

**BAKER CITY MINES.**

**Sized Up by Correspondent of International School.**

C. W. Cook, of Seattle, representing the International Correspondence schools of Scranton, Pa., is in the city, a guest at the Overland, having just returned from a trip into the mining section of eastern Oregon contiguous to the Baker City country. He has been in this city a number of times before. Respecting things in Oregon, Mr. Cook said:

"There is a general activity over there that looks well and is well for everyone. The mines and mills are generally running; there is a good field for labor, with wages very good, and all the conditions point to the fact that the coming year will be the banner one for that section. From Baker City I went to Sumpter, which is a good town, though not so lively as a little time ago. Work is progressing on the enlargement of the big sawmill at that place, and when completed there will be a large additional output. The extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad has been delayed because of inability to secure bolts for the bridges, but this has now, I understand, been obviated. The road will push on through to Whitney right away, in order to get into the great timber belt surrounding, and this has put the new town on the list of boomers. It is building up like a mushroom, but everyone has faith in its continuing a good town for all time to come, having an excellent backing.

"From Whitney I went to Geiser, and visited the Bonanza mine, which is working a full force of men, taking out elegant ore, and with the 20-stamp mill pounding out bullion night and day. There is a great deal of development being done on this property, including prospecting new ground, the present most extensive work being the sinking of a shaft. The adjoining property is putting in a 20-stamp mill and preparing for large ore extraction, as the mill will be in operation by February 1st.

"There are a number of very fine prospects in that vicinity, and all of them are having considerable development done. A placer mine just below Geiser is working and taking out great pay, the ground being exceptionally rich. From there I went to the Red Boy mine in the Granite district. They are running their 20 stamp mill all the time and employing a force of 120 men. At this property is going up what mining men say is the finest shaft-house west of Butte. The stone for the foundation is being hauled a distance of six miles, being the best that is obtainable in the entire section.

"The town of Granite is lively, with a large amount of business being done all the time. The Ihex mine is shut down for the present, while the Cougar is not doing much work. The Golconda is running its 20 stamps and taking out considerable fine ore. The Columbia is running to stamps, though installation of 10 more is being pushed. While these additional stamps are being placed, the mine is working short handed, as the old mill cannot handle the output when the full force is at work, but as soon as the entire plant is in operation this will be one of the big mines of that section, and with a good production. A tramway is being put in from the North Pole mine to the mill over the hill, and when this is in operation the ore extraction will be increased and facilities for handling increased to a large extent. Besides these there is a general activity among those owning prospects, and it looks as though that section of Oregon would presently be put in the list of big producers. It is a good

country, and with extensive mineralization."—Hoise Statesmen.

**Native Copper in Seven Devils.**

Frank Ballard, of Ballard's Landing, was in town Tuesday and among other things told the Standard man of an important copper discovery down on the river recently. A prospector and miner, Nelson, by name, while washing for gold on the bar below the McDougall claims, discovered float containing native copper. He and others interested with him began a hunt for the ledge and discovered it recently on vacant land adjoining the McDougall claims on the north. This is believed to be the first actual discovery of native copper in that section and lying so close to the rich ledges on the McDougall and Ballard properties is pretty conclusive proof of the existence of an immense ore body in that particular locality. Mr. Ballard is one of the pioneers of the Seven Devils and is well known in this vicinity as being perfectly reliable. Though his information at this time is limited, he has promised more complete data of this find in the near future.—Caprum Standard.

**ANENT THAT NORTH POLE SALE.**

**Enough Ore Blocked Out to Feed 100 Stamps Indefinitely.**

Summing up the many rumors regarding the sale of the North Pole, the Baker City Herald says:

The unmarred reports of the sale of the North Pole mine to a British and Canadian syndicate will not down. So persistently have they been recently circulated that some color of truth is suspected as being attached. THE SUMPTER MINER, which pretty generally makes good guesses in such matters, ventures the idea that ex-Governor C. H. Mackintosh, of British Columbia, who engineered the sale of Le Roi mine, and whose "Million-Dollar check" is a noted exhibit in Northwest mining history, is back of the reported purchasers.

THE MINER points to the fact that MacDonald, Mackintosh's expert, examined the property some weeks since, and went away without making a big talk, which is taken as a sign that business is meant.

The Portland Evening Telegram's Sumpter correspondent has it that an English syndicate has an option on the mine for \$600,000, and that in the event of its purchase the E. & E., adjoining, will also be taken.

It is well known the Barings, of London, who are reputed to own the North Pole, have been working the mine to sell it—that is, instead of jumping into the ore body and milling every ounce for dividends, they have been carrying on some of the finest pieces of modern mining development work ever known in this part of the world. During the three years of their ownership they have driven about 3000 feet of tunnels, nearly as many feet of crosscuts, and almost as much stopes, upraises, winzes, etc., and during that time have milled only so much ore as was absolutely necessary to pay running expenses.

A well known Baker City mining man is authority for the statement that the North Pole mine is today in such a shape that 100 stamps could be installed and kept busy for an indefinite time.

Of course, nothing definite can be learned from the North Pole representatives at the mine. The company is a close corporation and English—and that means that no Oregon publisher can secure facts concerning the company's aims.

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