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## SALE OF CARROLL B.

### W. L. Vinson Disposes of His Rich Mine.

The last issue of the San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review states that the Carroll B has been sold by W. L. Vinson to Letson Balliet for the White Swan Mining company, Mr. Balliet confirming the reported sale. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson returned a few days since from San Francisco and THE MINER is informed second handed that Mr. Vinson also states that the sale had been made.

The purchase price has not been made public, but it is thought to be a large fraction of a million. He bought it last fall on an option for \$10,000, and is reported to have bonded a third interest a few days later for more than enough to pay for the whole property.

After taking possession of the mine he put a small force of men to work and soon uncovered what is perhaps the richest body of free gold ore yet found in eastern Oregon; the kind of which Yukon miners say it is "gold carrying some rock." He took out about \$20,000 worth of the stuff and left the rest on deposit, preferring Nature's depository to a national bank. In further prospecting the property, he found another, richer and larger shoot of the same kind of ore.

The Review says that for the present the Carroll B product will be milled at the White Swan.

### Enhances the Value of Adjoining Property.

The Liberty Bell company, whose property at Alamo adjoins the Strasburg on the southwest and whose veins are a continuation of the former, is rejoicing in the success achieved by the Strasburg people. As is natural when such a proposition occurs that a more fully developed mining property having proven itself a mine, adjoins another with less demonstration of this fact, because of lack of development, the latter realizes a great benefit and the value of its stock is enhanced, hence the Liberty Bell people's enthusiasm over the Strasburg's good showing. When the Alamo, Quebec, Strasburg, and perhaps other mines have their mills in operation by the end of this summer, as is promised by each company, that district will present a busy scene of mining operations.

### Cheerful Intelligence From Quartzburg.

M. E. Baine, the mining operator, came in from Quartzburg Saturday and will be in Sumpter for a short while. He has been over at Quartzburg most of the winter and reports that district in good condition, with all claim owners very sanguine for the future. From the Present Need some very rich gold ore is now being taken out, running several hundred dollars to the ton. There seems to be a large body of it, too. In the Standard any quantity of high grade ore has been uncovered, the values being in cobalt, gold and copper. This puts that property in the list of proven mines and as soon as the smelter is built it will take a high place in the list of producing dividend payers.

### Will Boom Alamo This Season.

Last week Engineer Fenner was busy drafting a plat of the townsite of Alamo and making a number of blue prints. He surveyed the ground about a year ago. The headquarters of the company owning the townsite is now in Portland, Mr.

Hawley, a prominent business man of that place, being the president. It is understood that lots will soon be offered for sale and that the company will push the proposition during the coming season. Steps are now being taken to incorporate. All who are familiar with that rich mining district agree in the opinion that Alamo is the best site for a town to be found in the mountains of that neighborhood and that it will give both Granite and Lawton a run for their money.

## NEWSPAPERS WILL BURN MONEY

### Two Evening Newspapers at Baker City to Be the Crematories.

A big piece of money is liable to be "sluffed off" in the newspaper business in Baker City during the next twelve months, or as long as the game now being arranged for continues. The Baker City Herald announced in its last issue that about April 15 it will begin the publication of an evening daily, with a complete telegraphic news service. It is currently reported that perfecting color presses and all modern mechanical contrivances have been purchased for this paper, at a cost of over \$30,000. Letson Balliet is furnishing the money for this enterprise. That journalistic crackerjack, L. Bush Livermore, poet, philosopher and sage, will continue as editor.

The Republican of last evening announced that Editor Young, of the Blue Mountain American, had come into control of that decaying publication, and some gaudy promises of rejuvenation were made. Of course, every one understands that E. J. Godfrey is the angel for this journalistic spectacular performance. Young announced in the editorial column of the Republican that he will continue in control of the American, which is the thorn attached to the rose; that of Sumpter getting rid of his offensive personality.

Now, here we have a newspaper game that will be worth while to watch. It will be remembered that Godfrey staked Big Mit Cassidy to go into the newspaper business at Baker City last fall; that he had a mix up with Balliet, who knocked him out in the first round. Now, Mr. Godfrey, always in the back ground of course, moves what he evidently considers a bigger gun to the firing line and reopens the engagement. There is much speculation among non-partisan observers as to what his ultimate purpose is; if indeed, it is anything more than to "bear" the proposition in Baker City, as he has done here in Sumpter. "Politics," "Congress" say the wise guys.

On the other hand, Balliet is a natural born plunger, does not seek to elevate himself by kicking down another; is exclusively a finish fighter and will spend his money like two drunken sailors and a whole band of horsethieves, in order to maintain his prestige.

### Talented Oregon Girl.

Recent New York papers contain handsome notices of Miss Grace Washington in connection with the performances of the Stanhope Wheatcraft Dramatic school at the Madison Square theatre. Grace Washington is the stage name of a young Oregon girl, who seems to be rapidly making her way to the rank of a theatrical favorite. She has many friends in this region, who watch her career with interest, and wish her the highest possible success.

Wanted—A Japanese boy would like a position as cook or waiter in city or mining camp. Address, K. Sumy, box 73, Sumpter.

## MINERAL EXHIBIT.

### Stamp Mill and Assay Office at Buffalo.

Fred Pauf came up from Baker City this morning on business connected with the collection of eastern Oregon ores for exhibit at Buffalo, during the Pan-American exposition. Mr. Pauf is one of three from Baker county to go in charge of the mineral display, the others being Fred R. Mellis and G. G. McNamara, the assayer.

He stated to a MINER representative that the collection from Baker county would more than equal the quantity from all the other portions of the state and, of course, in point of character, grade and attractiveness, nothing more need be said.

In the shipment will be a Hammond 2 samp mill made by the Hammond Manufacturing company, of Portland, which will be operated in connection with the ore exhibit, to demonstrate the usual method employed here in extracting the values.

This mill will be operated by Mr. Pauf personally and will be a novelty to the many thousand visitors to the exposition who have never before had such an opportunity.

A complete assay office will be operated by Mr. McNamara, which will also interest the spectators.

F. R. Mellis is busy packing his large and valuable collection, which will be a wonder in itself when installed at the big show in Buffalo, as there is really nothing in the state—or possibly the entire West—to equal it in its line.

The entire collection, with those who will go with it from this district, will be ready to start about the fifth of next month.

### Cracker Summit Will Begin Work Soon.

The Spokane company owning the Cracker Summit property, just above the E. & E. and North Pole mines, expects to begin work on same as soon as the snow will permit of practical mining there. This company is made up of some of the most successful mining men of Spokane and their experience should be able to bring out every virtue that is claimed for the properties owned by the company. The neighborhood in which they are situated is the best in the Cracker district. The company's advertisement appears in another part of THE MINER, in which is offered a limited amount of treasury shares to the public, to apply on development work.

### Contract to Be Let on the Grizzly.

Information from P. D. Healy, treasurer of the Grizzly Gold Mining company, and principal owner and leading spirit therein, is to the effect that a contract will soon be let for extensive work on that property. Mr. Healy and wife are enjoying the sea breezes at Newport for several weeks, after which he will return to look after his various interests here at home.

### Begin Work on S. V. R'y Extension.

J. H. Graham, agent of the Whitney Townsite company, is in Sumpter today, singing his siren song about that wonderful proposition—the merits of which "any one with brains enough to have a headache" can see. He says the talk now is that the work of extending the railroad to that point will be commenced next week.

### Ellis Placer Ground Leased.

A. W. Ellis has leased a portion of his placer ground, just across the river from

town, to a Chinese company, and a dozen men are now engaged near old Fort Sumpter cleaning out flumes and doing other preliminary work before beginning to wash, at an early day. These rich placer beds were not worked last year on account of a pending sale.

### Good Strike on Wind Creek.

Through E. Butze, Sr., former superintendent and present custodian of the E. & E. mine at Bourne, it is learned that a good strike was made recently in one of the Justice company's claims on Wind creek. A vein of high grade ore was uncovered; also another in the Porcupine, supposed to be an adjoining claim.

### Mill for the Strasburg at Alamo.

W. H. Remington, of Tacoma, now in control of the Strasburg mine, at Alamo, passed through Monday on his way to the property. He reports work going on at a rapid rate, with results of a most satisfactory character. He further says they will erect a 40 stamp mill this summer.

### Fraternal Union Dance.

A grand social dance by the Fraternal Union lodge, of Sumpter, will be given at Healy's hall next Saturday evening. A nominal charge of fifty cents, to cover expenses, will be made.

A. C. Little, fish commissioner of the state of Washington and business partner of S. H. Bell, was in town between trains Monday, looking after his interests here. He will return in a few days to close an important deal. Mr. Little's family will move from Aberdeen, Washington, to Sumpter at an early day.

John Austin returned a few days since from the Burnt river country, where he had been buying beef cattle for the market here. He drove in twenty-five head. He says the snow was all gone in the valley. He was on the ranges and therefore paid little attention to mining operations.

F. E. Warner has on exhibition at his office in this city some splendid ore samples from the California and Imperial mines, Cable Cove district. A particularly handsome piece of rock was taken from the face of one of the old abandoned tunnels in the California.

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 & Gertride are headquarters for mining and commercial men.

At the Club saloon, Dunphy & Gertride 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.

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