

**MORE SEATTLE MONEY****A. B. Ernst Negotiating for  
The Virginia.**

A. B. Ernst, a mining man from Seattle, was in this district last week, looking over the situation with a view to investing. He is now negotiating for the purchase of the Virginia.

About a year ago this property was bought by Messrs. Butler and Mitchell, of Baker City, and a company was organized to operate it, but owing to some internal discord, it is reported, the enterprise has languished and now the mine is for sale.

The Virginia is one of the old properties of this district, and from it much gold was taken in years past. It is said to have produced the richest ores that have been taken from the Blue mountains. It has not been worked for some years past and its shaft is now filled with water. It has many feet of workings and its known ore bodies are far from being exhausted.

Mr. Ernst is an old newspaper man, but left the business about two years ago to engage in mining and has met with much success. He has been identified with the Great Northern company, operating a copper property in the Index district, in which he has been associated with some of the leading business men of Seattle.

They are rustlers, those residents on Puget Sound, and it means much good for eastern Oregon to have them investing in the mines of this section. Heretofore they have been operating in the Cascades, where there are doubtless extensive mineral deposits, but enormous capital is required in order that returns may be secured from the ground; and in far off Alaska, where "the other fellow" has invariably made the big stake.

Mr. Ernst is the representative of the third Seattle syndicate who has been here within two weeks, and all have secured properties. This is the proper place for that push to do business, and they are hereby officially notified that they will be heartily welcomed to the gold fields of eastern Oregon—where intelligent effort has never yet scored a failure in the mining business.

**Whitney Buys 1000 Inches of Water.**

City Recorder Austin Craig, of the town of Whitney, was in the city yesterday and reported a budget of news from the growing burg. The town council of Whitney yesterday closed a deal by which they purchased 1000 miner's inches of mountain water, known as the Patrick rights, recently bought by Sheriff Huntington and by him sold to the town. The water will be supplied to the town from a reservoir about 13 1/4 miles out on the side of the mountain, by a pipe line. The water rights purchased will furnish sufficient water for a city three times as large as Baker City. Work on the pipe line will commence this summer. The move was necessary to protect business property.—Democrat.

**Will Employ 500 Men.**

Since the rich strike made last week in the Union-Companion mine at Cornucopia east of Union, the company has been making arrangements to operate the mines on an extensive scale. It has been determined to employ five hundred men on this mine alone, beginning July 1st. The recent developments in this property prove it to be one of the greatest mines on the coast. Already the town of Cornucopia is taking on new life as a result of the determination of this company to increase its working force.—Union Republican.

Mining deeds for sale at this office.

**Offers \$20,000 a Month Rent for Claims.**

The White Pine News, published at Ely, Nevada, tells in a recent issue of an offer made by an eastern syndicate to pay \$20,000 a month rent for a copper property in that region, for a term of ten years, or \$2,400,000 during the life of the lease. The property is 150 miles from a railroad, is not extensively developed and carries average values of only \$19.55 a ton, \$12.80 in copper, \$4.95 in gold and \$1.80 in silver. In this region of prevailing low prices for mines, this proposition seems to be a remarkably favorable one for the owners, yet it has been refused. The newspaper story bears every indication of being authentic and accurate. Several Sumpter mining men, John Cupid and others, own a group of ten claims in the Pueblo district, in Harney county, that makes a much better showing than does the Nevada property, that could probably be secured on more favorable terms. These claims are only 110 miles from the Central Pacific, connected by rail with an excellent wagon road. The ore carries \$25.75 in values; copper \$15, gold \$6.24 and silver \$4.51, a difference of \$6.20 in favor of the Oregon mines.

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It has been truthfully said that in this era of consolidation to destroy competition it is of note that the metal mining industry is one that encourages and supports all others and competes with none. A new factory competes with established factories; an additional farm tends to lower prices of farm products; another store cuts into the trade and profits of existing ones; the miner, alone, enriches all and competes with none.

His of all pursuits, creates the real wealth, patronizes every other establishment and, producing nothing that he can consume, affords the best home markets for the products of others. The amount of his purchases depends upon the amount of mineral development. His work sets in motion and sustains a legion of other industries, all operating to a common good.

As a promoter of railroad traffic, as a creator of new enterprises, as a customer for manufactures of all kinds, the miner is the best purchaser, vivifying a wide circle of activities. It has been calculated that each underground miner affords employment for ten men above ground, thus putting in motion industrial waves on which ride to profit the merchant, the manufacturer, farmer and railroad man.

He asks for little, but self-interest suggests to every man in every capacity that anything that aids the mining industry aids his own business. The value of the miners' patronage is manifest. Whatever helps the miner helps all; whatever represses the mining industry injures to that extent the welfare of the nation. The miner needs no subsidies, concessions or anti-trust legislation; he does need, however, to have his importance more generally recognized.

Were it not for the miner one-half of this entire nation would still be a wilderness, and the other half filled with people preying upon one another in the struggle for existence. The miner has created the greatest home market in the world and is thus the foremost factor in all commercial development. When the miner has money to spend, everybody in his vicinity is prosperous. And the truth of these patent facts should be recognized in the legislature of every mining state and territory.—Western Mining World.

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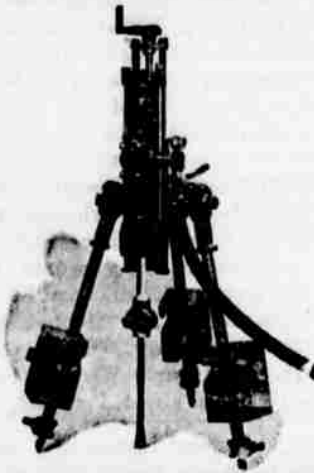
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