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## Ours is Far The Better Mining Region Today.

EDITOR MINER:-I have been in California two weeks. I have, by observation and inquiry, informed myself pretty thoroughly of the mining situation in this state, and it all convinces me that Sumpter mining district is as progressive and perhaps more promising than anything in California.

I am now in Placer county. Adjoining on the north is Nevada county, two of the oldest mining sections in the state, and one of them the largest producer in the state.

From all I can see and learn, less progress has been made in the past four years, in the way of developments, than was made in any one of your districts during last season, and I am sure the output of several of the Sumpter district mines exceeds the best in either of these two counties, notwithstanding their age and reputation.

Comparisons are said to be odious, but a comparison of the mining outlook here and in eastern Oregon will certainly prejudice an impartial observer in favor of the Northwest.

In Sumpter we sometimes get the idea that it is a little slow and that greener fields exist over the hills, somewhere else, but a trip into such favored sections will soon convince one that Sumpter and its surroundings are all right. I believe there is no better field known-I certainly do not believe there is one in this state.

We, in Sumpter, think unless a big mine is discovered and opened each season that the country is going back. I find men still prospecting here on ledges they were at work on four and six years ago, and have no idea whatever of throwing up the sponge, and there are lots of them, which if in Sumpter district, would have been abandoned the first season-I know of four mines here, and hereabouts, that have had more money, and four times the time spent on them than on your biggest producers, that have never dreamed of paying a dividend, and it is safe to say that the number of dividend payers all over the state can be numbered with two small figures.

It is probable that what I say is well known to mining operators, and that is the reason so many look over the eastern Oregon gold fields.

Ten years from now I verily believe the Sumpter district will be world famous for its gold production and its B. J. WATSON. prosperity. Auburn, California, June 21, 1901.

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#### Genuine Slyvanite in the Washington.

W. Sexton came in from the Washington mine Friday. He called at this office and informed us that they had struck the genuine sylvanite ore. A tunnel was run into the hillside 175 feet, about 60 feet from the top of the hill, and when about 75 feet in, they struck some coarse gold, in the shape of flakes. Therefore, when in about 175 feet they turned back and sunk a shaft down at the place where they struck the coarse gold. They were only down 16 feet in the shaft when they struck the sylvanite ore. They also found considerable of the flake gold, of which, one flake was measured with a string around the edge of it, and it measured five inches.-Prairie City Miner.

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