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## BALD MOUNTAIN AND MAMMOTH.

### CONTRACTS FOR MILLS AND TRAMWAYS LET MONDAY.

Joshua Hendy Machine Works, of San Francisco, Take Everything in Sight—Machinery Must Reach Sumpter By January 1—Will Be the Most Complete Plants in Eastern Oregon.

Saturday night the bids of the manufacturers for furnishing mills and tramway for the Bald Mountain and Mammoth mines near here were opened for consideration, and Monday the contracts were assigned to the lowest bidder, the Joshua Hendy Machine Works, of San Francisco, represented in this instance by J. K. Firth, who is the company's mechanical engineer.

Specifications for what was desired to be the most complete and best constructed plants in eastern Oregon were submitted to various machinery houses and manufacturers by H. S. McCallum, the resident manager of the two mines. This brought out several representatives of eastern firms, as well as those of San Francisco houses, and it is said the estimates were remarkably close all around. The Hendy people had never been actively in this field for business before and are to be congratulated on securing the complete contract which, in the case of the Bald Mountain mine, consists of a rock breaker of the gyratory type, four challenge ore feeders, four 5-stamp batteries complete, fitted with twenty 850 pound stamps and the entire mill to be fitted with the latest improved devices throughout. The mortars will be of a type which have been found the most satisfactory for working the ores in this section. This mill will also be fitted with an extra allowance of amalgam plates, with extra heavy plating of silver, as a safeguard against any possible loss, and will have twelve 6 feet belt concentrators. The plant is so designed and arranged with water motors that the crusher, battery and concentrators can all be operated independently. The head of water for this purpose is about 700 feet.

There will also be installed a sufficient electric light plant for the mill and all out-buildings.

In connection with the enterprise will be an inclined gravity tramway system, leading from the ore bins at the mine directly to the mill. This will consist of the latest improved machinery and automatic self-dumping cars.

On the Mammoth mine, which has not perhaps reached that stage of development that has the Bald Mountain group, it has been determined, owing to the nature of the ores and for the immediate requirements, to use the five foot Bryan mill, and in connection therewith will be installed four 6-foot belt concentrators, to handle the pulp after the ore goes through a Hercules Blake rock crusher. This mill for the present will be operated by a twenty-five horse power engine. In connection with the Bryan mill will be used the amalgam plates, heavily coated with silver, the same as for the stamp batteries.

The contract with the Joshua Hendy Machine works includes the delivery on the cars at Sumpter on or before the first of January next.

Mr. Firth, who has had many years

experience with the Hendy people, covering territory from Mexico to British Columbia and from Colorado to the Pacific ocean, expresses himself in very high terms of the way Manager McCallum handles the business affairs of these mines, and also of the thorough manner in which the specifications were drawn up by Millwright B. F. McLain, who made the plans for the mills.

### Free Coinage Incorporated.

V. A. Schilling, of the O. R. & N. passenger department at Portland, and one of the principal owners of the Free Coinage mine, came up Sunday on a visit to the property. While on this trip he completed the final payment on same, placing himself and associates in full ownership thereof. A corporation has recently been formed in Portland to operate the mine in future, and contracts for deep sinking will soon be let and continued until the company is warranted in putting up a mill. They have a depth of 125 feet at the present time.

### Will Work the Inter Mountain all Winter.

E. J. Hahn, superintendent of the Inter Mountain, is in the city with W. C. Calder, buying tools and winter supplies. Mr. Hahn says the property is developing very satisfactorily, and is second to none in the district. They have prepared to work a crew this winter, having gotten out a large amount of timbers, fitted up buildings and equipped the mine in good shape. They expect the best results from this winter work.

### Diadem Contracts Not Let Today

In response to an advertisement in THE MINER a number of bids for doing development work on the Diadem have been received by the company and were opened today. Owing to the fact of an important pending deal, Secretary Mosby did not let the contract, postponing the matter for several days. It is possible that the scope of the work will be very much enlarged.

### J. E. McManus Has "Something Good."

W. T. Martin, of Seattle, who came to Sumpter a couple of months ago with J. E. McManus, the chief of all the mining operators on the Sound, returned home Monday. He and his party prospected in the Greenhorn, and report that they found "something good." Mr. McManus expects to be here at an early day, when he will decide what to do with this find, and is also expected to acquire other properties.

### Powder Magazine Completed.

The Giant Powder company, of California, have, through its local agent, T. G. Harrison, of the Sumpter Transportation company, completed the brick powder magazine on the placer ground west of Powder river and near the Granite road. A large consignment of explosives will be stored there within a few days, ready for immediate delivery to consumers.

### Machinery for the Columbia Arrives.

A carload of machinery arrived this week for the Columbia mine, consisting of two immense mortars, shafting and some steel water pipe. About half the lot has been loaded on wagons and started for the mine, and the other will be hauled out today and tomorrow.

### Your Winter's Wood.

I have for sale several hundred cords of seasoned wood for immediate delivery. I also own and run the steam saw. Leave your orders in either case at Johns & Co.'s store for prompt attention. M. W. Sullivan, Sumpter, Oregon.

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

## WORK ON THE GOLDEN GATE.

### California Men Developing on an Extensive Scale.

The Golden Gate group of properties at the head of Quartz gulch, near Geiser, is being developed by a California syndicate of wealthy men, under the direction of Mining Engineer H. S. Sherard.

The work now being done in the main drift is said to be opening up a fine body of ore, showing considerable free gold and those directly interested are very sanguine of revealing it to be a bonanza before the 150 foot contract of drifting is completed.

The cars and track for the cross cut and this drift have arrived, the track has been laid and as soon as the main ore chute is reached a contract for a winze will be let to sink below the present drift, though work will not be stopped in driving this drift, but will be extended as long as the ore body and vein exists. The other work in the up-raise is going on favorably, one force of men being engaged in sinking and another in up-raising.

It is the expectation of the superintendent, H. T. Hendryx, to make the connection during the present month and when this is done the mine will be in fine condition for ventilation. The cross-cut north, that has been driven toward the foot wall of the vein, is showing some fine grades of ore, running \$18 to \$46 in gold.

There are on the pay roll by day wages, fifteen men, also the contractors who are working eight hour shifts and engaged in driving the main lateral drift.

The syndicate has purchased six other claims adjoining, upon which extensive work will be done. Mr. Sherard claims it is the intention to sink to a greater depth on this property than has even been done by any other company in the district to date. The Californians behind this are old experienced mining men, with plenty of money to carry out their ideas.

### Work on the Big Brick Hotel.

Work on the big brick hotel is progressing satisfactorily. More than a month ago, before Wm. Stinson's residence had been moved from the site, David Wilson stated through these columns that the stone foundation would be finished about October 10, today. He didn't miss it far, for the work is nearly done. It is hoped that his prediction that the building will be entirely completed by the first of next year will prove to be as close a call.

### Fred Kane Died This Morning.

Report reached here today from Baker City that Fred Kane had died this morning at 6 o'clock. This puts an end, legally, to the mysterious, sensational tragedy that occurred near here several weeks since. The more unimportant details of that deplorable affair will be buried with him and speculation as to how it all happened should be guided by charity—for the living as well as the dead. All that can be known positively is that he was under the malign influence of the evil spirit which men designate as the Green-Eyed Monster, who has tempted many good men to commit crimes in the past and will do the same for all time to come. Nor does the mere fact that man is jealous prove the woman to be guilty. Mere unfounded suspicion is even a more cruel torture to the victim than positive knowledge, and is the occasion of far more

trouble and danger. Fred Kane staked his life on the issue and lost without a whimper, like a thoroughbred—that ought to square the account with all parties concerned. Let him and his memory rest in peace.

### Bound Over for Assault.

William Lentz and Elmer Lockhard, of McEwen, were bound over to the circuit court by the Sumpter justice of the peace with \$500 bonds to answer a charge of having assaulted a Mr. Hendrix in the McEwen telephone office last Tuesday. Hendrix was seeking a settlement for some work done for Lentz and the matter was referred to Lockhart to settle. A general disagreement followed, charges of falsehood were exchanged, and then Lentz picked up a 13-pound billet of iron with which he struck Hendrix across the hand. The two grappled and Hendrix was caught by the throat, and, being no match for his two assailants, suffered severely from blows about the head and back. When he came to bear witness to the complaint he was a pitiful and bloody sight.—Telegram.

### New York Capital Invested Here

M. E. Graves, of New York, who spent a week in and around Sumpter, left Monday for the east. He came here with plenty of money to buy a mine, examined a number of properties and expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw. It is reported that he consummated a deal for the purchase of a controlling interest in a developed mine, on the condition that the remaining interests could be secured at the same proportional figure. Just what property it is will not be stated until these further negotiations are completed.

### New Tailoring Firm.

The new firm of Hecht & Flynn is announced to serve the interests of those desiring tailor made clothes at reasonable prices. Their place of business is on Granite street, next to Thad Bellinger's place. Merchant tailoring in all its branches, with an elegant line of goods to select from, will be their aim from this date. Mr. Hecht is well known here, while Mr. Flynn comes recently from Astoria, where he carried on the tailoring trade.

### Criminal Libel Against Cassidy.

Engineer Leston Balliet returned to Baker City Monday evening from San Francisco for the purpose of starting criminal proceedings against the editor of a sheet known as the Baker City Herald, on the grounds of attempted blackmail and criminal libel. District Attorney Sam White will be called into the case and Balliet will engage other legal talent, including his San Francisco lawyers, to assist in the matter.

### Mint Saloon Changes Hands.

L. E. Massie, formerly in charge of the bar at the Mint saloon, has purchased the entire business of C. L. Melquist and in future will operate the place himself, assuming all indebtedness against, and collecting all bills due the old firm. He is refitting and renovating the entire place and will soon have a different looking resort of it, where he will be pleased to receive all his old and new friends.

### Cottage For Sale.

A beautiful new four room modern cottage with closets, nicely papered and on slightly lot 60x100 feet. Price very reasonable. Enquire at MINER office.

"The Portland", conducted by Gus Woodward on Mill street, is fully a representation of its name. A visit will convince you of this.