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SMELTER DEBTS PAID.

OTHER SUITS FILED AGAINST THE COMPANY.

Entire Property Deeded to a St. Louis Man, Consideration \$8,000—Letson Balliet Said to be Negotiating for the Plant.

The debts of the Sumpter smelter, contracted by its late manager, have been satisfied, so far as known, or sufficiently so that the authorities have released the plant to its original owners, the Union Smelter Manufacturing company, of St. Louis.

Thomas G. Rutledge, attorney for the company, was in town Monday and paid all the judgments against the plant. He would give no expression of opinion as to what his clients propose to do with the establishment.

It is now in order that some man or company come forward and buy the plant, which can probably be done at a reasonable figure, that will guarantee a good investment. That the plant can be made to pay is beyond any question of doubt, when placed in the hands of a practical man with capital enough to constitute an ore buying fund, which the late management seemed to think was not necessary.

Later—During the past few days several other suits have been filed against the company. P. R. Bishop claims \$620 for services rendered and has attached the property. Beggs Brothers have taken the same process to collect \$103.57, claimed to be due. It will be noticed in the real estate transfers published on another page of THE MINER today that all the lots and blocks of the St. Louis addition to Sumpter, which includes the smelter, owned by the Union Smelter Manufacturing company, has been transferred to H. D. Cowden, for a consideration of \$8,000. This deed is dated January 4. What it means is a matter of surmise.

It is reported in Baker City that Letson Balliet had intended to bid for the plant had it been offered for sale at public auction Monday, under execution, and that he still wishes to buy it. The color of probability is lent to this report by the fact that Attorney Rutledge left yesterday for San Francisco to have a consultation with Mr. Balliet, having learned from his attorney in Baker City of his intention to bid at the advertised sale.

Proposed Settlement of Manning Case.

It had been the intention of the city council to hold a special meeting last evening, but owing to the illness of Mayor Robbins, the meeting was postponed. Its purpose was to reach some compromise agreement in the case of the alleged shortage of Recorder Manning. The terms to be proposed by either side are not definitely known.

Rough Riders' Second Annual Ball.

The second annual military ball given by troop B of Sumpter, Oregon National guard, has come and gone, but will long be remembered as the most pleasant and well attended social affair ever given in Ellis opera house. It was thought on the occasion of the troop's first dance that the success of that night might not be again repeated, but all are unanimous in pronouncing last night's event as entirely eclipsing the first one. In the grand march there were over one hundred couples and the scene was a very pretty one and well

carried out. The dancing program was splendidly arranged and lasted until about 2 p. m. The music furnished by the Morrell orchestra was even above its usual excellence and helped towards the complete success. The decorations were the most elaborate ever seen in the hall, and a special credit to the committee in charge of same. The members of the troop were of course all in uniform, which adds a certain splendor to a ball room scene of this kind. The ladies were also beautifully gowned and seemed to take an unusual delight in the dances. The annual military balls as given by Troop B is sure to be looked forward to with eagerness by the lovers of such entertainments and past time.

THE RICH INTER MOUNTAIN

Ore Brought to Town That Establishes Its Right to the Title.

Monday W. C. Calder, secretary and manager of the Inter-Mountain Mining company, brought in twenty five samples of ore from that property that established its right to the title of "the rich Inter Mountain."

They were placed on exhibition at the company's office and have attracted much interested attention from stockholders and rock sharps. Some pieces are filled with wire and leaf gold, others have been roasted, which process has driven to the surface scores of gold and silver beads. This late strike has caused considerable excitement in the Greenhorn district, as it demonstrates the existence of large bodies of high grade ore at great depth.

Mr. Calder says there will be no change in the company's plan of operation until next spring, after the snow goes off the ground. Then the company will drive a long tunnel to cut four ledges, several hundred feet below the present deepest workings; and will also sink a deep shaft below the new tunnel level. Engineers and mining men who have examined this property are of the opinion that it will be one of the richest producers in the district when greater depth is reached.

It is of much importance and benefit to Sumpter that this, among other mines which have been developed so rapidly, are owned here in Sumpter, as it insures the payment of steadily increasing dividends here at home, where the money will be spent. Other properties in the Greenhorn district on which much work is being done, which will develop into dividend payers this or next year, are the Temppest, Alamo, St. Anthony, Straussberg and Little Giant.

Development on the Leo Group.

W. R. Ball, of the Leo Mining and Milling company, near the Strassburg at Alamo, came up from Baker City yesterday on his way to this property. This company owns a large group of claims, on which much work has been done; especially on the Leo No. 2, where development has disclosed several veins of good ore of various widths, either of which gives the property a favorable showing. Mr. Ball claims to have had an \$82 assay from the surface rock one day last week. Work was commenced last Saturday on a contract for 400 feet more of tunnel work.

Machinery for the Bonanza.

A carload of mining machinery, consisting of a new hoist, air compressor, air receivers and the various accompanying parts, from the Ingersoll Sergeant Drill company, of New York, arrived yesterday and was loaded for the Bonanza mine, to which place it was hauled by the Sumpter Transportation company

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. C. H. Whitney, of Baker City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. B. Tedrowe. The Prairie City Miner says that the snow has disappeared from John Day valley.

Miss Brechtel left this afternoon to visit friends at her former home in Walla Walla.

Miss Emma Worswick went out to the Golconda today to visit Mrs. Robertson for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dwyer leave today for Puget Sound, where they will remain for a couple of months.

O. C. McLeod, who has been in Portland for some months past, returned to Sumpter last week and is looking after his mining interests here.

A twelve pound baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sims Friday, Dr. Brock being master of ceremonies.

Seymour Bell went to La Grande Monday on business with the United States land office, returning yesterday.

J. J. Cozart, prominent stockman of the John Day valley, passed through town Monday on his way to Prairie City.

The Booster Aid society meets with Mrs. Brown at the Clifton hotel this afternoon. The society now numbers fifty members.

R. L. Neill went to Baker City this afternoon to meet his wife and babies, who have been visiting friends in Portland for some weeks.

J. B. Meade, son of Van Renssalaer Mead, arrived in Sumpter a day or two since from Missoula, Montana, and will remain here.

C. F. Lathrop, a mill and mining man of experience from California, has been in Sumpter for a week past, with a view of locating here.

The council chamber is being repapered. The partition has been torn down so as to give more room for spectators who attend the meetings to listen to the "debates."

W. H. W. Hamilton came in today from the Gipsy Queen mine in the Cable Cove district. He reports work on all the properties in that vicinity progressing satisfactorily.

Judge M. S. Waller, of Denver, is here visiting his old friend, H. S. McCallum. Judge Waller is a mining man of long experience and will undoubtedly secure a property in this district, taking his time to find one to suit him.

When last heard from Messrs. Mosby and Bucknam were in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but they expected to return to Colorado in a few days. The ringing of numerous church bells at seven o'clock in the morning is what made them tired.

A. D. Boardman, a wealthy lumberman from the Puget Sound, accompanied Seymour H. Bell on his return last week. He is here looking for investments, other than mining. He will buy the brewery if the affairs of that concern can be straightened out.

Paul Poindexter went to Baker City this forenoon to meet a party of eastern capitalists who come here to invest in mining property. Mr. Poindexter has been working on this deal for some months and now doubtless has it consummated.

In the advertising columns of THE MINER, the Baker Gas and Electric company, of Baker City, asks attention to the fact that it is in the field to supply unlimited electric power for operating the mines of eastern Oregon, and invites co-

respondence from mine owners or any others interested.

J. K. Firth, of the Joshua Hendy Machine works, San Francisco, has been in the district for the past week, visiting some of the mines hereabout, where machinery will be placed at an early day. He is pleased with the prospects for good business in the mining machinery line for this year and will be a frequent visitor.

Henry Hewitt, jr., Buys Timber Lands.

There has been this week filed with the county recorder several deeds conveying to Henry Hewitt, jr., 1,270 acres of timber lands, for which he paid \$7,150. This is a mere fraction of what he has bought in this vicinity, through his representative, Seymour Bell. Mr. Hewitt is one of the most extensive lumber and timber land operators on Puget Sound, commanding practically unlimited capital, and Sumpter is fortunate in attracting his attention and money. To any country Mr. Bell is worth two car loads of some kinds of people, types of which can be found even here, and it is reported that in Baker City the variety is not considered a curiosity.

Ross-Miller Nuptials.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the parlors of the Capital hotel, Miss Edna Miller, daughter of Mrs. G. B. Tedrowe, was married to W. A. Ross, of Baker City. Rev. J. R. Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Baker City, officiating. Miss Edna Miller is one of the popular young ladies of Sumpter and her many friends here regret that her future home will be in Baker City, where her husband is one of the rising young business men.

A Wise Man From the West

Who intends going east will see that his tickets read by way of Salt Lake city and the Rio Grande Western railway in connection with either the Denver and Rio Grande or Colorado Midland railroads, for these reasons: First, most magnificent scenery in America, en route; second, choice of three distinct routes through the Rocky mountains; third, it is the only transcontinental line passing directly through quaint and picturesque Salt Lake—the City of the Saints; fourth, perfect dining car service; fifth, three fast through trains daily between Ogden, Denver and all points east, connecting with all trains of the Southern Pacific, Oregon Railway & Navigation company and Oregon Short Line; sixth, through Pullman palace and ordinary sleeping cars from San Francisco, Portland, etc., to Denver, Omaha and Chicago. There are many other reasons why the route through Salt Lake City over the Rio Grande Western railway is the most comfortable and enjoyable in the whole country. By inquiry, you can learn a great deal on the subject of transcontinental travel. J. D. Mansfield, General Agent, 253 Washington St., Portland, Ore. Geo. W. Heintz, General Passenger Agent, Salt Lake City.

Lessons in Lace.

Mrs. Marsh, next door to MINER office, will give practical instructions in lace work. Materials and hundreds of patterns to select from.

Wanted—By a Japanese a position as cook in boarding house or at mining camp. Address, box 158, Sumpter, or enquire at MINER office.

Prompt attention to orders for cut flowers and floral pieces. City Green House Baker City, Oregon.

The best is always cheapest—buy Giant powder.