

## NEW DIADEM OFFICERS

### All Residents of Sumpter, Elected at a Meeting Friday.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Diadem Gold Mining company, held Friday forenoon, an entirely new set of officers were elected. This doesn't mean a change in the ownership of the controlling interest, but was done for the purpose of putting men who reside here permanently in charge of affairs. The company being organized under the laws of this state, it is necessary that the majority of the board of directors be residents of Oregon. Of the old officers, the Messrs. Pardee's mining interests in Montana require their presence there; J. H. Murphey has moved to Spokane, and General Warren will be absent from town more or less during the next few months.

The new trustees elected are J. H. Robbins, N. C. Richards and Dr. Anderson. The first is president, Mr. Richards vice president, and Otto Herlocker is secretary and treasurer. Charles Bonner, formerly of Montana, arrived Saturday to take the position of superintendent of the mine. He left here last spring and went to Nome. He was one of the lucky ones and brought back with him \$20,000.

The mine will be developed this winter on a large scale, under contract, which will be let in a few days. Messrs. Warren and Pardee will remain here until this contract is awarded and the instrument executed. A Montana syndicate of mining men, which has acquired stock in the company, is furnishing the money for this work. The treasury stock has been withdrawn from the market, and the company will offer no more for sale.

#### Population of Oregon by Counties.

The census bureau gives out the following figures of the population of Oregon by counties: Baker, 15,597; Benton, 16,706; Clackamas, 19,648; Clatsop, 12,795; Columbia, 6,237; Coos, 10,324; Crook, 3,986; Curry, 1,868; Douglas, 14,565; Gilliam, 3,201; Grant, 5,046; Harney, 2,506; Jackson, 13,698; Josephine, 7,517; Klamath, 5,970; Lake, 2,847; Lane, 19,604; Lincoln, 3,515; Linn, 18,603; Malheur, 4,203; Marion, 27,713; Morrow, 4,151; Multnomah, 103,167; Polk, 9,923; Sherman, 3,477; Tillamook, 4,471; Umatilla, 18,049; Union, 16,670; Wallowa, 5,538; Wasco, 13,770; Washington, 14,467; Wheeler, 2,443; Yamhill, 13,420. The population of the state of Oregon is thus given at 413,536, as against 313,767 in 1890, an increase of 99,769, or 31.7 per cent. It is believed that Baker county has a population of fully 18,000. It was impossible for the enumerators to get on their list many miners scattered through the hills.

#### Bald Mountain and Mammoth Mills.

J. K. Firth, mechanical engineer of the Joshua Hendy Machine works, of San Francisco, came up last week on business connected with the installation of the mills, tramway and machinery at the Mammoth and Bald Mountain mines, each of which he visited with Manager McCallum. Mr. Firth says every item in their contract will be promptly delivered on time and that when the mills are up and running they will be as near perfection as is possible to be manufactured.

#### County Seat Scrap in Union.

The time is soon to arrive when the people of the north end of Union county must decide their future status. It is no idle rumor that one hears of the threatened removal of the county seat from its present location at Union to La Grande, but rather the murmurings and mutterings of the approaching storm—the forerunner of the bitterest county seat fight this county,

famous though it is for its political quarrels, has ever experienced. If we are wise we will embrace the offered opportunity to decide for ourselves as to what is best for the Panhandle, rather than permit the politicians to map out our destiny. With La Grande the county capital we may confidently expect greatly increased taxation, for Union county's new court house is not to be built for a song. It is a certainty today that at the next trial the vexed county seat question will be settled in a way very satisfactory to La Grande and decidedly unsatisfactory to the Panhandle.—Carson Tustin.

#### PLANS FOR MINING CONGRESS.

##### Palace Should Be Built of Idaho Quartz at Boise

The mining congress which meets in this city next July will in all probability be the largest and most important gathering of mining men and mining investors ever held in the United States. Idaho and her people should feel that a great compliment had been paid our young and growing commonwealth in the selection of our state as the meeting place of the representatives of the mining industries of the nation, and every effort should be put forth by our citizens to make it a success.

Through this congress the matchless mineral resources of the state can be called to the attention of the world if the proper steps are taken in time and with but small cost as compared to the great benefits to be derived therefrom. Our hills and mountains are simply a network of mineral bearing veins of gold, silver, copper and lead. Why not utilize some of these ores other than running them into bullion, when such an opportunity presents itself to our people? It can be easily done and the returns directly and indirectly will be a thousand dollars to every one invested.

St. Paul has had its ice palace, Sioux City its corn palace, Pueblo its coal palace, why not Boise a quartz palace? Perhaps not on as grand a scale as the buildings in the above mentioned cities, but a fair sized building, faced with the many beautiful quartz specimens and ores so easily obtainable from all sections of Idaho. It could be made an ornament to the city and one of the most interesting features to visitors and investors. It could be made a permanent place, not only for the exhibition of our mineral wealth, but for fruits, agricultural products, etc., as well, something much needed here.

I am quite certain the many mines now being operated throughout the state would gladly contribute much of the mineral needed in the construction of the building as well as for the exhibit inside the same.

Plans should be formulated for the raising of the funds necessary at an early date, so that the building would be ready for occupancy by July 1, 1901.

Let Boise take this matter in hand. It will help to build and beautify our city and be of lasting benefit to the entire state in many ways.—E. W. Johnson in Boise Statesman.

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