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SMELTER TRUST RIVAL control. Already the leading Klondike

Sites for Three Plants Selected. Capacity 3000 Tons.

A press dispatch from Denver, dated November 29, quotes the News of that city as saying: The rival of the great American Smelter trust is in course of training for a gigantic campaign. The movement has been in progress quietly for several months, and yesterday it developed that plans are so far completed that locations for plants are being selected and the last touches are being given to one of the most daring projects of the decade.

Three large plants are to be erected simultaneously. One is to be in Denver, a second in Salt Lake, and a third will be built at a favorable point in Mexico yet to be named. Each of the plants is to have a capacity for handling automatically 1000 tons of ore daily, and all are to be built and Chloride, and when finished will be upon practically the same plans.

Experts for the various departments have already been invited to connect themselves with the company. Each of the new smelters will be provided with refineries where gold, silver, copper or lead can be refined to the degree necessary for the world's use.

Eastern and Colorado capital have subscribed. It is claimed the plants will cost \$1,000,000 each, much less than the amount publicly announced by the promoters.

Big Body of Ore in the Gold Ridge.

A strike in the Gold Ridge mine, in the Burnt river district, is the latest news from the district. The find was made in tunnel No. 212. The miners are said to have drifted 106 feet on the ledge, upraised 40 feet and crosscut 18 feet without finding either walls, top or bottom of the ledge. The ore is reported to run from \$16 to \$18 to the ton, and experts say that this is another demonstration of the theory that the old Virtue and White Swan district will yet be the richest and largest producer in the entire region. Manager Balliet came in from the mine today and brought with him the cleanup for a 20 days run of the 10-stamp mill of the Gold Ridge, which he reports amounted to \$2000 in bullion, besides the concentrates, which will be treated later, and which he expects will run high in values .- Baker City special to the Spokesman-Review.

Work on Corvallis & Eastern Railroad.

Information which reaches this city to the effect that preparations are being made to start grading work on the line of the Corvallis and Eastern road in the eastern part of Oregon. It is said graders are soon to be put on between Nyssa, on the Short Line, and the town of Vale, Oregon. For some time it has been arranging for work somewhere along its projected line, but this is the first information reaching this place that the field of operations for the immediate future is likely to be so far east. For some years it has been the impression that if it were ever constructed through eastern Oregon it would be in conjunction with some transcontinental line seeking an outlet .- Press dispatch from Boise, dated November 29.

mines are controlled in London and can be put into the trust whenever desired. John Hays Hammond, the leading mining expert of the world, who has long been in the employ of the South African crowd, is the expert now investigating the leading mines in Colorado and Utah. The Beit syndicate is planning to take over these other American gold mines when it suits their purpose. The trust hopes to secure control of seven eights of the output or gold in the world.

BABY MCKEE TUNNEL.

Largest Development Enterprise Ever Inaugurated in Oregon.

One of the largest development tunnel enterprise ever inaugurated in Oregon is under headway at Cable Cove, under the direction of Colonel John Temple Grayson, general manager of the Baky McKee Gold Mining company.

The tunnel, which might be properly called a working tunnel, is to crosscut three ledges, the Cincinnatti, Baby McKee 4500 feet in length and at the apex of the mountain will gain a depth of 2260 feet.

This enterprise will be the means of developing the whole Cable Cove district by proving the permanency of the veins. No other company operating in eastern Oregon has set about doing such systematic and extensive operations as the Baby McKee Gold Mining company. The mines are equipped with large and substantial lodging apartments for employes, each miner having his own room and spring bed, heating stove and all conveniences for comfort. The boarding house is large and well equipped and the best of everything is supplied, Colonel Grayson pelieving that to get a full day's work it is necessary to give the best board and comforts to his men.

A wagon road of easy grade has been completed to the mine and this is soon to be continued down Fruit creek instead of down Clear creek as now, avoiding a steep mountain haul and affording easier wagon transportation for heavy machinery. In the building of this road the Baby McKee company bore the whole expense, not a cent being contributed by anyone, although there are scores of mine owners in the vicinity who will be benefitted.

In the management of the mines Colonel Grayson is assisted by Mr. William G. Reynolds, of this city, formerly manager of the French-Hagstaff Mining company, and no more competent or trustworthy man could be found. Mr. Reynolds is a practical miner and of rare executive ability, two essentials necessary to successful mining.

Colonel Grayson is just now installing an air compressor to run two drills and plans are in progress of formation for increased machinery in the near future.

In connection with this brief mention of the operations of the Baby McKee Gold Mining company, reference to days gone by is of interest. On the trip to the Pacific coast during his term of office, ex-President Harrison visited Baker City and was presented with a small gold brick made from gold from the Baby Mc-



Now Forming a Gold Trust.

A cable from London says that Alfred Beit is engineering the most gigantic trust the world has known. It is a gold trust, which plans to control the entire output of gold and put even nations at its mercy. For eight months the gold trust scheme has been in slow process of formation. Africa produces a majority of the world's supply of gold, and Beit controls a majority of the African output. In Australia there are good prospects by purchase of stock and placing Beit's men in

Kee mine by our fellow townsman, Mr. Fred R. Mellis. The brick was appropriately engraved and the gift was seem-ingly highly appreciated by the disting-uished recipient.—Democrat.

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