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MILL FOR THE BALD MOUNTAIN.

BEST EQUIPPED IN EASTERN OREGON, WITH 20 STAMPS.

Enough Ore in Sight for Two Years—Large Sums Spent on Development—Mammoth, Under Same Management, Also Ready for a Mill—Eastern Stockholders Will Arrive Here Friday—These Companies of Much Benefit to Sumpter.

H. S. McCallum, manager of the Bald Mountain and the Mammoth mines, in the Ibex district near Sumpter, was down town last Monday on business connected with these properties, and in a brief talk with a MINER representative gave the information that B. F. McLain, the Sumpter millwright, is now engaged drawing the plans for a new twenty stamp mill of the most modern and complete make, to be erected at the Bald Mountain mine immediately.

No expense is to be spared to make this mill the very best in eastern Oregon, and the company is determined to have the most thoroughly equipped mine in all this section. Over \$45,000. has been expended on the property since March, 1900, with the result that there is now enough ore in sight to run a 20-stamp mill for two years. The management will further increase the expenditure to fully \$100,000 this year, and more than likely will have forty stamps dropping within the next twelve months. Deep mining is to be the method of the company and will sink to the 400 foot level this winter.

F. B. Sheed, of Lowell, Massachusetts, president of the Bald Mountain company, and the largest stockholder in the Mammoth company, accompanied by his wife and perhaps other easterners, will arrive here Friday and remain at the mine during their stay of ten days or two weeks, in which time Mr. Sheed intends to familiarize himself with all the various districts about here.

The personnel of the stockholders in the Bald Mountain and Mammoth mines, of which Mr. McCallum is the local director and manager, represents over thirty millions of dollars and the companies are operating hers not as speculators, but purely to open up mines from which they expect to and will realize large dividends, though not until they have expended in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

In speaking of the Mammoth mine, Mr. McCallum says they have spent over \$40,000 there since they commenced to develop it twelve months ago, and that a mill will also be erected there very soon, though they have not yet determined the number of stamps to be installed. At this time they have plenty of ore to run ten stamps for eighteen months. The work of drifting on the vein at the 300-foot level has commenced and will be prosecuted as rapidly as men can work.

These two companies are of perhaps more advantage to Sumpter than any others in the district, since they are strictly loyal to the town; doing their banking here and buying their supplies and all equipment possible in Sumpter, which by the way, is nearly everything required at a mine. With a few others like them,

as there undoubtedly will be at an early day, Sumpter would quickly take on a more prosperous air and the general business people have more of an incentive for keeping heavy stocks of goods.

Arranging for the Races.

The management of the Sumpter Racing association reports work on the new race track progressing well and that the subscriptions to the fund have nearly all been paid in, assuring a successful meet here on the twenty-sixth of this month. Every effort is being made to have this meeting one that will be a credit to Sumpter, and the promoters of the association. It is also announced that arrangements have been completed for a grand ball on the night of Friday, September 14, for the benefit of the Association, toward which the rent of Ellis' hall and the music have been donated. This will doubtless add another hundred or more dollars to the fund, and help to hang up a few special purses, aside from those regularly announced in the posters. The rains of the last two days have materially aided the work of getting the track in good condition.

ANOTHER STRIKE ON UMPQUA.

Large Body of Ore Carrying \$18.60 Encountered in a Drift.

Another ledge of fine ore has been cut on the Umpqua group. This was encountered at the end of a 75-foot drift on the Chance claim.

While the full extent of the ledge is not visible, there is some ten to fifteen feet of ore of a similar character to the rock found in the Gold Hill claim of the group, and very similar to the rich ore found in the Red Boy.

A visit to the camp shows much activity, getting ready for the winter weather. The buildings are well under way and everything is kept in good order. Work on the drift is under J. M. Drenon's supervision, and they are working several feet each twenty-four hours. The tunnel has been timbered and made to serve as the working tunnel. Depth is being gained quite rapidly, two feet in three. A 600-foot tunnel will give a 400-foot vertical depth.

The last assays gave values of \$18.60, which is sufficient to leave a nice margin after paying for mining, hauling and smelter charges. A few hundred pounds have been taken to the smelter for analysis, and if the results are satisfactory, shipping will be commenced in the near future, as they are now taking out about twenty tons of ore per day.

The property is very advantageously located, only four miles from the Sumpter smelter, with a down hill pull, and ore can be delivered there for about \$2 a ton. The excess of iron will insure a low rate for smelting the ore.

It is safe to say that more work is being done here for the money expended than on any other property in the district. Nearly all the men employed are financially interested in the property.

For Sale.

Front bar, back bar and large mirror for sale. For further information call at MINER office.

Saddle and Bridle for Sale.

In good condition and offered cheap. Apply at THE MINER office.

Go or send to the City Green house, Baker City, for choice carnations; thirty-five cents per dozen. Roses fifty cents per dozen.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COLUMBIA.

Output Will be Trebled—Deep Sinking.

The improvements being made at the Columbia are quite extensive and sufficient to keep that property well up among the good mines.

The new 60-ton cyanide plant is in operation and proving successful. The treatment is not a straight cyanide, but a combination, including a secret formula. The ore carries a small per cent of copper and tellurides. Only the slimes are being put through. It is estimated that there is about 7000 tons awaiting treatment. The concentrates are treated at Everett.

The excavation of the site for the twenty new stamps is about completed and General Manager Bailey states that he could have the buildings ready inside of thirty days, but some delay is anticipated on account of machinery houses being behind with orders. In addition to the twenty stamps, there will be fourteen Johnson concentrators. The plant now consists of ten stamps and six concentrators.

Sinking on the property never stops. They are putting down a three-compartment shaft 6x20 feet in the clear, and down 500 feet vertical and 950 feet from the apex of the ledge. This is to be added, too, so that sinking can be carried on to great depth. A 34,000 pump, with a capacity of 500 gallons per minute at 1000 feet, has been ordered and will be installed this season.

The output of the mine is now 8000 tons annually. The new machinery will raise that to 24,000 tons annually. Few, if any, mines in the camp are more extensively developed than the Columbia.

Farewell Reception to Miss Spalding.

Miss Carrie Spalding left Monday for Bushnell, Illinois, to attend college for the next year, at least. C. D. Goss and wife, N. Dedrick and wife, relatives of Miss Spalding, accompanied her as far as their homes in Wisconsin, after a several months residence in Sumpter. Friday evening previous to her departure a farewell party was tendered Miss Spalding in the Ellis opera house by the more intimate friends of her girlhood. Dancing constituted the principal part of the program for the evening, refreshments being served, and with the excellent music provided by Mr. and Mrs. Morrell, the guests spent an evening long to be remembered.

CABLE COVE BONANZA.

Ore That Nets \$47.50, Shipped to Puget Sound Smelter.

The Golden Rule mine, consisting of two full claims located in Cable Cove, being on a parallel ledge to the Gypsy Queen, recently sold to Boston parties, is being worked by the owners, Dr. J. J. Fisher, Al Hillier and Mayor Gleason, all of Sumpter. The Golden Rule has been in a partial state of development for several years, but from this time on will be energetically worked and made a steady shipper.

They have two 45-foot shafts near the apex, from which twenty tons of ore was taken and milled at the Monumental mill, giving \$44 per ton. From a 200-foot tunnel, twelve tons were sent to the Everett smelter, and twenty tons to the Tacoma

smelter, netting respectively \$47.50 and \$35 per ton.

A new tunnel is now in 60 feet at nearly the base of the mountain, and is being run to get under the ore body found above, and in this last named working values of \$45.98 have been found.

The property is particularly well located to be worked cheaply, it being claimed that a foot in depth is gained with every foot driven in the tunnel.

It is becoming more apparent every day that the Cable Cove district will be one of the most attractive at Sumpter's doors. Development and transportation facilities are only required to show up the hidden treasures that are awaiting the practical prospector and miner, and these are now coming in to take advantage of Nature's riches.

Keep Your Money at Home.

It seems necessary for the itinerant peddler to strike this town every so often with a job lot of shelf worn stuff, which may have become an eye sore to the people where the goods have been offered so long. The shoe huckster now makes a cheap announcement that he will appear on the scene to separate the people from their money. Sumpter folks certainly know they can go to their home dealer and purchase any article made in this line, and if something special is desired he will order it from the factory or wholesaler rather than see you unnecessarily send your money out of town. Encourage your home dealer and not the peddler.

Morning Star Group Bonded.

W. H. W. Hamilton has subtlet a bond on the Morning Star group, composed of the Morning Star, May Flower and Lucky Kid claims in the Cable Cove district, to F. J. Conroy. These properties are situated about one quarter of a mile south of the Gypsy Queen group, recently sold to Boston parties, and are said to be of the best showing in the Cove.

Water Notice.

The lawn sprinkling hours are from 6 to 9 o'clock p. m. Consumers are restricted to their own grounds, and will not be permitted to sprinkle the public streets. Running water through an open hose at any other hour than those mentioned, cannot be allowed. The water will be "shut off" whenever these rules are violated. SUMPTER WATER CO.

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

When you travel the Bourne road remember Barnard has all the latest remedies for dust in the throat.

Five quart bottles of Olympia beer for \$1.00 at Henry Finger's.