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MAMMOTH MILL FIRST RUN TODAY.

MACHINERY ALL WORKING SATISFACTORILY AT NOON.

Consists of a Five-foot Bryan Mill, Four Six-foot Concentrators, Hercules Blake Rock Crusher and 25-Horse Power Engine—Recent Rich Strike in This Mine.

The Mammoth mill is making its first run today. At noon General Manager McCallum stated in response to a telephone enquiry from THE MINER that the machinery was working to his entire satisfaction. For a week or ten days past the different parts have been tested and found to be all right, but today the entire mill is in operation for the first time.

It is a five-foot Bryan mill, with four six-foot belt concentrators, and amalgam plates heavily coated with silver. A Hercules Blake rock crusher is used and the power is furnished by a 25 horse power engine. All was manufactured by and bought from the Joshua Hendy Machine works, of San Francisco. This is the first plant installed in eastern Oregon by this house and it is the best of its kind and capacity that can be made.

It was in the Mammoth mine that the phenomenally rich strike was made about two months since, regarding which so much has been said and written. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 of high grade ore was discovered, lying only eighteen inches from the side of the tunnel, for a distance of 170 feet. This run is being made on average ore, as it is the wish of the management to learn what to expect as a permanent proposition.

The result of this run will be watched for by Sumpter people with more interest than that of any initiatory run ever made in the district, on account of the fact that the company is particularly friendly to the town and does all of its trading here. There is no doubt entertained, however, regarding its success.

Business Changes and Improvements.

J. L. Sullivan has sold his Eureka livery stable to Harvey Brown, of Baker City, whose representative is now in charge of the business, and Mr. Brown himself will be here in a few days, to remain. Mr. Sullivan has formed a partnership with his brother M. W., and they will soon have in operation one of the largest saloons and sporting houses in eastern Oregon. They have leased the three store rooms on the corner of Cracker and Granite streets, with a frontage of 60 feet and a depth of 100 feet and will make them practically one room, with a series of archways. They have already taken charge of the Parlor saloon on the corner and the adjoining room, and J. T. Baldwin, who runs the Senate saloon next door, has been notified to vacate January 1. In one of the rooms there will be placed a circular bar; there will be a pool and billiard parlor, bowling alley, gambling rooms, music hall and cafe. The whole place will be remodeled and refitted, a portion of which work will be finished by Christmas.

Rich Ground Under False Bed Rock.

A short time ago the Democrat announced that a shaft had been started in the old Stice gulch placers by the present owners, J. S. Kenyon and Harvey Brown,

on the theory that the bedrock so-called was what is known in mining parlance as "false bedrock," and that there was pay gravel between it and the true bedrock. In fact, that they expected to open up the old Auburn channel. A reliable party in from the scene of operations yesterday reports that their operations have been more than realized. Our informant says they have undoubtedly opened up one of the biggest placer propositions in the eastern Oregon gold fields. After the false bedrock was cut they passed through thirty feet of pay gravel, some of which is marvelously rich in coarse gold. The Stice's gulch placers have yielded well from the surface, but the latest development proves beyond a doubt that the owners have a fortune awaiting them. A splendid water right is connected with the property and the new owners will push work on it in the spring.—Democrat.

EMMA POTTER CASE.

Bacon Woman Betrayed Plaintiff and Testified for Defense.

The Sumpter case of Mrs. Emma Potter vs John Austin, city marshal, a suit to recover \$5,000 damages for false imprisonment, etc., was up before Judge Eakin. When this case was called the fore part of the present term default was entered against defendant Austin as to the facts in the case, so that the only question to be settled yesterday was the amount of damage to which plaintiff was entitled.

Mrs. Potter was arrested, together with Mabel Bacon and tried last term of court on the charge of keeping a bawdy house, and as evidence is difficult to obtain in such cases, the prosecution failed to convict, the defendant then claiming that she was running a dressmaking establishment. This damage suit is a result.

A number of prominent citizens of Sumpter were down yesterday as witnesses to prove the bad reputation of the woman, among them being Mayor W. H. Gleason, Alderman John T. Parkinson, Night-watcher Fleegle, Recorder Manning and Louis Kosminsky.

A surprise was sprung on the plaintiff in this case yesterday, when Mabel Bacon went on the stand for the defendant and testified substantially that they had kept a house of ill repute at Sumpter. It seems the Bacon woman and Mrs. Potter had "played quits" since the trial in June. The judge took the case under advisement.—Democrat.

"The Miner's" Job Department.

THE MINER has turned out more job printing thus far during the present month than for the same length of time since the paper was established. Nor has there been any one big job in the lot. This is the result of conducting a legitimate enterprise on business principles, turning out good work at moderate prices. THE MINER has built up a business here on a permanent basis. When any one wants job printing and is capable of judging of the merits of such work, the order is left at this office.

Gem Mine Bonded to Denver People.

The Gem mine, near Sparta, operated the past year by F. J. Perkins and owned by Portland people, has been bonded to Denver, Colorado, capitalists and on January 5th a new company will take charge of the property. The Gem is said to have developed into a very valuable property and the prospects are that in the hands of practical men and a company with ample backing to develop it, will become a dividend payer.—Democrat.

For rent—One four-room cottage. Neill Mercantile company.

BAKER CITY IRON WORKS SOLD

Purchasers Will Put a Plant in Sumpter.

It is understood on the best of authority that a deal was consummated today whereby the Baker City Iron works plant was sold for spot cash to R. W. Hardenbrook and J. C. Higgins. The former is a mining man recently from Dawson City, where in three years he made a goodly bunch of money. The latter is an experienced foundry man and machinist from the east, where he has grown up in the business.

Mr. Hardenbrook is a comparative stranger here, but sought out this section, as many others are doing, as a place to invest his capital and interest himself in mining. His selection of an enterprise in which to make a bow to the business public and mine owners could not have been more wisely chosen, for notwithstanding the drawbacks of being burned out two or three times, the Baker City Iron works has always been known as a successful and certainly a necessary institution in the community.

Particularly should it be successful now with plenty of capital and such men at its head as Mr. Higgins, and its original owner and manager, George F. McLynn, who, it is learned, will again associate himself with the institution, giving his attention to both the inside and outside affairs of the business.

Under the new management, it is intended to add several new features, one of which is the extensive manufacture of hydraulic pipe, the demand for which is increasing each season throughout all the eastern Oregon district. The entire plant will be enlarged and more machinery added as occasion demands. A branch of the business will also be established at Sumpter in the near future, as a large proportion of the business comes directly from this vicinity, and such a convenience would readily be appreciated by the nearby mines, where time and freight rates cut a large figure.

Messrs. Hardenbrook and Higgins came out from Baker City on the afternoon train yesterday, and met Mr. McLynn here last evening, when the deal was closed, the former two gentlemen having secured an option on the plant from the present owner.

Ed Hauser Buys Finger's Place.

Ed E. Hauser, well and favorable known to the patrons of Henry Finger's Center street saloon, where he has been employed steadily since that place was opened, has purchased the business and will take immediate possession thereof. The interior of the rooms, which were damaged by water at the recent fire, will be remodelled, newly papered and otherwise made attractive, and the same excellent liquors which have made "Finger's place" popular, will be strictly adhered to and every attention paid the trade which will warrant satisfaction to all. Mr. Finger, whose family resides in Olympia, will go there and probably engage in business soon after the first of the year.

P. D. Healy Will Build a Brick Block.

The insurance on the Healy block, corner of Center and Granite streets, has finally been adjusted and the work of repairing the building is now in progress. Only the second story was damaged and

all the tenants on the ground floor have been doing business for a couple of weeks or more. The repairs will be only temporary, consisting mainly of a roof, which was entirely consumed. In the spring a fine brick will be erected on this choice business site. It is understood that an agreement has practically been reached between P. D. Healy and David Wilson, whereby the latter will take the contract for building the block.

Major Manning's Iceless Refrigerator.

Several days since E. J. Dwyer received one of the iceless refrigerators which are being manufactured at Phoenix, in which company Major W. T. Manning, formerly of Sumpter, is interested. The principle on which it works is the well known fact that the evaporation of water lowers the temperature. A tank is placed on top of the refrigerator, from which water drops slowly onto cloth with which the interior is lined, being about an inch away from the zinc sides. The contrivance is an attractive piece of household furniture. It is now in John Gagen's place, where a test of its merits will be made in a few days. It was lost in transit here and about two months elapsed between the date of its shipment and arrival.

Women of Woodcraft.

General Organizer Maggie L. Peters, Women of Woodcraft, completed an organization of that order last night in the Social club hall. The new order will be known as Gold circle and starts out with a good membership. The officers are: P. G. N., Mrs. L. B. Duckworth; G. N., Miss LaBelle Cushman; adviser, Mrs. Kate Jackson; clerk, F. Tregan; banker, Mrs. H. Spangler; magician, Mrs. R. Schwartz; attendant, Mrs. M. E. Dean; C. G., Mrs. A. Turner, O. S., Miss L. Helling; I. S., Frank Reon; managers, Mrs. B. McCord, Mrs. O. Talifero, Miss Allie Talifero.

Tempest Will Continue to Ship.

Sam Cornwell, employed at the Tempest mine, came in from there today, en route to Baker City for the holidays. He says they have over 100 tons of high grade ore on the dumps which they will begin shipping at once, now that the snow roads will permit. Five men are employed and can take out enough ore to continue shipping steadily all winter.

Fancy Dress Ball Christmas Night.

THE MINER is requested by the ladies who have in charge the fancy dress ball to be given in Ellis opera house Christmas night, to state that only those who are dressed in fancy costume or evening dress will be welcomed on that occasion. It had been the intention to confine attendance to those arrayed in fancy dress, but this requirement has been modified as above.

Through the Yellowstone.

The new route via the Oregon Shore Line Railroad and Monida, Mont., enables you to make a delightful trip through the Yellowstone National Park, entering via Monida and coming out via Cinnabar, making it unnecessary to cover any portion of the route twice. For beautiful descriptive booklet, write or call at Oregon Short Line Ticket Office, 142 Third street, Portland, Oregon.

A fine selection of goods suitable as Christmas present will be here in a few days, including the following: Fine French china ornaments and useful articles, solid sterling silver table ware, novelties, Rogers Brothers knife, forks, spoons, etc.; also a full line of watches and jewelry. F. C. Brodie, Opera House building.