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ENTERPRISES NOT ABANDONED.

CAPTAIN BLEY HERE WITH MORE ENGLISH MONEY.

Asks Those Holding Claims Against the Little Giant to Present Them—General Impression is That the Bond on the Magnolia Will be Renewed.

Captain Muir arrived in Sumpter Saturday, in company with Captain Otto Bley and Charles E. Balmforth, of Liverpool, England. As all local readers of THE MINER know, Captain Bley is one of and represents the other English capitalists, who, over a year ago, bought the Magnolia and Little Giant, spent thousands in development work and installing machinery, putting a mill on each property, then apparently abandoned the enterprise.

A card published elsewhere in THE MINER today, requesting all who have claims against the Little Giant to present same to these gentlemen as soon as possible, indicates that they are here to resume operations. There are judgments against this property aggregating about \$11,000, A. P. Goss holding the largest one, amounting to nearly \$5,000. What the entire indebtedness of the company reaches is not known. The Little Giant is owned by the company, the property having been transferred by deed.

The Magnolia was being worked under bond, which expired the first of this month, the English syndicate having defaulted on a \$10,000 payment then due. The gentlemen here are of that school that disapproves of talking about their private business affairs for publications, so it is impossible to give any authoritative statement regarding their intentions. It is believed, however, that the bond on the Magnolia will be renewed in a few days.

Al Jones, one of the owners of the mine, has been with the party into the hills, visiting both properties. He denies in the regulation way that even negotiations are pending for a renewal of this bond, but he looks satisfied, and is already dickering for the purchase of a race horse that can win that \$1,500 offered as purses for the races here next month. There is, therefore, scarcely a doubt but what the Magnolia will again pass into the hands of its recent owners.

Messrs. Bley and Balmforth express themselves as perfectly satisfied with the two mines. They went to Baker City yesterday afternoon, returning today. They will be in the district for some days.

Developing the Umpqua Mine.

H. W. Miller, general manager of the Umpqua Gold Mining company, that made a rich strike in its property several weeks ago, returned from Roseburg, the home of the company, yesterday. He says they will at once increase the force of miners and other employees, who will build their houses preparatory to making things comfortable for heavy development of the mine. Since March 23, when ground was first broken, the company has done about 500 feet of miscellaneous work and has reached a depth of 158. Values have varied from ten dollars to several hundreds, but on a fair average Mr. Miller says they have better than \$15 ore, which is

good enough for any mining company to pay dividends on. Especially is this so with his company, on account of the close proximity to Sumpter, where it is thought the ore can be treated for \$6 per ton, and the transportation of four and a half miles by wagon at \$1.50 per ton, thus leaving a handsome profit. Mr. Miller says they have some 40 tons on the dump and arrangements are now being made to have a smelter test of it made. The stock of this company is listed on the Oregon Mining Stock exchange and has had a good sale. Its officers are men of means and ability, and intend to make this property one of the big mines of the district.

MINING MACHINERY.

Many Car Loads Arriving for the Golconda and Red Boy.

Three car loads of machinery came in Monday, one for the Golconda and two for the Red Boy.

That for the Golconda is a station steam pump, the largest ever brought into eastern Oregon. It is from the Knowles Steam Pump works, of East Cambridge, Massachusetts.

On one of the cars consigned to the Red Boy was steel for a smoke stack, 125 feet high and six feet in diameter. On the other was a 160-horse power boiler, weighing 20,800 pounds. This is one of four of the same size which have been ordered from Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago. The other three are now en route. Some days since several car loads of steel water tubes for the compressor arrived, weighing something like 32,000 pounds. The hoist and air compressor will arrive later in the season.

This machinery is all for the deep sinking plant, the building for which is now being constructed, and will be finished before snow flies. The shaft will have three compartments, 7 by 17 feet, and the machinery ordered is designed to sink it 1000 feet. A depth of 50 feet has already been attained.

Inspecting Steam Boilers.

R. G. Hillman, inspector for the old reliable Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance company, of Connecticut, with headquarters in San Francisco, came up yesterday and will make a thorough canvass of the country about Sumpter, with a view of establishing an agency here. The large number of steam plants that have been, and are to be, established throughout the district, makes this field a desirable one for this department of the insurance business.

Second Shipment of Diadem Ore.

The Diadem Mining company has received the report from the Baker City Sampling works for the second shipment of ore, the net dry weight of which was 18,810 pounds. It carried 6.20 ounces of gold and 9 ounces of silver to the ton, the net value of which was \$115.80 a ton. After deducting the freight of seven dollars a ton and treatment charges of eight dollars a ton, the lot, something less than ten tons, netted the company \$1019.94.

Work on the Race Track.

Ten men are now at work on the race track in South Sumpter addition, blasting out stumps and grading the grounds. The work of erecting a grand stand will be commenced in a few days. Secretary Bell says that the association has already received applications for the entrance of forty-four horses, and there is sure to be four or five days of good racing at the meet here, beginning September 26.

LATEST BIG STRIKE.

Ore in the Minneapolis Runs \$1550 in Gold.

One of the finest strikes of the year was recently made in the Minneapolis mine, on Cracker creek, within a quarter of a mile of the town of Bourne. The property is under bond to E. Sanderson Smith and C. H. Fenner.

The curious feature is the low values found during the first few feet of prospecting on the lead. In fact, this is characteristic of most of the big leads in the camp near the surface, and the fine showing in the Minneapolis will be a great incentive to others who hold claims in this district. Another peculiar feature is the fact that little attention has been given to this side of the creek, many believing the pay ore was confined to the North Pole Lode, or the smaller parallel leads close to it.

The formation is slate and porphyry, but whether the lead is confined to the black slate or in the contact between the two formations, is not yet determined, but all present evidence indicates another big mine for the district.

The developments from the beginning of work as to the variations in values are curious and interesting. The drift tunnel has followed the lead apparently for 100 feet, and at the breast is now about 50 feet below the surface. There was one foot of absolutely barren quartz to begin with. The first assay, twenty-four feet in, gave only 63 cents in gold, the next 80 cents. The next tests were \$2.50, \$4.00 and \$8.00, up to \$12.00 and \$14.00.

Here again a barren streak was encountered, while the pay streak for the last fifteen feet, which is not less than two and one-half feet in width, and on the increase, with only one slate wall in sight, makes it at once the finest prospect opened up to date.

The concentrates from this streak up to the breast give \$1,663 per ton in gold, and the crude ore \$1,550 per ton. The pay is decomposed slate and porphyry, giving little or no indications to the eye as to its value, but in the pan shows gold as course as that often found in placers.

This lead pans well on the surface in places for 3000 feet, and was recently turned down by a wise party who knew all about it. And such are the mines and possibilities of Sumpter district.

JOHN F. LEAAND.

O. R. & N's Latest Folder.

The new folder, of the O. R. & N., on "Webfoot Bonanzas," have finally been issued. A number have been received here. The reading matter was prepared by Colonel Donan, and that is all that is necessary to be said on that score, which means that it couldn't be improved on. The subject matter is principally a revision of what has been published before, corrected and brought up to date. It contains a special article on Sumpter, a feature not heretofore included in O. R. & N. literature. The map of the district is by far the best ever published, containing all the principal mines. It was prepared by F. R. Mills, of Baker City. There have been printed and are now being distributed all over this continent 116,000 of these folders.

Boston Capitalist Buying a Mine.

E. A. Kingman, of Boston, arrived here this week and was taken by W. H.

W. Hamilton to the Cable Cove district, for the purpose of examining the recently located Gipsy King claim, which was bonded to Mr. Hamilton by the Boston operator and his associates. They returned from the Cove today, bringing in some fine samples of the Gipsy King ore, which when run, if it shows the values obtained by former tests, will determine whether or not the bond will be taken up. Mr. Kingman is a capitalist and one of the heaviest mining operators in the East, owning with others large mines in many of the best districts of the world. His few days stay has made him favorably impressed with what he has seen, and he will remain long enough now to become more familiar with the district.

BAKER CITY IRON WORKS.

Will be Ready to Resume Business in a Few Days.

George F. McLynn, proprietor of the Baker City Iron works, which burned out a few weeks since, making a complete loss to the owner, with the exception of a slight insurance, has again, for the second time, commenced the erection of his buildings, and within the present week will have the foundry department ready for casting. A less persistent man than Mr. McLynn would probably have given up the effort to succeed, as a bad job, this being his second fire in two years which entirely destroyed the plant, and this time more disastrously than before, as he had over \$8000 worth of orders on the books, over \$2000 worth of which were nearly completed and ready for delivery.

He is now rushing the new buildings in which he expects to install such equipment as will handle any piece of machinery to be made or repaired in the territory from which his patronage is derived. The worst loss sustained was probably in the patterns, which are the most difficult part of a machine works and foundry to replace.

The contractors for the new opera house at Baker placed a \$1200 order this week for architectural iron; the water works people also have a large order in, and but few of the orders on the books before the fire have been canceled, so that Mr. McLynn has enough business in sight to warrant his early resumption as quickly as possible, without the assistance of Baker City money, which was withheld from him when he most needed it.

He says that the bulk of his business comes from the Sumpter district and that but slight encouragement need have been offered to have changed the location of the new works to this camp. His latest structure will occupy fully 100 square feet more ground than the old.

Goss Bank Building at Canyon.

President Goss, of the Bank of Sumpter, has had plans drawn for the building which he will erect at Canyon City. It will be built entirely of stone and used exclusively for a bank. The interior is conveniently arranged and the front is of handsome design. No bank in eastern Oregon will have a more elegant home. It will be 22 by 25 feet in size.

LOST.—Between Granite and Sumpter Sunday, five samples of ore tied in one sack, and sampler's pick. Parties finding same will bestow a favor by sending to MINER office.

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