

HERE FOR HIS HEALTH

So Says J. Barring Gould, the Mining Man.

J. Barring Gould, a mining man from the Black Hills, is in Sumpter and will remain here for some weeks. To a MINER representative he declared that he is here for his health; though as a matter of fact, he doesn't look like an invalid, has not consulted a physician and the producing mines of this district seem to have a strong attraction for him.

The gentleman belongs to the well known English family whose name he bears, a family that has furnished famous men in the fields of letters, theology, finance and statecraft. He has served his apprenticeship in the swift school of the West; is an immune, so to speak, and none of the local operators need expect to make wages trying to turn a trick in a transaction with him.

Twenty years ago he was operating a 5000 acre farm in Dakota Territory and was long headed enough to sell it when prices were at the top notch. For the last ten or fifteen years he has been secretary of the Harney Peak Tin Mining company, in the Black Hills, a ten million dollar corporation, four of which were burned before the courts and the inevitable receiver got hold of the proposition.

Mr. Barring Gould is not announcing the object of his trip to Sumpter from the house tops nor the street corners, and insists upon THE MINER making no special mention of his arrival here. A promise to this effect, given in accordance with his expressed wish, is the reason why these remarks are so abruptly "rung off."

STANDARD OIL CO. TACTICS.

Why Miners at the Bonanza Mine Were Recently Laid Off.

For several weeks past the Portland Telegram has had a special correspondent in Sumpter. He has a well developed news nose and every once in a while springs something really worth reading, the following for instance:

The Bonanza has laid off 46 men, supposedly to catch up with the work, for it is said the power is not sufficient to handle the waste from the shaft, besides the regular tax upon the hoist. About three weeks ago the men were laid off several days for a similar reason. Besides, there are reports that too great eagerness for getting out ore has led to the neglecting of precautions, which should have been taken, so that now it will be necessary to timber, with the prospect of its growing a difficult task.

The mine cost \$750,000, and rumor says twice that amount has been taken out, with vast riches still remaining. The intimate relations apparently existing between this mine and several others in the district has led to a widespread belief that they are all owned by the Standard Oil company, and so now there are those who believe that the experience of them will be repeated in the case of the Bonanza. The owners seem to desire only to develop the mine sufficiently to establish its worth, and then are content to leave the gold there, evidently considering it a safe bank for deposits, one into which thieves do not easily break and steal, and a safe refuge from taxes.

The Denny group, an extension of the Hurdy-Gurdy, were opened up and then work ceased, and a watchman put in charge. Similar was the history of Robins' Elkhorn, near the Basile. At the Mountain Bell, near the Golconda, the values have been kept secret, but the management has sunk 300 feet without even cutting a station. The policy which has closed the Denny group and Robin' Elkhorn is believed to have been extend-

ed now to the Bonanza, and will shortly stop work on the Mountain Bell.

It is not that these shrewd business men who have succeeded in cornering the world's oil market have not faith in Sumpter district, any more than that they lack the means for working their mines, but as soon as they are satisfied, and looking upon the mine as a safe deposit, prefer to leave the wealth there until they need it. These people maintain a regular staff here and are on the lookout for promising properties.

Killed Fifteen Ducks at One Volley.

S. T. Donnelly and George B. Small claim the championship for duck bagging in this valley. Sunday last while out with a party on Powder river, these two gentlemen came upon what they term a "veritable storm" of ducks. Both turned a double-shot from their number twelves into the flock and knocked with the four barrels twenty ducks in all. Of this number fifteen were bagged, and including spoonbills, wigeons, sprigtails and teals. This is perhaps the greatest number of ducks recovered from a like number of barrels fired, as these were, simultaneously, and Messrs. Small and Donnelly may with a degree of pride claim the championship belt of eastern Oregon. However, as the duck season is now fairly on, reports from the other nimrods may establish a new and better record.—Baker Democrat.

Secured a Fortune for \$12,000.

Corrigan, McKenney & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, who bought Rope's gold mine at Ishpeming, Mich., for \$12,000, secured \$25,000 worth of machinery by the purchase, also about \$35,000 worth of gold in old amalgamating plates, and 100,000 tons of tailings, assaying \$2 per ton. These are being cyanided and the first bullion shipment of about \$20,000 has been made. The mine may be reopened next spring. Including estimated returns from tailings the mine has produced nearly \$1,000,000 in gold and silver.

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