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BACK FROM LONDON.

COLONEL GRAYSON TELLS OF BIG MINING PLANS.

Rushing Work on the Baby McKee—Last Chance Will at Once Be Extensively Developed—Cable Cove Will Be the Banner District in This State—Eastern and English Money.

Colonel J. T. Grayson, manager of the Baby McKee mine, at Cable Cove, returned to Sumpter Monday, after an extended trip to the eastern cities and London.

The Colonel was seen at the Golden Eagle hotel last evening when he, with Superintendent A. H. Sprague, had come down from the mine, and said every thing was in the most satisfactory shape. Development has gone rapidly forward during his absence. Another air drill was taken out on this trip, to be used in the work. Three shifts of miners and every practical idea that money will obtain is employed to facilitate matters toward making what the Colonel says will be the greatest mine in Oregon. He is also honest in his convictions that Cable Cove will be the banner district of all eastern Oregon and this fact will be proven within the present year.

Before Colonel Grayson started east several weeks ago, he made a payment on the Last Chance mine, situated one-half mile this side of the Baby McKee, the purchase of which has since been completed by A. H. Sprague, for him. This property consists of the Last Chance and Annex; two claims upon which two tunnels of 185 and 45 feet respectively, have been run. Forty-three sacks of ore now piled up there will give fully \$100 values to the ton.

It is his intention to at once form a company composed of eastern men to be known as the Last Chance Consolidated Gold Mines company, which will operate and develop this new purchase, the work to begin this month. They will continue the lower tunnel now being run, for a distance of 50 or 80 feet more, to determine if warranted in going down the mountain some 500 feet and starting another tunnel, which will give greater depth; the much desired object in the Cove, where the high values are universally found.

The Colonel also reports a recent and valuable strike in the Imperial mine, which shows values of over \$100 in gold alone, not saying what the other metal values were.

Asked if the eastern world had much to say of this country, the Colonel remarked that at the time he was there, they were particularly busy counting the \$120,000,000 paid in dividends and interest about the first of the year. However, they would be looking for a place to invest these earnings next, and this section would get some portion of it.

New Lodge Room in Healy Block.

The large and commodious hall in the Healy building has been thrown open for lodges and societies, after being rebuilt, beautifully papered and refurnished. The main hall is 61x24 feet, with high ceilings, good ventilation, a large ante-room, 16x18; all of which is easy of access from Center street. The Fraternal Union lodge and Woodmen's Circle are now es-

tablished therein and it is understood that the Red Men and the United Workmen orders will each make this their home hereafter. Mr. Healy is to be congratulated on having furnished such desirable quarters for the various local lodges of Sumpter, and when the rooms are completely furnished they will be the most comfortable in eastern Oregon.

ALL KINDS OF A FOOL.

That Is What Young Edward Everett Is Making of Himself.

Young Edward Everett is again making all kinds of a fool of himself. In fact, he is too many varieties of that species for a single individual and ought to be incorporated. This time the occasion for his eccentric performance is the alleged shortage of Recorder Manning.

Last week, when it looked as if the new members of the city council, in their inexperienced effort to "do things," would deal that official a very rank brace game, the American editor openly threatened that unless the council cinched him, he would himself prosecute the case. With this idea presumably in view, he retained Attorney Shelton to work up evidence of guilt—apparently recognizing the fact that the finance committee's report was not sufficient to convict.

When the council refused to do his bidding; insisting on giving Manning a show for his life, this provincial world regulator endeavored to persuade District Attorney Sam White to have issued a warrant for Manning's arrest. Attorney White, very properly, stated that he would first investigate the case, and if it appeared that a crime had been committed, he would then perform his official duty. But this didn't please the avenger; he insisted that haste was necessary, declaring that the sentiment in Sumpter was all one way, antagonistic to Manning.

The district attorney was firm, however, and refused to take any action in the matter until he could look into it more fully. Monday his assistant, Attorney A. B. Winfree, was in Sumpter talking with members of the city council and other citizens about the case. To a MINER man he stated that he was here on other business, but it is known that this case was the principal object of his visit. He handled the mission with skill and diplomacy and doubtless learned that the sentiment here is "all one way," for a fact—but the other way. Alderman Griffin is reported to have told the gentlemanly official very plainly that the Sumpter council can care for municipal affairs without assistance from the outside. The warrant has not been issued at this writing.

Some caucusses were held yesterday with Justice of the Peace Felix and a bluff through this source would not be much of a surprise party.

And speaking of this matter, in general, quite an entertaining conversation between J. B. Stoddard and E. L. Manning, on the same subject, took place in the post-office Monday. As the former entered the door, he was greeted by the latter with: "Well, I suppose the American will now 'bring forth the royal diadem and crown you lord of all.'" And this was Mr. Stoddard's reply:

"I hope not. I have asked the editor to keep my name out of his paper. It has been boosting me of late and I am downed; while it has been fighting you and you are on top. I defy any one to name a single individual which that paper has supported on any proposition who has not gone to the wall."

Mr. Stoddard stated Sunday that he would resign his seat in the council.

MILL FOR THE ALAMO.

Ore Shoot 800 Feet in Length Now Blocked Out.

Since J. G. McGuigan and John R. Cassin, of the Alamo mine, were here from Spokane recently, the miners at their property have cut the large ledge in the lower tunnel, at a depth of 300 feet, which gives an ore shoot 800 feet long. The new superintendent, W. H. Jackson, formerly at the Golconda, who will take charge at the Alamo, states that all the ore milled so far from the mine gives a value of \$10 per ton in free gold, besides other values in the concentrates.

It has been definitely decided to put a mill on the property in the early spring. Superintendent Jackson thinks the mine will make one of the largest producers in that belt and that the district, together with the Cable Cove, will be the two main centers of attraction for mining men this year.

MILL FOR THE QUEBEC.

This Valuable Property Now Owned by Colorado Parties.

It is learned that S. N. Ferris and J. W. Carr, of Colorado, who recently acquired the Quebec mining property at Alamo, have purchased a complete mill, to be shipped in at once and installed at the earliest consistent time. It is said that Mr. Ferris has bought and sold as many mines in Colorado as any one in that country, and that he was not long in getting hold of the Quebec, when he had once gone over it.

This action helps to verify the general belief often expressed, that the Quebec is one of the unusually good properties of the Alamo district and was so recognized by practical men on sight, and the regulation Colorado mining man is not long in taking action when convinced.

When a lot more of them are here, as there will be soon, this country will take on a different life and assume its place in the mining world where it deserves to be. It is reported also that Mr. Ferris has sold a property located near the Red Boy mine to Kentucky parties.

Austin Meat Company Expanding.

The Austin Meat company has moved one door west of its former quarters in the Gleason building, into the store room last occupied by W. R. Hawley. The interior has been entirely refitted for a first class meat market, with plenty of store room in front, large office and refrigerator next and yet more room in the rear for various other purposes necessary about a market. Minot Austin has also purchased the meat business of P. Eibach, on Mill street, thereby having a monopoly of the trade in Sumpter and vicinity. He will continue the Mill street place and close the one formerly conducted in the Austin building.

Frank Meehan's Right Leg Broken.

Saturday evening Dr. Brock received a telephone message from Bonanza that a man at the Golden Eagle mine, five miles beyond, had met with an accident in the mine, resulting in a broken leg. He left at nine o'clock and arrived at the mine at half past two in the morning. The last two miles had to be made on snow shoes, as the snow road is not broken. Frank Meehan is the name of the man who was injured. A large piece of rock had fallen

from the roof of a tunnel, crushing his right thigh. The fracture was reduced at the cabin, the man rolled up in blankets and tied to a pole, but seven men were unable to carry him to the cutter, waiting two miles away, so deep was the snow and steep the hill. Finally he was placed on a sled and by running the rope around trees and working block and tackle style, he was gotten to the summit. The trip to the hospital was made without incident and Mr. Meehan is now rapidly recovering. It is thought that no permanent evil effects will result, as the setting of the bones, though done under difficulties and by a dim light, was skillfully performed and no change has been made since the patient reached the hospital here.

GOLCONDA SOLD, FOR SURE.

Purchasers Took Possession of Property Monday.

The Golconda mine was turned over to the purchasers Monday, confirming the report published in THE MINER last week. C. A. Smith, of Pittsburg, is at the head of the eastern syndicate that made the buy. It is thought that N. G. Neal, his expert, will be the superintendent. They are both still at the mine. They are not taking the public into their confidence as to their intentions.

Eugene Bartholf was well acquainted with Mr. Neal in Alaska. He also met him here about a year ago and together they examined several properties. He says a better mining man than Mr. Neal can't be found in the state today.

A recent issue of the Oregonian says: A change was made yesterday in the management of the Golconda mine, C. A. Smith, a Pittsburg capitalist, having secured an option on \$980,000 out of the \$1,000,000 stock of the company. At a meeting at the company's office in the chamber of commerce building, the following directors were elected: C. A. Smith, Bela Kadish, J. Frank Watson, J. T. English, J. G. English, J. A. Flood and C. A. Johns. Mr. Smith was chosen president and general manager, and Mr. Kadish vice-president. Active operations on the mine will be resumed at once.

School Director's Meeting Today.

At the meeting of school directors Hawley, Stinson and Doane today, to appoint a successor to Miss Anna Myers, resigned, W. H. Scott was unanimously chosen to fill the unexpired term of three months. Mr. Scott comes exceptionally well recommended from one of the Illinois schools, and the directors have made a wise selection, which will be appreciated by the scholars and parents before the term is out. Mr. Scott will enter upon his duties next Monday. The directors also voted to advance Miss Weiss' salary five dollars per month.

Hot Time at the Dance Hall.

An alarm of fire was sounded Monday evening, bringing out the department for a small blaze in one of the upper rooms of the Coeur d'Alene dance hall. Though the house was filled with smoke, little real damage was done, the firemen being able to put out the fire with the chemical engine, thereby saving a heavier damage by water. Efficient and intelligent work was shown as usual by the boys of the department.

Removed.

F. C. Brodie, watchmaker and jeweler, has moved to the store formerly occupied by Beardsley and Cushman, the barbers, opposite the Columbia market.

Something to depend upon—Giant powder.