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ANOTHER STRONG MINING COMPANY.

ORGANIZED TO DEVELOP PROPERTIES IN CABLE COVE.

The "Constellation" Owns Ten Full Claims Near the Gipsy King—Something of the Property and Work Already Done—Half the Stock, 500,000 Shares, Placed in the Treasury.

Another large mining company has been organized to develop a group of ten claims in the Cable Cove district. The name of the company is the Constellation Gold Mines company and is incorporated for \$1,000,000, with a like number of shares of the par value of one dollar each. The principal office is at Sumpter and the first directors are W. M. Rumery, A. P. Goss, J. E. Reed, John F. Cupid and Eugene Bartholf. Officers have been elected as follows: J. E. Reed, president; John F. Cupid, vice president; A. P. Goss, treasurer; W. E. Davidson, secretary, and Eugene Bartholf, general manager.

The property in question is situated on the well known Big Limber creek in the Cable Cove district, where it has been demonstrated that there are valuable mines. The ten claims include the Morning Star, Evening Star, North Star, Mayflower and Lucky Kid, each of which are on the main vein, covering 7,500 feet of ground. On the Evening Star an open cut has been run on the vein for eighty feet, showing a face at the end of the cut of eight feet of solid quartz, and at this point has about 35 feet of backs. An 80-foot crosscut tunnel about 200 feet west of the open cut referred to, cuts the ledge and shows the same general character of ore. The vein matter at this point is well in place, with well defined hanging and foot walls. About 200 feet west from the crosscut tunnel is started what is known as the general working tunnel, through which to develop the mine. This tunnel is in about 35 feet and is 4x6½ feet. The development on the Evening Star will be done through this tunnel and it is intended to prosecute that rapidly.

One thousand feet of tunnel will develop about 600 feet of backs. The mill, reduction works, or concentrator, will be located near the north end of this tunnel. A crosscut tunnel has been run on the Morning Star about 100 feet east from the open cut referred to on the Evening Star, which is now about 40 feet in length and cuts the vein, showing again the same character of ore as in the open cut, with about eight feet of solid quartz matter.

The Mayflower vein shows the same ore as in both the Evening and Morning Star properties. The Mayflower and North Star have only the assessment work done, but with even this small amount, shows the same character of ore as the Evening and Morning Star vein.

The Lucky Kid claim, which is on the extreme east end of the Constellation group, also shows a large, strong vein of the same character and nature as the Evening and Morning Star. An open cut of about 30 feet has been run on the same, exposing a vein fully eight feet in width; in fact the vein on the claims above mentioned can be readily traced along the surface from the extreme east end of the Lucky Kid to the western end of the North Star claim.

The physical conditions of the Lucky Kid claim are admirable for developing with a tunnel. In fact, more than foot of foot of backs can be gained for every foot of tunnel driven, and it is the purpose of the company to commence work on the tunnel of this claim at about the same time as work is started on the Evening Star tunnel.

Concerning the other claims constituting the Constellation group; while mineral has been found thereon, sufficient work has never yet been done to require special mention at this time.

The assays, so far as have been taken to date, and of which there are many, from

the different workings on the vein, will show an average value of between \$14 and \$15 per ton. These values consist principally of gold, copper and silver, though some show very well in lead. The conditions, generally, present a most promising mining proposition.

A water right, known as the Evening and Morning Star ditch, has been acquired, the same being taken out at the junction of the east and west branches of Big Limber creek, which will afford ample power for all machinery in the way of mills, reduction works, etc., that the company may decide to be necessary. There is an abundance of timber and a good wagon road at small expense, on a fairly easy grade, can be extended from the California mine to these properties. In fact, it may be safely said that with the activity now being shown along Big Limber creek, a wagon road will be constructed as soon as weather will permit, by this company. The value of these ores and the facilities for handling same is certainly an inviting proposition; one which should commend itself to the most conservative.

The company has started out to develop and push to successful termination this enterprise. Of the one million shares of stock five hundred thousand shares have been placed in the treasury for development. This is a radical but most wholesome innovation on the methods too often adopted by many mining companies, where more than half the capitalization is set aside for promotion and the remainder of the so-called treasury shares is used for the purchase of the property. The whole thing in a nut shell may be summed up about thus. The Constellation company owns absolutely a fine group of properties developed sufficiently to prove the continuity of a big strong vein of almost 1½ miles in length. The assays demonstrate the fact that there are ample values in the ores when treated by concentration and the facilities for cheaply treating the same are almost perfect. A limited amount of the treasury stock is to be placed on the market, to be used only for the purpose—and none other—of developing the properties and in offering this to the public the company can say to purchasers that it owns the property and there is not one dollar of debt against it. The public is simply asked to come in and help develop the property and provide a development fund for the erection of machinery, etc., for the treatment of the ores.

The directory is composed of men of good standing and mining experience and ability and will assist in proving the Cable Cove district to be what is claimed for it, one of the best in eastern Oregon. This is the third large company to be organized within a few months to operate on Big Limber creek; i. e. the Boston and Oregon Gold Mines company, of Boston, operating the Gipsy Queen group; the Gipsy King Gold Mines company, of Sumpter, operating the group of that name on the opposite side of Big Limber creek, and now The Constellation Gold Mines company, of Sumpter; all of which properties are within a stone throw of each other and all of which will be actively worked all summer and doubtless from that time on indefinitely.

Bald Mountain Mill's First Run.

The Bald Mountain Mining company's mill began its first run on ore Saturday and was still crushing rock yesterday. General Manager McCallum says that the mill worked as well, if not a trifle better than new machinery generally does. The stamps are pounding on an average run of ore, the object being at present more to get the machinery properly adjusted than to see how much gold can be taken out. Mr. McCallum brought in the monthly cleanup from the Mammoth mill last week, but would not say more than that the result was entirely satisfactory.

Mrs. Barbara Duckworth Entertains.

Mrs. Barbara Duckworth gave a most pleasant whist party to some thirty of her friends last Friday night, at her residence on North street. First and second prizes were awarded the good and bad players. Refreshments were served at the end of the games, vocal and instrumental music was rendered by several of the guests, and an enjoyable evening spent by all.

The Capital hotel, under the management of Mrs. Tedrowe, serves special Sunday dinners. Families should take advantage of this. Best table board in town. Try it.

Never fails—Giant powder.

Owner of the Badger Mine in Town.

S. R. Porter, of San Francisco, arrived here yesterday on his way to the Badger mine, at Susanville, of which property he is one of the principal owners. Mr. Porter is of the firm of Porter & Cheney, San Francisco stock brokers, mine owners and operators. One of many of their mines is the Wildman and Mahoney, at Sutter Creek, California, where they have 80 stamps dropping. Mr. Porter and associates have owned the Badger mine only about eighteen months, but in this time have done a vast amount of work and at present sixty men are employed in development. The product of the mine is shipped to the Selby Smelter at San Francisco and satisfactory results are returned, which even at this stage of development, more than pays operating expenses. As soon as warranted, a plant will be installed at the mine to treat the ore, of which there is an immense body. Up to this time the Badger ore is the richest in values in the Susanville district and they are down only 300 feet. David Ross, the efficient superintendent at the Badger, has a brother, John Ross, serving in the same capacity at the Wildman and Mahoney mines in California.

St. Patrick Ball Saturday Evening.

The members of the Sumpter Brass band are making great preparations for their grand ball, to be given Saturday night at the opera house. The indications now are that the house will be crowded. A large sale of tickets has already been made and of course more than as many more will be sold at the door. The boys have faithfully practised every night and are able to render some very good music. THE MINER is asked to announce that on Saturday afternoon the band will render the following street program:

March, "Ohio National Guard".....Feagan
March, "Cincinnati Volksblatt".....Woest
Two Step, "Triumphant".....Sichtenberger
March, "Honeymoon".....Rosey
Two Step, "Kentucky Bells".....Yaunt
Overture, "Band's Favorite".....Feagan
March, "Cavalry Troop B".....Byrnes

They will first play at the depot corner, then on the three main street corners, commencing at the lower corner and winding up at the corner of THE MINER office.

Machinery for the Quebec Stuck in the Mud.

J. W. Carr, owner of the Quebec mine at Alamo, left last Saturday for the east to attend to some important business occasioned by the death of his late partner, S. N. Ferris, who recently died in California. He reported while here the completion of the sawmill plant, which will at once start cutting timbers for the construction of the new building and stamp mill. Part of this machinery has reached the mine, while the remainder is "stuck" a few miles this side of its destination and will be unloaded and a shed built over it until the roads are in condition to finish the trip. The Granite road in Grant county is nearly as good as the Bonanza road in both Baker and Grant counties.

Death of "Uncle" Woodruff.

The remains of the late N. W. Woodruff were buried yesterday afternoon in the Sumpter cemetery, under the direction of the local members of the Grand Army, of which organization deceased was a member. A squad from Sumpter cavalry, Troop B, O. N. G., also accompanied the funeral cortage to the ground, where a military salute was fired over the grave. Rev. James Byers delivered the funeral sermon. Mr. Woodruff was a man well advanced in years, concerning whom only kind words could ever be heard or said. But little has been learned to date of his relatives and that of an indefinite nature. He leaves some property here, for which

an administrator is to be appointed. The Case Furniture company performed the undertaking service. The pupils of the public school, where he was janitor, passed the following resolution: Whereas, the Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst Mr. Woodruff, commonly known as "Uncle," we hereby resolve: That we, the pupils of the public schools of Sumpter, wish to express our deepest sympathy for our late friend and janitor of our school, who has served us to the best of his ability, and shown to us every kindness.

FRANK ROBBINS,
ADA AUSTIN,
MYRTLE WILLIAMSON.

St. Patrick Gold Mining Company Here.

Articles for the incorporation of the St. Patrick Gold Mining company have been forwarded to the secretary of state at Salem. The incorporators are all Sumpter men, as follows: P. D. Healy, M. M. Flynn, F. W. Northup, Thomas Moore, Valentine Frisch and J. W. Hagon. The company will be organized in a few days to operate three promising claims just above the Ellis and Downie placers west of town. THE MINER, as usual, is printing the prospectus, stock certificates, stationery, etc., for the new company, as it also is for three others now being and recently formed here.

Local Carrie Nation Threatens to Smash.

Mrs. Ritchen, a worthy woman, has notified all the saloonkeepers not to sell her son, a minor, any liquor and the gambling house managers not to permit him to play. She stated in THE MINER office yesterday that they had disregarded her warning once and that she had just given a second verbal notification, supplemented by a tip that unless her words are heeded she will start out on a Carrie Nation crusade and with her hatchet smash into kindling wood all the saloon and gambling fixtures in this camp.

Millinery Opening.

Miss Richardson, the milliner, has returned here and secured the rooms on the corner of Mill and Sumpter streets, opposite the Bank of Sumpter, where she will open an elegant and stylish line of spring millinery Friday of this week. Every lady in Sumpter and vicinity is invited to attend.

Strout, assayer, 361 Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, established in Colorado in 1876, gold (crucible assay), 50c; gold and silver, 75c; gold, silver, copper, \$1.50; forty years practice.

The Capital Hotel is again under the management of Mrs. George B. Tedrowe, which fact guarantees the best of service to all patrons.

The large and commodious club rooms of Dunphy & Gertrude are headquarters for mining and commercial men.

At the Club saloon, Dunphy & Gertrude serve a line of goods equal to any that money will buy.

Those who know the comforts of a good hotel, always patronize The Capital; Mrs. G. B. Tedrowe, proprietor.

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

Only the best brands of liquors and cigars at the Club saloon of Dunphy & Gertrude.

The best is always cheapest—buy Giant powder.

Something to depend upon—Giant powder.