. M. Berry, D. L. Choate, L. M. Barnett and C. M. Collier. The mine has been idle for nearly four years, and the 5-stamp mill and concentrator put in by O. B. Hardy are a wreck. The mill was run only a short time, owing to bad management and, though the property could have been sold at one time for \$75,000, it was allowed to stand idle, the owners failing to agree on method of operating. There are several hundred feet of tunnels, but these will not be used, the new operators preferring to sink on and follow the ore. The ore is of two grades, one carrying black oxide of copper and the other running well in free gold.

At the Golden Eagle mine in Greenwood gulch, a 4½-foot ledge of good ore has been struck in the lowest level. The ore carries gold and galena. The 3-stamp mill has been idle a shot time, but will be started up at once. This mine has been a good producer for several years, and the late work demonstrates it now on a solid foundation. It has over 700 feet of tunnel work, besides shaft and drifts. This is the first property on the gulch to get

below water level and insures the permanency of the ledges.

At the head of McNamee gulch, some four miles from Bonanza, J. H. Hill and William Putrow are opening up some claims for an Oregon City company. Shafts are being sunk, and show solid ore, no cross cuts have been run, so the width of ledges is not known. The claims are located just above some ground that was rich in placer gold of a coarse, rough nature, and it is believed these gentlemen have the ledge that furnished the gold. Near the claims being worked are some promising copper properties.

The Marshall boys, of Portland, have a valuable property in the Zeritta group of five claims, located in Blue gulch, about eight miles from Bonanza, and one and a half miles from the Diadem mine. They have what was known as the Poorman mine, located by Jack Barnett, and the Angle ledge, together with a recent discovery that assays well, the pay being in a white talc. Arrangements are under way to erect an arastra to treat the ore. There is a fine water power on the claims and an abundance of good mining timbers.—Special from Sumpter to Oregonian.

More Water Than is Needed.

All week there has been more or less trouble in supplying sufficient water for the town. This shortage coming at the same time as the first hot spell, has made it rather awkward for all parties concerned. The trouble has been occasioned by the new ditch, which carries 65 inches, leaking. This is the case of all new ditches, before they have time to "puddle". In addition to this, a tree fell across the ditch one night and tore it to pieces. Today the supply is ample, and Superintendent Cornfield says that by the first of next week there will be more water than the town knows what to do with.

Bank for Grant County.

A. P. and J. Goss returned Monday from a trip to Prairie City and Canyon City. The former is contemplating putting in a branch bank over in that section of the Isolated Empire, and was looking around for a location. He has not yet definitely decided in which camp to establish, it and may possibly put in a bank in each. He expresses himself as being most favorably impressed with that section.

Dwyer and Fritz Back From Quartzburg.

E. J. Dwyer and H. H. Fritz returned a day or two since from the Quartzburg district. They have thrown up the bond on one property on which they have done considerable development work, but still have large interests there and state that it is destined to be a great mining country. A number of ledges have been uncovered that carry high values.

Good Ore in the Idaho.

Mike Mahoney, who is developing the Idaho, located on the Granite road, one and a half miles from the summit, has run into a body of fine ore in the tunnel. The ledge has been cut twelve feet and only one wall is visible. The tunnel will be driven in another 100 feet, where a 60-foot ledge will be encountered.

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Ask for the Columbia beer, brewed in Sumpter.