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## SALE OF MAGNOLIA

NOW BEING CONSUMMATED IN BAKER CITY.

English Syndicate Which Formerly Held the Mine Under Bond the Purchasers—Claims Against the Property Paid Monday—Extensively Developed and Equipped With a Mill.

The Magnolia, a good property, which has had all kinds of bad luck under bonds and options and pending sales during the past year, it is reliably reported, has finally been sold. The English syndicate, headed by Captain O'Bly, of Liverpool, whose local representative is Mr Balmforth, now operating the Little Giant, is the purchaser.

The same people had the mine under bond once before, did considerable development work and erected a mill, but failed to make the payments as they became due and finally, after having secured several extensions, threw up the bond.

Al Jones, one of the principal owners, has been in Baker City several days arranging the terms of the sale. Yesterday afternoon the papers had not been signed, though no hitch had occurred and it was thought the deal would be consummated, without doubt. The figures involved are reported to be \$60,000. No word has been received here today regarding the transaction.

Monday a number of claims against the property, mostly for labor, were paid. This would indicate that the sale is practically completed.

The men who are buying the Magnolia have unlimited means and will doubtless operate the mine on an extensive scale. No explanation has ever been offered why they failed to take up the bond which they previously held.

### Manager McCallum Is Going East.

General Manager McCallum, of the Bald Mountain and Mammoth companies, expects to leave in a few days for the east, to consult with his principals, who reside in Massachusetts. Mr. McCallum has doubtless spent more money in intelligent mining development in this district during the past year than any other operator in the eastern Oregon gold fields, and has made a really splendid showing for the money and time expended. Both properties which he has managed are now producers, with mills in operation and an entirely satisfactory monthly output of gold bullion. And yet he has other and larger plans in mind for the future, which will doubtless soon be matured. It is a matter of serious regret that such an enterprising and successful mining man should have recently been made the special target of the knockers' attacks, a man who is worth a train load of his detractors to any community or company which is fortunate enough to secure his services. He will be here producing gold when they are swinging their hammers in others fields.

### Grizzly Mining Company's New Officers.

The Grizzly Gold Mining company held a stockholder's meeting in Portland last Friday, at which time an election of officers took place as follows: Dr. Parker, president; Harvey Beckwith, vice president; both of Portland; R. C. Pentland, secretary, (re-elected); P. D. Healy, treasurer; L. C. Beckwith, superintendent. The last named three are residents of

Sumpter. It is not known definitely now what the intentions of the company are, but it is not likely it will let this property remain idle much longer, when it is very probable that a mine is in sight, with development under the right management.

### GENERAL WARREN IN TOWN.

Will Let Contract for 409 More Feet of Tunnel on the Diadem.

General Warren arrived in Sumpter yesterday, quite unexpectedly. A sight of him is good for the sore eyes, and to listen to one of his private office speeches, eulogizing this mining district and removing the epidermis from the local knockers, is to have the cockle of the heart warmed to a radiant degree.

He had not expected to leave Butte so soon, but the contract for running 500 feet of the crosscut tunnel in the Diadem was finished ahead of time, so he came over to arrange for continuing that good work. This work was accomplished in just seventy days, remarkable quick progress. The purpose of this tunnel is to get under the rich pay shoot encountered in the shaft, high above. According to the survey, 409 more feet must be driven to cut ledge at that point. If the values found in the shaft—better than \$100 a ton net, after paying transportation and reduction charges—are maintained at this depth and there is any considerable body of ore, the Diadem will be the richest mine, not only in Oregon, but the West. The contract for continuing the work will be let without delay.

Regarding the Townsite company's affairs, they are in a chaotic condition and some weeks will be required to straighten them out. When this is accomplished the General will return to Sumpter and give the proposition a boost skyward.

He says this is the best undeveloped, almost unexplored, mining region in the world today and that sooner or later miners and capitalists must necessarily rush in here and take advantage of the splendid opportunities presented. All the country needs, he says, is to rid itself of the Oregon hoodoo; if our mineral deposits were in Montana, 100,000 busy people would be in the camps and hills inside of twelve months. Considerable Montana money has already been invested here and more will be during the present season.

### Liberty Bell's New Superintendent.

General Manager Poindexter has appointed E. C. Smith superintendent of the Liberty Bell Consolidated mines at Alamo. Mr. Smith was formerly foreman of the Consolidated Bonanza and under his direction the richest ore body ever found in the mine was uncovered. The Liberty Bell is making a fine showing and it is not unlikely that Mr. Smith will duplicate his performance at the Bonanza.

### 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.

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.

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

T. G. Harrison, agent for Giant Powder company.

Use Giant powder, fuse and caps.

Never fails—Giant powder.

## GIPSY KING

### CONTRACT LET.

Tunnel to Cut the Ledge to Be Completed in 40 Days.

At a meeting of the directors of the Gipsy King Gold Mines company, held Monday evening, a contract for driving seventy-five feet of tunnel was awarded to W. M. Rumery, S. Harrison and A. C. Otness, who have been doing considerable work of this kind in the Cable Cove district this winter.

President Barthoff thinks that the vein will be cut in about sixty feet; though, of course, this depends somewhat on its dip. Seventy five feet is almost sure to reach the ledge. The contract requires that the work be completed in forty days. It will probably be commenced tomorrow.

The plan of development will be to drive this tunnel straight into the mountain on the ledge. Where it will be cut will give a depth of forty feet and when drifting commences something more than a foot of depth will be gained for every two feet driven, making development easy and cheap. There is perhaps not another property in eastern Oregon that can be determined definitely whether or not it is a mine with the expenditure of so small an amount of money.

But the men who own the Gipsy King have no doubts on this point. The ledge has been stripped for 200 feet and located by open cuts across the length of two claims. Everywhere good values have been obtained, the lowest assay having returned \$14.84 in gold and silver, the highest \$49.20, with an average of more than \$22—all from surface rock.

Officers of the company state that there is now plenty of money in the treasury to complete the work planned for the immediate future and that there is an active demand for the stock.

### Coolgardie Smith Wins \$7,500.

A press dispatch from Vancouver, B. C., dated March 15, contains this mention of a former well known resident of Sumpter: "Coolgardie" Charlie Smith, a lightweight prize fighter, well known in San Francisco and other coast cities, made a big clean-up in Vancouver in two poker games this week. He stood winner by \$7,500 when he left for the south this morning. Part of the money was won in a game in which several prominent club men were heavy losers. At the Balmoral, a down town resort, last night he won \$1,240. He started with \$40 in black jack, winning five bets in succession, leaving his money on the table each time. Then he went against a roulette wheel, and in a short time won something over \$4,000. Unfortunately for the gambler, part of the money was paid in checks, and the cashing of these was stopped the next morning. "Coolgardie" Smith made himself famous and won his name by cleaning up \$28,000 in a poker game in Australia.

### Fire in the Tenderloin District.

This morning between two and three o'clock, Cline's dance hall and the adjoining building, owned by May Ellis, were discovered to be on fire. The fire department responded promptly and extinguished the flames, preventing the fire from spreading, but both buildings are almost total losses. There is a difference of opinion as to where the fire originated; even as to which building. Some think it was of incendiary origin and was started

between the two. Mr. Cline had only a few days since completed extensive internal improvements. He estimates his loss at \$3000; insured for \$1500, in the Liverpool, London and Globe. The Ellis house was a small cottage, worth perhaps \$500. The owner is not now in Sumpter. Mr. Cline says that if he can lease the ground (owned by the Ellis woman) on favorable terms, he will erect a fine building without delay.

### Andy Stinson's Sack Stolen.

Saturday night A. J. Stinson left his place of business, having neglected to put in the safe the sack of currency taken from the gambling tables, containing \$180. Sometime during the night it was stolen. Ed Massey, who formerly ran the Mint, was suspected and when he left town was arrested at Baker City. He had only about eleven dollars on his person. Of the missing money, \$160 was in silver, and officers think that is in his trunk, which had been shipped to some point in Washington. Massey is held here, awaiting the arrival of his baggage, that some evidence of his guilt may be obtained.

### Brass Band Boy's Ball.

The Sumpter Brass band ball, given Saturday evening in Ellis opera house, was, in the language of the jay reporters on the Baker City papers, "the most enjoyable social event of the season." A large and representative crowd was present, the boys spread themselves on the music and a good time spirit pervaded the entertainment. A popular and well patronized corner of the hall was the artistically decorated booth where lemonade and sherbert were sold, presided over by Mesdames Brock, Robbins and Carlson. The receipts from this source added materially in bringing the net profits up to \$85, to be applied on the uniform fund.

### Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wheeler at Bakersfield.

Mrs. Brock received a very interesting letter from Mrs. H. K. Wheeler Monday, dated at Bakersfield, California, where she and Mr. Wheeler are now pleasantly located. This is the center of the great oil excitement and Mr. Wheeler has more surveying than he can do. The letter stated that the town is crowded, that it is next to impossible to rent a building of any kind and that some people are conducting mercantile businesses in rooms on second floors. Inconveniences in the transportation of oil is the universal grievance there, for which condition the Standard Oil company receives the blame. It has a pull with the railroads, as usual, and is up to its old tricks again.

### New Chief Brewer at the Columbia.

The Sumpter brewery is continually making improvements to its well equipped plant and has been turning out a superior brew of beer for some months past. But with a further view of making a still better article of beer, has secured the services of Charles Zizelman, a brewer from the large establishment of Henry Weinhard, at Portland, who arrived here yesterday and will at once take charge of the plant, in the capacity of chief brewer. The management says it has a surprise in store for patrons of the national beverage this season.

### Private Table Board.

I will furnish private board to a few desiring such, at my residence on North street, near Center. Mrs. C. E. Duckworth.

Miss Richardson, the milliner, announces that from the latter part of this week she will be constantly receiving new pattern hats every few days throughout the season.