

MAC'S LUCK COMPANY.

Latest Gold Mining Proposition Launched in Sumpter.

The Mac's Luck is the latest gold mining company organized in Sumpter; with these officers: F. A. E. Starr, president; D. E. Wheeler, vice president; Otto Herlocker, secretary and treasurer; J. H. McCallum, manager; Walter R. Allen, superintendent. It has a capital stock of \$150,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of the par value of 10 cents per share.

The company owns the Mac's Luck, Isabelle, Mother Lode, Colorado, View Fair and Golden Crown, all full claims, 600 by 1500 feet, and lying contiguous, giving an area of about 120 acres. This property is located on Deer creek, about four and a half miles northeast of Sumpter.

The location work has been done on all the claims, showing three distinct parallel contact veins, varying in width from five to twenty feet. A tunnel has been driven on the ledge of the Colorado for a distance of 32 feet, gaining foot for foot of depth. By driving this tunnel 800 feet a depth of 1000 feet will be obtained. A tunnel has also been driven on the ledge of the Mac's Luck for a distance of 36 feet, gaining foot for foot in depth. By driving this tunnel 1200 feet a depth of 1800 feet will be obtained. The company's plan is to continue these tunnels until sufficient pay ore is blocked out to warrant the rection of a mill. The ore is characteristic of the district, being a blue and white quartz.

These claims were located by practical miners of many years experience. The management is composed of practical miners and business men thoroughly familiar with this district, and who have the utmost faith in the future of the property. The property is said to have all the earmarks of a mine and with proper development work will no doubt in a short time be added to the dividend payers of this district. Manager McCallum has spent a number of years in mining and is considered one of the best posted men in the business now operating in the state.

Pendleton Has a Kick Coming.

It is common complaint among consumers of beef and mutton in this city that it is almost impossible to procure at any of the markets a choice stake or piece of mutton. It is alleged that Pendleton people are compelled to buy meats that are unmarketable to outside dealers. In most cases where small lots of sheep and cattle are bought, the local dealer ships the most marketable animals, retaining the old stags and toothless sheep for home consumption. The very best meats ought to be obtainable in Pendleton, but the fact is, the so-called "tenderloin" found in Pendleton markets, chews very much like a piece of India rubber, soaked in Arctic blubber.—Live Stock Journal.

Pioneer Resident of Sumpter Insane.

One of eastern Oregon's pioneer gold hunters has been brought to the county jail at Baker City, and is now held for an examination as to his sanity. His name is Fletcher Henderson. The first cabin erected on the present site of Sumpter was his handiwork. The large placer fields lying immediately opposite the town were first opened by him, and many well known properties of eastern Oregon have at some time in their history been in his control. But the old man comes to the asylum from the poorhouse. Pioneers of this region can remember when he spent money like a prince, or the more apt synonym—successful miner. He has lost it all, and will probably spend the time allotted him after his 72d birthday in a mad-

house. Fletcher Henderson is one of the interesting characters surviving eastern Oregon's pioneer gold hunters. He located at Auburn in 1862, when that camp was booming with new discoveries. Between that period and the present he has traversed every gold bearing district of the region. With true miner's luck he has been up and down often and the periods of his successes are remembered for their extravagancies. Exposure and hard work, together with old age, have left him a physical and mental wreck. The past two years has been spent mainly in the poorhouse of this county. Recently symptoms of a rapid failing mind have caused the authorities to conclude that he would be better off in the asylum.—Baker City correspondence in Oregonian.

UNWATERING MEXICAN MINE.

Has Nine Miles of Workings, and Was Opened in 1550.

An interesting mining operation is being completed this month in the Guajuato district, famous as the richest mining territory in Mexico, in unwatering the Sirena gold mine, which, after being worked by the Mexicans since the year 1550, has been flooded and abandoned ever since the Mexican war of independence in 1822. There are at least nine miles of workings in the old mine and it has taken two years labor with powerful electric pumps to remove the water already in the workings and to fight the incoming flow. It was 1,000 feet deep when the work began. Now it is less than four hundred.

Just how much of the workings remain to be uncovered and what there is in and beyond them no one knows. Record keeping and chart making were done in very primitive fashion by the old Mexican miners. As the clearing of the mine has progressed curious relics have come to light. In one place, far below the water level, the explorers came upon a stable half full of skeletons of mules and men who had been caught there by the rising flood. Life is cheap in Mexico, and no one could be found who remembered ever having heard that anybody had been missed in the mine.

The Sirena is the first of the old mines in the district to be unwatered. The project is carried out by a New York company, and it indicates the new channel in which modern mining methods in the old districts run. The company counts on making an immediate profit by going over the old workings and treating the ore out of which the Mexican miners with their mule power and hand labor could obtain no paying results. Electricity is being used where mule power failed, and when the water is all out of the mine the workings will be driven deeper than the Mexicans could ever have dreamed of operating them.

The same method is now being undertaken in other parts of the district. A German syndicate has acquired the famous Valenciana mine on the same vein, out of which many millions have been taken by the Mexicans. Another mine on the Veta Madre vein, which runs through the district, yielded the king of Spain \$17,000,000 in royalties. The unwatering of the mines has been discussed since the time of Humboldt, who had a project of doing it by driving a tunnel twelve miles long into the vein, but it is only now that American enterprise has given a start to the work.—Exchange.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Ed Turk and Minot Austin, under the style of Austin Meat company, was dissolved on October 29, 1900, and said Minot Austin has assumed sole control of said business.

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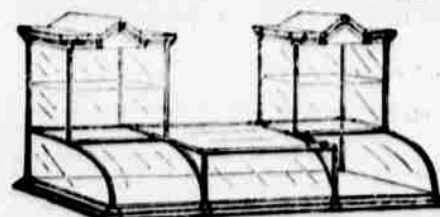
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