

SALE OF THE RED BOY

London Syndicate Pays More Than Two Millions.

A Scripps-McRae press dispatch from London, dated the sixth instant, says: "It is stated in financial circles here that the Red Boy mine, near Baker City, Ore., has been purchased by an English syndicate as the result of the visit to London last year of one of the owners of that property. The syndicate is to pay about two and one-half million dollars for the property. Before the deal will have been closed they have furnished the present owners with about \$100,000 worth of machinery and have instructed them to sink the mine another thousand feet, for which the syndicate pays. After this work is done, if the mine still holds out, as it is believed it will, the balance of the purchase price will be paid. This will be the first deep work done in that mining district and is considered very important in all mining circles."

The report of the sale of the Red Boy has been current here for months past, ever since Mr. Godfrey, one of the owners, was in London last winter. Since the company began putting in deep sinking machinery, the report has been revived and this is the way the story now runs.

The deal goes through on certain conditions, for certain unknown figures. The London syndicate furnishes the money for the deep sinking, to be done under Mr. Godfrey's supervision. At a depth of 500 feet the Englishmen may take the property at a stated figure, or they may demand that the shaft be sunk another 500 feet; when, if they want the mine, they will have to pay a much larger sum. They are simply spending a hundred thousand or so in order to protect themselves against a possible bad investment of several millions.

Of course no confirmation of this sale can be secured from those directly interested in the property and the deal here. Mr. Godfrey's own organ, the Blue Mountain American, a paper, published in Sumpter, took occasion some months since to deny the report in terms so emphatic that it was suggestive of too strong a protest.

Lawton Townsite Title Clear.

The officers of the Lawton Townsite company here are in receipt of intelligence from the general land office in Washington, D. C., that the contest over the land upon which the town is located has been settled in favor of the company. At the La Grande office a contest was filed by other parties, and the case was tried before the officers of the land office and then went to Washington for a final decision. The claim of the townsite company was that one not in interest could not legally contest a townsite, and the general land office's decision appears to have been made upon that principle. There were involved in the contest 200 acres, and it is claimed that the decision puts at rest all question as to title.—Press Dispatch from Pendleton.

Prairie City Ore at Spokane.

There were several interesting additions to the mineral exhibit of the exposition yesterday, and the space as provided was so well filled that special space had to be provided for them. About a ton of samples from the Prairie City (Ore.) district was displayed. This is a camp that has as yet received little attention from outside capital, development having been done chiefly by the residents of the district. The showings made are reported to be important and very promising, and B. N. Carrier, who accompanied the exhibit and will be here during the fair as a repre-

sentative of his district, states that it has possibilities which the development this season has proved to be great, though how great is still unknown. He says that the camp needs capital to make mines of one or two of the prospects, and that with this accomplished he believes there is little question of the rapid development of the district into a big and important producer. The ores are gold-bearing and carry considerable copper. Among the properties that are represented are the Will Cleaver, owned by the Cleaver brothers, a gold-copper prospect of promise; the Hawkeye, owned by Homer Sherbondy; the Standard, belonging to J. Hozier, which is of special interest in that its ores carry a considerable percentage of cobalt as well as gold and copper and others.—Spokesman-Review.

Raising More Grain in Harney.

Competent authority has estimated that 40,000 bushels of wheat are necessary to supply the flour consumed in Harney county in one year. As is always the case in new communities of like character, Harney county's wheat fields have reached their present proportions out of slow growth and gradual development. This condition has resulted from natural causes. The tension of our people's industry has been centered in the growth of live stock. There was the same doubt of the adaptability of soil and climate as characterized the early days of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Export markets were denied by the great distance from railroad transportation, and until recently no means were at hand to utilize our wheat product for flour. But all this is changing. Many of our ranchers are turning their attention to farm products, among which wheat is proving satisfactory. We now have at Burns a complete milling plant, and careful observers say our home market is adequate for the above named amount of wheat. It therefore seems that in the matter of our breadstuffs Harney county farmers and business men have open to them the field for a great economy.—Harney County News.

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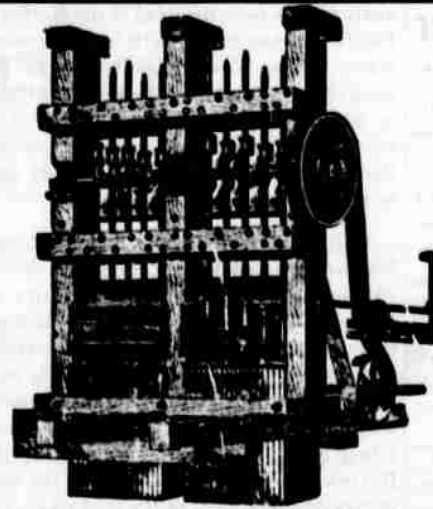
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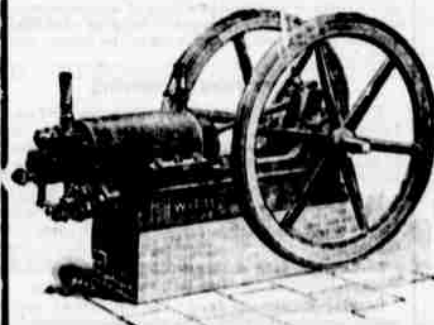
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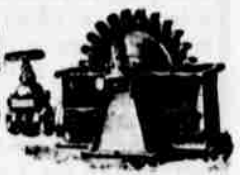


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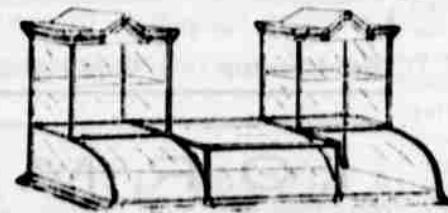
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