

THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Money for Machinery, Also Sale Pending.

W. C. Calder returned early last week from Portland and Puget Sound towns, as noted in THE MINER; but did not remain long enough to give any one an opportunity to listen to his story. He returned Thursday from Baker City, where he went to continue his talk with General Warren.

Mr. Calder brings the information that a financially strong syndicate of Portland capitalists has been organized to make a producing mine of the Inter Mountain. Machinery will probably not be installed this season, but work will be continued all winter, blocking out ore bodies and experimenting with the rock for the purpose of determining the best method of extracting values. Mr. Calder says that ample capital is now in the treasury to carry out the plans of the company.

And further than this, a sale outright of this property is pending; which, if it is consummated, will bring into this district one of the strongest mining syndicates in the world.

Mr. Calder says that in all of his travels, he didn't see a town with one-fourth of the building and business activity of Sumpter, yet the impression prevails that "the Sumpter boom has busted." When he found a man of intelligence he took the trouble to explain the situation here; that every line of legitimate business is doing well and that only in the wild demand for real estate is the "boom busted." There is even a better demand for mining property than there was a year ago.

Of course, Mr. Calder gives the Portland push a jolly; about having become really interested in our mines and being willing to invest rusty money in good, conservative propositions. Yet, there are a score of people around here who have been working on that same Portland line, for a year past and haven't made wages.

Killed Buck with Pick and Ax.

Gus Nyman, a well known resident of Beech creek, together with a hired man, were cutting shingles on Mr. Nyman's place one day last week, when a deer came in sight. The boys had no guns, but started after the animals with rocks. After it darted away into the brush they returned and saw a large five-pointed buck wading in the stream. Mr. Nyman grabbed a pick, which was lying on the ground nearby, and hurled it at the buck, striking him in the shoulder. The blow stunned the animal and the hired man ran with an axe, knocking it in the head. Mr. Nyman is considerably elated over the capture, and thinks hereafter he will hunt with a pick instead of a gun.—Grant County News.

Union County Copper Ore.

Mr. W. H. Huffman, the veteran prospector, who has been spending much of his time this summer in the rich mineral belt of Union county east of this city, was in Union this week and left with us samples of ores from some of the new discoveries of copper made recently, which are proof positive of the richness of this section in regard to its copper ores. Mr. Huffman and J. T. Bolles are interested jointly in a copper property near Sanger, east of Union, that is making an excellent showing as development work progresses. This ledge is about one hundred and forty feet in width and well defined. A shaft is being sunk on the ledge and is now down sixteen feet, and during the entire distance it runs through solid ore, some of which assays nearly 24 per cent pure copper. As depth is attained the ore appears to become more uniform and the rock taken from the bottom of the shaft has

been pronounced by an expert as part of a "mother lode," so these owners are sanguine that they have a property that is sure to become a valuable mine. Mr. Huffman brought in ores from other mines in that section and speaks in glowing terms of the future of Union county's great mineral belt and predicts that it will surely become one of the greatest and richest in the Northwest.—Union Republican.

Union Telephone System Sold.

Last Saturday the Union Telephone company of this city disposed of its lines to the Pacific States Telephone company. The Union company was organized by the citizens of Union several years ago before the advent of the through lines from Union to Cornucopia and one from Union to Baker City and purchased a line from Union to Cove. All those lines have now been absorbed by the big company that is prepared to give better service than the local company could, although the Union company has done an excellent work in bringing to the people of this part of the state rapid communication. It steps out now to give place to something better and more up-to-date.—Union Republican.

Prairie Diggings Mill in Operation

Messrs. Hines & Helmer, who recently bonded their Prairie Diggings mine to Colorado capitalists, are operating their quartz mill to its fullest capacity reducing ore taken from their bonded property. They have considerable ore taken out, and will possibly operate the mill until December 1st, having reserved that right in the bond recently given on the property. The ore that is being sent to the mill at present is rich in gold, and while they are almost too far from the railroad to handle their concentrates to an advantage, they have hopes of realizing handsomely from that part of the ore that is free milling.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

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Call for Bids on Tunnel Work.

Sealed bids will be received by the Diadem Gold Mining company until October 10, 1900, at their office in Sumpter, Oregon, for the running of 600 feet of tunnel, being the continuation of the company's present tunnel, which is in 225 feet. The company reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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