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## "SURE THINGS" IN THE COVE

### PROSPECTS THAT ARE FAST DEVELOPING INTO MINES.

**Gipsy King, Gipsy Queen and Evening Star are on the List—Old La Bellevue Will Again be Worked—Cable Cove District, Including Ten Miles of Territory, will be Legally Organized.**

C. P. Holly returned yesterday from the Cable Cove district, where he is interested in a group of claims with J. W. McVicker, regarding which a story was published in these columns several weeks since. Mr. Holly, like all others who own property in that vicinity, is enthusiastic over the outlook in the district, where more work is being done than in any other in eastern Oregon. He says that though he believes that he is in on a bonanza proposition himself, there is scarcely a doubt but what the best mines are on Big Limber creek. He says that in his opinion, the Gipsy King, Queen and Evening Star groups are as near "sure things" as any mines can be, in which the ore is not actually blocked out. They are all in pay rock, with big strong ledges and have every indication of developing into great producers.

The La Bellevue company is being reorganized and that famous old mine, from which vast quantities of gold was taken years ago, will again be operated. Much work will have to be done in order to get it in shape, as the timbers have rotted and the tunnels caved in at places, but there are great ore bodies there that will amply repay the owners for the money and labor expended in the work. Just why this mine was ever shut down is not known.

Mr. Holly says that for some time past mining men in the Cable Cove have been discussing the feasibility of regularly organizing the district, under the provisions of state and national laws. The advantages to be derived from such a move are too well known and generally acknowledged to need discussion, and why the system has not been in vogue in eastern Oregon is one of the unexplained peculiarities of this region.

It has been practically decided to effect the organization of the district and a call for a meeting of mineowners for this purpose will be issued at an early day. The territory to be included in the district as now contemplated will be ten miles in extent, taking in the Bald Mountain and Ibox sections.

#### N. J. Sorenson on Quartzburg Mines.

Neill J. Sorenson returned Saturday from a trip to Quartzburg and Prairie City, where he went to acquaint himself with a section unfamiliar to him before. In a brief interview he said that he found an interesting mining district that will be more attractive to operators when some reasonable means of transportation is furnished and a more progressive set of men are in possession of the country. In mentioning various properties visited, he said that the Present Need is in such a state of development that by putting on machinery can make good money from the start. The Copper King has the largest and best exposed body of ore in that district, and with the smelter in operation, should begin building up a fortune for its

owners. The Sherbundy group has an immense surface showing and in the cross cut tunnel several feet of good copper ore is shown, carrying also considerable gold. The owner, however, wants a price far beyond its probable worth. The Washington property, at the forks of the road leading to Quartzburg and Prairie City, is probably destined to be one of the sensational mines of that vicinity. Several small seams and pockets have been opened and several thousands of dollars taken out within the past year. A permanent ore body of great richness is thought to be near, which would make the owners wealthy men. This property is being developed by a Colorado mining man.

#### WORK ON DEER CREEK.

##### Several Companies Doing Considerable Development.

Manager Royse, of the Wisconsin group, previous to his departure last Monday for eastern points, was out to the Deer creek property to lay out the work to be done during his absence. He reports rapid and entirely satisfactory progress there, having driven 215 feet on the Hello tunnel and values increasing as advancement is made.

A new tunnel on the Ohio claim of the same group was started about two weeks ago, and is in about fifty feet. Mr. Royse says the values there are fully as good, or better, than those on the opposite side of the creek, in the Hello claim.

One mile north of the Wisconsin group on Alder creek, work has been started on the properties of the recently incorporated St. Louis Gold Mining company. The affairs of this new enterprise are also under Mr. Royse's direction, he being a stockholder in the company. The principal work being done at present is the erection of buildings for miners and others employed in the development of the property, which will be completed by the time Mr. Royse returns.

#### Rich Float Found in City Limits.

Some men who were chopping wood for the Electric Light company on a tract of land within the city limits on the east, owned by Seymour Bell, found a piece of float larger than a man's fist that is "chuck full" of gold. At first they thought the gold was only on the outside, so broke open the specimen and found that the yellow metal was all through the rock. It is a handsome specimen, the quartz being pure white. The finders refused an offer of twenty dollars for it. Where it came from is not known, as no ledge has been discovered in the vicinity.

#### Nuggets from the Griffith Placers.

The Oregon Placer and Power company, owning the Griffith placers, about eight miles northwest of Sumpter, has been working a full crew of men for the last month, moving gravel. In cleaning a small piece of bedrock some very pretty nuggets valued from fifty cents to five dollars, were picked up. President Sorenson returned from there yesterday, much pleased with the prospects.

#### Miss Weiss' Private School.

Miss M. Weiss, teacher of the Mill street public school, will hold a summer session of a private school, beginning next Monday. It is understood she is already assured a large class. The school board will probably allow her the use of one of the public school rooms during the vacation, beginning next week.

J. N. Hoffman, at the Mill street ice cream depot, manufactures all kinds of cream daily. Free delivery to residences or hotels. Leave your orders.

## NOW, GET IN AND DRILL

### Chance For Sumpter to Secure a Big Pay Roll.

EDITOR MINER: I am of the opinion that the people of Sumpter should get in now and make an organized effort to secure the removal of the big lumber company plant of the Oregon Lumber company from Baker City to this point. There is no doubt but that Baker City has treated them in an extremely harsh and unbusiness-like manner, and the owners of that company are up in arms. It seems to me there should be no difficulty in securing ample ground for this plant here, that could be tendered them absolutely free, and if any part of the ground would come inside the city limits, we should exempt them from taxation for fifteen or twenty years.

Their pay roll amounts to \$10,000 per month. Baker City does not want this pay roll and Sumpter does.

Baker City has just voted for bonds to put in a light plant, to be run in opposition to the plant largely owned by the Oregon Lumber company, thus making an effort to confiscate \$120,000 of their property.

Instead of putting in a much needed sewer system, as the town is full of sickness to the personal knowledge of the writer, yellow flags being frequent in the residence part of town, they are going into the light business as a city enterprise. It seems to me that this is an opportune time for Sumpter and her wide awake citizens should be up and doing.

#### REALTY OWNER.

If there is any chance to induce this big concern to come to Sumpter, the citizens of this camp ought to "get in and drill." It is an opportunity, to neglect which would be nothing less than folly. The Oregon Lumber company, THE MINER feels safe in stating, will surely be given the glad hand if it decides to make the move—yes, it will be given more, a square deal. Mr. Barton has been in town today looking into the matter.

#### Will Hunt Big Game in Alaska.

Wm. E. Bartholf, brother of Eugene Bartholf, president of the Gipsy King company, and Wm. Rumery, left yesterday for Seattle, where they will take the first Alaskan steamer to Dawson, to be gone during the summer. Mr. Bartholf is familiar with the country about Dawson, where he has mined and hunted large game for the market the last two seasons. It is for the latter purpose he and Mr. Rumery are bound north now, and as there is generally a meat famine up there about June and July, they expect to kill moose and cariboo enough above Lake Teslin to ship in several tons of meat for the Dawson market, which will command from fifty cents to seventy-five cents per pound.

#### Reported Sale of the Climax.

A party of eastern capitalists is reported to have a bond on the Climax property, in the Cracker Creek district, adjoining the Golconda, which will be closed up and the purchase money, \$150,000, paid over within thirty days. The Climax is on the same ledge as the Cracker-Summit, Ohio and Free Coinage claims. This ledge is a parallel ledge to the mother lode, or E & E ledge, and is situated about 900 feet west. With the Cracker-Summit, Ohio

and Climax claims working, some good strikes can be looked for this summer. The surface indications on this ledge are very favorable, and some very rich ore was taken from the Climax and hauled to Baker City some time ago for shipment.

#### Working Olive Creek Placers.

The Olive Creek placer mine, on the stream of that name, at the mouth of Quartz gulch, two and a half miles above Alamo, is being worked by E. E. Hauser, J. J. Hinton, Ed. Lammert and J. C. Thompson. The property was developed last summer ready for operation this season and is now in full blast, with every indication of making one of the handsomest showings of any placer mine in eastern Oregon. The operators own six claims, or 120 acres, and two miles of ditch, with sufficient water to work until next August, at least.

#### Ore Carrying 26 Per Cent Copper

E. D. Gatewood was exhibiting yesterday some specimens of ore from the lower North Powder river country, nine miles east of the town of North Powder. The ore had been roasted, bringing to view many buttons of native copper, which an assay test gave as 26 per cent, besides gold values. Mr. Gatewood says the ore was taken out ten feet in depth from the surface, where there is a three and a half foot ledge.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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.

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Order you ice cream in pints, quarts or gallons at J. N. Hoffman's Mill street place. Made daily. No delivery charges.

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