

**SWINDLER EXPOSED.****U. S. Consul on the Man Who Slandered H. Meinhard.**

The C. L. Hartsfield mentioned in the following letter, is the man who has been giving H. Meinhard, manager of the smelter here, considerable annoyance by sending out circulars attacking the latter's character and business standing.

CONSULAR SERVICE, U. S. A.

DURANGO, Mex., Aug. 21, 1900  
F. Tiedsmann, Prest. Union Smelter Manufacturing Co., Room 203, 415 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—Yours regarding D. Campbell Davies & Co., has been received.

There is no such concern as D. Campbell Davies & Co. in existence here. Mr. C. L. Hartsfield has been conducting his nefarious schemes here for over a year under the style of "The National Ore and Reduction Co." and I presume that, after that length of time, he has concluded that he and his fakes are becoming too well known and he must needs hide his identity under a different firm (?) name. D. Campbell Davies is a subject of Queen Vic., who has for nearly a year been endeavoring to consume the entire tequila production of this part of Mexico, finally losing his mental balance from such efforts. He was taken in charge by the Mexican authorities, placed in the public hospital here and treated for softening of the brain. It was soon after his release from the hospital that he and Hartsfield combined forces. The combination, however, did not last but a few days, then Davies made off for parts unknown, taking \$250 of Hartsfield's funds.

As for Mr. Hartsfield himself, I will say that there is an article in Mexican law providing for the expulsion or banishment from the country of "pernicious foreigners", and I have recently presented a request to the governor of this state for the application of said provision in the Hartsfield case. The governor is now in communication with the federal authorities in Mexico on the subject, as it is a prerogative that can only be exercised by the president of the republic. I took this last step upon the application of several members of the American colony in Durango.

As for his using my name as a director of his company, I will say that he has done this after repeated requests (during nearly a year) from me that he cease from so doing, and even threats from me of legal proceedings. It has only been the expense and trouble of such proceedings that have prevented me from trying to get an order from the court to restrain him from using my name.

Respectfully yours,  
WALTER H. FAULKNER,  
U. S. Consul.

**Baker County's Assessment.**

Baker county is claimed, and we hope justly, to be one of the richest mineral districts in the United States. It has several mines that are claimed to be worth a million each. One of them, if our memory is not at fault, recently changed hands at the reputed price or something like a million. Baker City is a rich and prosperous city of some 8,000 souls. One of its banks had lately over a million dollars on deposit. Yet all the taxable property the assessor could find this year in the county amounts to only \$2,893,045, while the amount he returns under the head of "cash" is only \$27,710. The Chronicle has no idea of blaming the assessor for his palpably fraudulent exhibit. Multnomah county set the pace for the other counties last year, and two years ago succeeded in having the state board of equalization abolished, for no other reason than that it was a check on such practices. Matters will grow worse

rather than better so long as the state tax is under the control of the counties, or the state is without a board of equalization having ample power to equalize.—The Dalles Chronicle.

**Logging Accident.**

Monday evening while one of J. B. Stoddard's teamsters was hauling logs from the hills about two miles south of town, one of the large logs slipped forward on the heavy wagon, striking one of the wheel horses in the back, knocking it down and allowing to wagon to run over it. The animal, which was a fine one, had to be killed to end its suffering. This is the second horse Mr. Stoddard has lost within two months, both of which were valuable animals, worth \$150 each.

**Another Ore Body in the Grizzly.**

The latest news from the Grizzly mine is that in driving a tunnel towards the six-foot ledge, a 3-foot ledge of a good grade of ore has been struck. This unexpected strike, together with the 15-foot ledge previously encountered in the tunnel, indicates ore bodies of very large proportions on the Grizzly. The face of the tunnel is now within twenty-five feet of the six-foot ledge, from the shaft of which very high assays have been obtained.

**Engine Runs Into an Open Switch.**

The eastbound morning train on the Sumpter Valley road was detained a Lockhart station Monday morning, caused by a switch having been left open after the passenger train had taken the side track for a heavy freight train, allowing the freight engine to be derailed. The passenger did not reach Baker City until between 12 and one o'clock.

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