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BONANZA'S CLEANUP.

AMOUNTED TO \$102,000 FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

This Information Comes From a Reliable Source—Follows News of a Rich Strike—Other Producers Broke All Previous Records in February and March—Officials Refuse to Confirm.

From what is considered a reliable source, THE MINER learns that the March cleanup at the Bonanza mine amounted to the magnificent sum of \$102,000. In this connection it is also said that only ten stamps of the forty were worked the greater portion of the month.

This report is more than probably correct, coming as it does directly following the news of a rich strike made in the mine a short time previously. Nor is it particularly surprising, as the fact is public property now that there are one or two of the other producing mines made sensational cleanups in February and March.

It is as much as ever regretted that official statistics cannot be furnished the public regarding the output of Sumpter's actual producers, but THE MINER does not make a practice of manufacturing news, therefore cannot accurately publish the figures, which would do more to draw capital to this field than anything else that might be said.

Massachusetts Capitalists Visit Sumpter.

E. A. Smith and C. E. Carter, of Lowell, Massachusetts, arrived in Sumpter a week ago. They are both interested in the Bald Mountain and Mammoth, to examine which was the object of their trip west. Mr. Smith has been here before and is therefore aware of the good thing he is in on, but this is Mr. Carter's first visit to the mines. He expressed himself as being more than pleased with the properties; said they couldn't very well look better. They left for home this forenoon, accompanied by General Manager and Mrs. McCallum, who will be absent about six weeks.

Quebec Has Ordered Ten More Stamps.

The Quebec mine owners at Alamo have recently decided that ten stamps would not handle their ore output and, accordingly, have ordered the capacity increased to twenty stamps, which it is supposed will be furnished by the Joshua Hendy Machine Works, of San Francisco, which concern originally contracted for and shipped in the first ten stamp mill. Teams are hauling the first installment of this machinery, which is being handled through the Sumpter Forwarding company, and will all be delivered to the mine in a few days, roads permitting.

Astoria-Melbourne 18 Feet From Ledge.

The Astoria-Melbourne company, operating extensively on Deer creek, has had the properties examined and development work measured, for the purpose of determining the distance to the main ledge, finding, it is understood, that the workings are but 18 feet distant from the same. Continuous work will be carried on to cut this objective ledge and thereafter to drift on it indefinitely.

Smelter for the Tempest.

N. Bennett, one of the owners of the Tempest mine, in the Greenhorn, has been in town this week. A force of men

has been at work all winter on this property, driving a tunnel that cuts five distinct veins. The Tempest has been a shipper for months past, the ore netting an average profit of \$67. Owing to excessive transportation charges, however, there being such a long wagon haul, there is too heavy an expense attached to this method of transferring values from the ground to the bank, so the company has decided to put in a reduction plant this summer, some kind of a smelter.

WISCONSIN TUNNEL 200 FEET.

First Contract Finished and Another for 100 Feet Let.

The 200-foot contract let by the Wisconsin Gold Mining company on the Hello claim of the Wisconsin group, has been completed by Contractor John Robinson, and another one taken by him for 100 feet more, to be driven in the shortest possible time.

The first 200 feet in the tunnel gave 182 feet of depth and an average value of eight dollars across the face of the tunnel.

Mr. Robinson, who is an old miner, says that in his thirty years experience he has never worked on a property that has made a better showing with the same amount of development as that on the Hello claim.

Another convincing proof that the Deer creek properties have great merit, is the fact that Seymour Bell, the promoter, recently wired Tacoma parties a cash offer of \$15,000 for the Wizard and Monarch claims, which are a part of the group lately incorporated by P. V. Cesar and others of the last named city. The claims are generally known as the McPhee property, were located last summer and are said to have extraordinary showings and high values.

It is encouraging to see the amount of capital being interested in a section so near town and the various successes are gladly noted, as they will directly benefit Sumpter and her business people more than any other point.

Griffith Placers Being Worked.

Neil J. Sorenson, manager of the Oregon Placer and Power company, owning the Griffith placers, went out to the property today, where it is expected active work will begin soon. A crew of twelve white men has been at work for two weeks clearing out sluice boxes and laying pipe, in preparation for the coming season. Herman Schulmerich, who was born and brought up in the California placer fields, is in charge of the property as superintendent.

Gertridge-Cronin Whist Party.

Mrs. W. F. Gertridge and Mrs. Walter Cronin gave a delightful whist party at the former's Center street home last Thursday evening, when about thirty of their friends were most handsomely entertained. Such dainty refreshments have seldom been served in Sumpter as on this occasion. The first prizes were captured by Mrs. Herlocker and Mr. C. H. Chance and the booby prizes by Miss Baird and Mr. H. W. B. Smith.

Hobson Mercantile Co.'s Enterprise.

The Hobson Mercantile company's store has been the scene of many admiring lady patrons this week and will continue so for days to come, as the company is receiving the largest and handsomest line of up-to-date spring dry goods, trimmings and lace goods ever shown in eastern Oregon. The stock is a credit to the town and fully deserves the large patronage received.

Mining deeds for sale at this office.

GREAT COPPER CAMP.

Steins Mountains Seamed With the Red Metal.

P. E. McNish returned to Sumpter a few days since from Steins mountains, in the southern part of Harney county, near the Nevada line, bringing with him some wonderfully rich copper rock. This is the section of which considerable has been said and written recently, being designated as the Pueblo district. Mr. Canfield and other mining men from this camp have been prospecting in that vicinity for several months past, and are reported to have made some very promising finds.

Mr. McNish says that the snow had all disappeared when he started north ten days since, except on the higher peaks, and that the trees are all in bud. The nearest railroad point is Winnemucca, Nevada, 100 miles south, from which point all freight and provisions come. The road is kept in good condition in all seasons by the Borax company, the works of which are only five miles from his claims. This company keeps a train of wagons on the road constantly, hauling borax to Winnemucca, which is shipped from there to San Francisco over the Central Pacific.

There is no extensively developed mine in the district, but a man named O'Connor is working an arastra on free milling gold ore from a 24-foot ledge, with apparent good results. He claims that the rock only goes five or six dollars, but pan tests indicate very much higher values. James Ashdown is putting in a six stamp mill at the mouth of Denio creek, to treat another similar body of free gold ore.

Although there are a few ledges carrying gold already discovered, it is strictly a copper camp. Mr. McNish says that there is a big section of country down there full of it, and comparatively few locations have been made as yet. One vein has been traced forty miles. The ledges vary in width from two to ten feet, carrying streaks of phenominally rich ore, in many places as much as eighteen inches wide. Many assays of \$75 in copper and from \$5 to \$10 in gold and silver have been obtained. The general opinion is that if the veins go down, this will be the greatest copper camp on earth.

John F. Leland "Catches On" in Utah.

The following from the Salt Lake Mining Review will be read with much interest by John F. Leland's many friends and acquaintances: J. F. Leland is cleaning out the old workings of the San Francisco mine, between the Old Telegraph and Porcupine gulches, Bingham. This property is included in the Silver Comstock group, under bond to Mr. Leland and George V. Peters, of Baltimore, Maryland. It has the reputation of having been a heavy shipper in the past, and Mr. Leland states that he could resume the marketing of good ore almost any day.

Assays From the Evening Star.

Five assays from the Evening Star claim of the Constellation company, in Cable Cove, made during this week, gave \$22.63, \$14.73, \$23.71, \$19.91 and \$16.59, in gold, silver and copper, the former predominating. The lead values were not taken into consideration in these tests.

Work of Art in Penmanship.

While here Ernest Worswick made a pen and ink copy of the free traveling library bill passed by the recent Idaho legislature, which is a work of art. The

cover is handsomely embellished with an artistic design and attached to the document are the pictures and autographs of all the members of the legislature and the governor of the state. It will be presented to the ladies' book club of Boise, to which organization is due the credit of securing the passage of the measure.

Scientists Will Explore John Day Valley.

Colonel L. L. Hawkins is building very lurid hopes on his projected exploration expedition to the John Day fossil beds this summer. He anticipates a successful expedition, both from a scientific and an outing standpoint. He is already in correspondence with scientific men in various sections of the country, who may be expected to take interest in a project of this kind and will probably esteem it a privilege to be one of the party unless prevented by other engagements. He hopes to have as members of the party archaeological students as well. He is also in correspondence with people who are thoroughly familiar with the ground and whose services may be desirable as guides. There is reason to believe that the party will include some noted scientific men from various universities and colleges, as well as from the Smithsonian institution and the government geological survey department. Students, pleasureseekers, guides, subsistence managers and fossil-diggers will make up the rest of the party. Telegram.

House and \$1240 in Money Burned.

J. T. Baldwin, a former resident of Sumpter, came up last Monday from Unity, where he is now in business. He had the misfortune to lose \$1240 in cash and some of his household goods by fire a few days ago. Mr. Baldwin did not seem to be discouraged, however, and says he will soon have more "money to burn," as his section is a paradise for "slick-ears" and he stands as good a show to get rich as any of them, having acquired twenty-seven head of good cattle since he went there.

Colonel Grayson Buys More Cove Claims.

Colonel J. T. Grayson and A. H. Sprague, of the Baby McKee mine, have purchased from Charles C. Hall, of Bourne, three claims in the Cable Cove district, north of and near the Mormon Boy property. Like other deals which Colonel Grayson has made, this shows his strong faith in the Cove district. He has paid the spot cash for the property.

Oro Fino Sold to Spokane People.

The Oro Fino mining property on Olive creek, near the VanAnda mine, was sold to Spokane parties last week by Young & Moorehead, of Baker City. The strong tendency of Spokane mining men to get into the Alamo district speaks volumes for it, to say the least.

At the Club saloon, Dunphy & Gertridge 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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