

SELL YOUR PROSPECTS.

Poor Man Can't Make a Mine of a Mere Claim.

Selfish folks there are, in this world—and foolish. And when the one and the other make a combination, as is the case very often in mining, a stand still, and then worse, results. Mining is, and must be, a progressive industry. Men of small means never make big mines; they just cannot do it. To gopher into a seam of rich rock and get out an annual mill run isn't mining, any more than melting refractory ore isn't smelting it. The way to mine is to do it right; and so the pathfinder and the capitalist must get together, for the one cannot get along without the other.

But often it is not that way. The moment the prospect owner sees a man of capital, he adds 50 per cent to the price, and given opportunity to personally meet the investor, then the prospect becomes a "property", and is held at mine figures. This is truth, and a disheartening truth. If you cannot carry forward your enterprise to the basis of a paying mine (and if you have not considerable means there are 99 chances out of 100 that you cannot) then why in the world don't you sell to someone who can, instead of pottering along your life on a hungry man's grub-stake?

Don't give it away. You know what it is worth, and if you stand firm for a reasonable sum you will surely get it. Capital is chary it must have something of a surety. Above your price comes cost of development, machinery, etc., and capital naturally looks for a portion of the pay in sight—it takes the chance of depth, continuity, permanent values; but, if he buys a prospect, he wants some return certain, and he will refuse to invest heavily to prove the truth or fallacy of what you may think will result from development. Sometimes, of course capital buys a location notice and makes millions out of it; but the initial investment was very small.

To prosper in this world we must give and take, and that the poor man is mostly called upon to give does not alter the principal an iota. The day of bonanza prices are gone; and so, if the owner of a prospect is unable to make a mine, he must give way and accept its present actual value.—Ijaho Mining Journal.

New Quartzburg Discovery.

A new discovery has been made in the Quartzburg district by Henry Laurance, Victor Barker and J. C. Esslinger. The name of the property is the Brown Bear and is an extension to Lee Barnard's claim, the Modock being on the north and the Lost Boy on the east. It is between the Lost Boy and the Sherbondy group, only further up the hill on the east fork of Dixie creek. The character of the ore is sulphide carrying \$1.03 in silver, \$2.07 in gold and \$21.76 in copper. This assay was made from surface rock. The ledge is four feet wide and has two well defined walls. Work has been commenced on the ledge and tunneling will be pushed.—Prairie City Miner.

Made Their Money in Mines.

It is an interesting fact that all the excessively rich men in the United States senate made their money in mines and mining. Senator Clark, of Montana, by all odds the richest man in congress, worth anywhere from \$100,000,000 to twice that, made all his money in mines. Senator Hanna's \$12,000,000 was largely derived from iron mines. Senator Jones is worth \$10,000,000 in gold and silver mines, and Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, is rated at \$7,000,000, mostly made

in coal and iron mining operations. McConnel, from the Scranton district, is the richest man in the house; his wealth, estimated at \$20,000,000, was all dug out of the coal mines in Pennsylvania. Congressman Joseph C. Sibley is also a very rich man, the source of whose wealth is petroleum. Old Master Earth is a bountiful parent, and the sons she has endowed the most liberally somehow have a strong predilection for statecraft.—New York Commercial.

ARTESIAN IRRIGATION.

Experiments Now Being Tried in Harney County.

The fact that experimental operations are soon to be inaugurated with a view to ascertain whether the artesian system of water supply is possible to Harney county, is one of great importance to this section. It is very doubtful if any practical reservoir system of irrigation can ever be accomplished here, except the mountain flow of such stream as Silvies river be held in check for systematic disbursements.

Although in the light of past feats of hydrographic engineering, such could not be considered an impossibility, it could be accomplished only at such expense as would render it impracticable to area of lands it could be brought to serve. The smaller sites for reservoirs that abound in Harney's hills are beyond consideration as adjuncts to irrigated agriculture, for the reason that the tributary watersheds are insufficient to supply a quantity of water worthy of consideration in connection with the redemption of arid areas to a prosperous state of cultivation.

It is, then, to the artesian well that Harney county must look for hope of complete irrigation of its vast tracts of rich soil now awaiting the touch of moisture. While the result of the initial experiment, even if successful, may not be taken as assurance that it could be successfully repeated at will, it would at least indicate that our position toward underground veins in compression is such as to obtain the flow if rightly tapped. With such knowledge the prospective settler would have greater assurance in risking the trouble and expense of trial.

It is thought from interrupted experiments of the past that the Harney valley is favorably situated to obtain artesian water. The coming test will be of such thoroughness as to demonstrate almost to a certainty if such be the fact. In view of the boundless opportunities, artesian wells would open to agriculture, it is earnestly hoped that the trial may be successful in every particular.—Harney County News.

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