

SALE OF NORTH POLE.

This Unsubstantial Rumor Will Not Down.

Just how these reports get started it is difficult to ascertain, but they do, and generally prove the truth of the idea conveyed in the expression: "Where there is so much smoke there is apt to be some fire."

The latest rumor of importance in mining circles is to the effect that the North Pole mine, in Cracker Creek, district has been sold. There is considerable "smoke" ascending from this statement and people generally are inclined to credit the report, though no authority therefore is cited. Nor is the purchasing syndicate identified.

It is known that Mr. McDonald, Governor Mackintosh's expert, examined the property some weeks since, and it is quite probable that the Governor is negotiating the sale—or possibly he is figuring on purchasing it for himself and associates. As has before been stated in these columns, he has for months past entertained the plan of buying several of the large producers in that district, with the idea of ultimately reducing the ores from all in one mill, to be erected here in Sumpter. This program contemplates the utilization of A. W. Ellis' water power near town and the construction of an electric road to Bourne for transportation of the rock. It is a \$20,000,000 proposition. The Goldconda is also doubtless included in the deal, which has probably not yet been consummated.

It is known that Governor Mackintosh has taken to London with him on his present trip a bag full of options on various properties, and if he succeeds in his mission, there is going to be the most stupendous mining transaction put through, involving mines in the Sumpter district, which has yet taken place in the Northwest.

Died While in a Fit

Hans Fischer, husband of the lady who runs the Rimbol restaurant on Mill street, was taken to Baker City Sunday forenoon by Marshal Austin and turned over to the sheriff, to be transported to the state insane asylum. While preparing to start from the jail to the train in the afternoon, he had an epileptic fit and died. His remains were shipped to Portland for interment. He was in the asylum about two years ago. Of late he has been showing symptoms of becoming insane again, and a few days since became so unmanageable that his wife decided to have him re-enter the asylum. He is subject to fits.

AT THE BALD MOUNTAIN MINE.

Scene of Industrious Activity That Pleases a Visitor

W. R. Neill, of the Neill Mercantile company, visited the Bald Mountain Gold Mining company's property this week and reports that the people of Sumpter do not realize what a big thing that mine is to the city. Through the courtesy of the general manager and superintendent, H. S. McCallum, he was shown everything and all through the workings. One cannot look in any direction on the hill but what he sees a force of men at work.

At the saw mill there is a force of men at work keeping it running to its full capacity, getting out timbers for the tramway and the 20 stamp mill, which is ready to frame. The tramway, which is 1900 feet long, is being pushed as fast as men can do it. The ditch is all dug for the pipe to carry the water from the flume, at the top of the hill, to the mill below. The flume is completed, being 2200 feet long, and an abundance of water is ready to turn on as soon as needed.

Mr. Neill thinks that this is going to be

a large producer, if the amount of ore that he saw in the shafts and tunnels counts for anything, for there is certainly plenty of it.

Mr. McCallum, he thinks, is the type of mining men which this country needs, men who go ahead and do things, open up mines and make dividend payers of them—that he is worth to the district and to Sumpter a carload of some other kind of people who infest the hills hereabouts.

NEWS NOTES FROM ALAMO.

A very rich strike was made last week in the Orpheno, on Olive creek, owned by John Schmitz, of Baker City, George Young and W. J. Morehead, of this place. The vein is from three to four feet in width, which will average twenty-five dollars a ton.

Another good strike was that made a few days since in the Golden Gate, on Quartz gulch.

M. F. Bennett, of the Tempest mine, passed through here a few days ago on his way home to Baker City. While here he exhibited some very rich rock from that property, which he thinks will run into the hundreds. He will begin shipping at no distant day.

Miss Pefferly, teacher of the Granite school, spent Saturday and Sunday here, the guest of Mrs. Will Haggerty.

Mrs. J. W. Daly and family are visiting relatives and friends in Baker City.

Baker City Elks Entertain.

Baker City Lodge 338, B. P. O. E., gave one of its delightful parties last Friday evening, at which the majority of the members, and a few visiting Elks with their wives, sisters, daughters, or other fair friends were present in full force and attire. The Elk's hall and dancing floor are next to perfection; the music was excellent, as provided by Professor Nichols' orchestra, and the repast served by Fred Ernst and attendants was fit for any occasion in the land.

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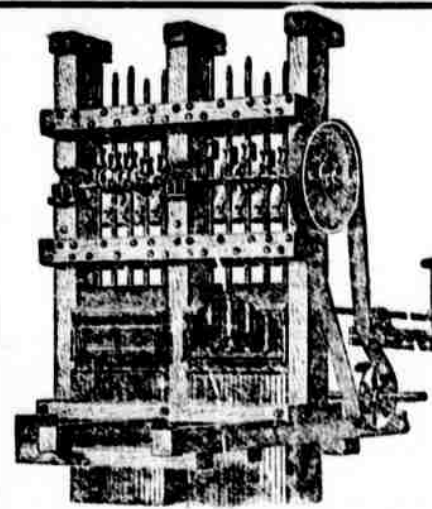
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