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MILL FOR THE QUEBEC

CONTRACTOR McLAIN WILL DO THE WORK.

Graders and Millwrights Leave for the Mine Tomorrow—Will Have Twenty Stamps and be Identical With That of the Bald Mountain—How Captain Wood Chanced Not to be the Owner of This Splendid Property.

Contractor B. L. McLain will build the mill on the Quebec. Tomorrow he will send out a force of graders and millwrights to begin the work. Considerable grading will have to be done to prepare the site before the first timbers can be placed in position.

The machinery has been arriving here for several weeks past and much of it has already been hauled to the ground, so no delay will be occasioned by the failure of material to arrive on time. The mill will have twenty stamps, is made by the Joshua Hendy company, of San Francisco, and is virtually a reproduction of the one on the Bald Mountain, considered the most perfectly equipped mill in eastern Oregon up to date; Mr. McLain having also erected that one. No date for the completion of the plant has been set, but it is comparatively a sure thing that the Quebec will be producing gold bullion before fall.

This mine, when a mere prospect, was picked as a winner by Captain Wood last spring. He secured a bond on the property and expended \$3,000 in development work, showing up a large body of high grade ore. He was acting for himself and J. W. Gates, the Chicago steel magnate. About the time the bond expired, Gates was busy with an adult strike, with a few million dollars deal to occupy his mind during his leisure moments, so failed to take up the option. Captain Wood failed to secure a time extension, the owner knowing then that he had a mine, and the Captain, a good mining man and a thoroughbred, quit the country in disgust.

Since then the Carrs, the present owners, secured control of the property and are now putting up the mill. The impression prevails that they have one of the most valuable mines in eastern Oregon.

Two Mining Sales Reported.

It was reported on good authority yesterday that the Oro Fino mine, the property formerly belonging to J. Hilliard and J. Schmitz, in the Alamo district, has been sold to Spokane parties for \$8,000, the first payment of \$3,000 having been completed. The Belcher mine, in the Robinsonville district, was also sold to Spokane people. The property belonged to A. Larsen and brought \$25,000. Both properties have been well developed and sold readily because owners asked reasonable prices for them.—Democrat.

Harley Wood's Game Bird.

Harley Wood found time hanging rather heavy on his hands, the scrap in the council having quieted down to uninteresting skirmishes for points, and the twenty-one plungers having gone to the hills to dig for more gold, so he sent down to the Willamette valley for a game bird, to enliven the dull monotony of life. The chicken arrived Thursday and is a "beaut," a trifle large but game to the limit of his species. Since then his owner has been prospecting for roosters for the fighter to practice on. He borrowed a few dung hills from neighbors while they were not looking,

but they failed to make the game interesting. He finally made a match with a game owned by a Chinaman across the river, for Sunday afternoon. The night before A. W. Ellis stole the bird and when Harley found him gone next morning, he decided that if the guilty party could be apprehended, there would be a fight anyway, even if he had to do the work himself, with an ax. On his way down town, his mind deeply emersed in a detective problem, he heard the game crow of his pet in the brewery and knew who the culprit was. Ellis had gone on the excursion, so saved his hide. The rooster was recovered and in the afternoon whipped everything on the west side that wore feathers.

EXCURSION TO WHITNEY.

Between Three and Four Hundred People Visit the New Town.

Between three and four hundred people went from Baker City and Sumpter on the excursion to Whitney Sunday, this being the first opportunity the public has had to go to the "end of the track" by train.

The most noticeable feature of this extension of the Sumpter Valley railway is the steep grades. Two engines were required to pull the train of a half dozen cars over the summit, and it is quite evident that locomotives of much greater power than are now in use on the road will be needed to handle the traffic, if it assumes the expected proportions. One thing in favor of the road is that the heavy trains of logs, to haul which the line was primarily constructed, will come down the grade as a general proposition. Already great piles of logs are placed at short intervals along the track. Most of these were cut from the right of way. In this vicinity the Oregon Lumber company owns what is doubtless the finest body of timber in eastern Oregon, and nowhere can land be more easily logged. There is no underbrush, the ground is unbroken and everywhere covered with grass.

The much talked of Whitney is located on an untimbered, flat piece of land, of which there is a section or more; surrounded immediately by a range of low hills. There are few such spots in the Blue mountains. Bald mountain looms up distinctly and appears to be about as near to Whitney as it is to Sumpter, but the difference in distance is about fifteen miles. The Greenhorn range is in plain view from the townsite. There is considerable snow in the higher altitudes.

At present Whitney consists of about a dozen frame buildings, substantial in character, some of which are not yet completed.

Concord Must be Ventilated.

Mayor Robbins came in from the Concord mine Monday. He says it has not yet been decided whether or not the company will begin milling its ores right away. A plan for either extending the tunnel or upraising to the surface, so as to secure better ventilation before beginning to stope is now under consideration, and some little time will be required to execute either plan. The Concord is now a mine, without any possibility of a doubt and the management is merely figuring on how best to operate it.

Order ice cream, pastry or all kinds of bread from J. N. Hoffman's bakery, Mill street, next to Golden Eagle hotel.

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

MINING MEN

FROM SEATTLE.

Will Develop a Property in the Greenhorns.

A. G. Martin and J. B. McManus, of Seattle, arrived in Sumpter Saturday. The latter is the junior partner in the firm of J. E. McManus & Son, the largest mining operators on Puget Sound. He has supplemented a scientific education with extensive practical experience in mining.

Mr. Martin came to Sumpter last season with the elder McManus and spent the summer prospecting in the Greenhorn mountains, with several others. He located some claims in the vicinity of the Golden Eagle, which he thinks are very promising. On them is a thirty-five foot vein, that carries free gold, varying in value from four to eight dollars. It is to develop this property that they have returned. Their intention is to sink a 100-foot shaft this season.

When Mr. Martin left here last fall, he placed his pack horses in care of Mr. Kitchen, who had them ready for the trip on his arrival. They started out Monday, to get the camp in shape for the men who will be started to work in a week or ten days.

Activity in Burnt River Mines.

M. E. Baine left Saturday to join his associate in the mining business, J. H. Brown, at Malheur City. The latter returned to Sumpter yesterday to attend to some business here. In a day or two he will meet Mr. Baine at Vale, where he has gone with the pack animals. Together they will go on a prospecting trip through a wide scope of country to the south, expecting to be gone about two months. Mr. Brown says much placer mining is being done on Burnt river this season; that the supply of water is greater than usual and that the final cleanup will not be made for a month or six weeks. He reports that more prospectors are going into that country this season than for a number of years past, attracted there by the reports of rich strikes in free milling gold—the poor man's mining proposition.

Snow Falls June 4, 1901.

In order to keep the record straight, let it be entered in the weather journal that on June 4, 1901, here in Sumpter, at an altitude of only 4420 feet, it snowed more or less all day long. It was not cold and at intervals the sun shone brightly and melted the snow that had fallen. There was evidently some queer goings-on for this time of the year in the upper atmospheric stratas where this snow was formed. The stuff was altogether out of season and ought to be included in the game law. The old timers have not dared to spring any story about an eight-inch fall of snow in July '61, because it is very evident that the public generally wishes this to be the record breaking event.

Pleasant Way to Travel.

The most delightful way to travel to the east is by way of Salt Lake City—the city of the saints—and the Rio Grande Western railway, in conjunction with either the Denver & Rio Grande or Colorado Midland railroads. This route not only carries the passenger through the heart of the Rocky mountains and in view of the most magnificent scenery on continent, but it also provides for stop-over on railroad and Pullman tickets at quaint and picturesque Salt Lake City,

Glenwood Springs, Manitou, Denver, etc. Through Pullman palace and ordinary sleepers, free reclining chair cars and a perfect dining car service via this route to Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago. Personally conducted weekly tourists excursions. For printed matter, rates, etc., inquire of J. D. Mansfield, General Agent, 122 A Third street, Portland, or Geo. W. Heintz, General Passenger Agent, Salt Lake City.

Oil at Prairie City.

A little excitement was occasioned the other day over oil. Some of our citizens thought they knew where there was oil floating on the water, and to test it took some paper and saturated it, and it burned with a clear flame and gave unmistakable signs of petroleum. It has long been known that coal existed in the John Day valley, and men who are experienced in oil claim that it can also be found here.—Special from Prairie City to Baker City Herald.

Meeting of Fourth of July Committee.

The finance committee of the Fourth of July celebration met with Mayor Robbins this afternoon. It was decided that nothing can be done until the executive committee forms some idea of the character and extent of the program. With a view of getting matters in tangible shape, all the committees will meet tomorrow afternoon, probably in the Bank of Sumpter, when definite arrangements will be made to start work on the proposition.

Fifty-foot Contract Let on the Grizzly.

The Grizzly Gold Mining company has let a contract to continue its shaft another 50 feet. McGhee & Reese have the work in hand, which, with other odd work about the mine, is to be completed in sixty-five days.

Placer Claims for Sale.

An extraordinary chance for the purchase of a fine placer property with plenty of water, all ready for profitable work. Some cash and time. Will bear investigation. Address M. J., care of MINER, Sumpter, Oregon.

Water Pipe for Sale.

About 2000 feet of new and second-hand eight-inch, steel-riveted pipe for sale at a bargain. Inquire at the office of the Sumpter Water company.

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.

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

The pupils of the graduating class of the Sumpter public schools will hold their

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

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