

WELL PLEASED MEN.**Seattle Operators Who Have
"Good Things" Here.**

J. E. McManus and A. B. Ernst, of Seattle, arrived in Sumpter last week and went at once to the properties in which they are interested, the Helma and Virginia, respectively.

Mr. McManus returned yesterday from the Helma, and said to a Miner representative that he was so well pleased with that property that he was almost afraid to express his real opinion of its merits, as it might appear as if he were drawing the long bow. The ledge is twenty feet wide and colors can be panned anywhere. It has been thoroughly prospected with shafts and open cuts and he has decided to begin at once to run a 400-foot tunnel that will give him a depth of nearly foot for foot. Work has been commenced on a bunk and boarding house, with a covered passage way between. A blacksmith shop will also be erected and a kiln of charcoal burned without delay.

The gentleman expressed unreservedly the opinion that eastern Oregon is the most enticing mining region he has ever seen. And this means much, for he is a mining man of wide experience. Aside from his personal operations, he was government mineral land inspector under Cleveland, covering Montana, Idaho and Washington. He left this afternoon for home, but will return in ten days.

Mr. Ernst recently bought the Virginia, one of the old producers in the Greenhorns. He took out a team of horses and a crew of men, and has begun work on an extensive scale. There is already considerable ore in sight and the mill will be put in operation as soon as it can be renovated and repaired. He will remain at the mine a month, personally superintending operations there.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Roy Miller is at LaGrande, in charge of the bank there during the illness of Cashier Scriber.

Cleveland Rockwell, of Portland, arrived Monday morning on a sight seeing trip of a few days.

I. B. Bowen, of the Baker City Democrat, is in town today, helping Joseph Barton take good care of the old folks.

H. J. Jory returned yesterday from the Badger, where he had been doing some professional work as a mining expert.

E. L. Manning and C. K. DeNeff returned yesterday from Olive lake, where they camped with a party for several days.

Dr. Lon Cleaver is in town today, mingling with the sixty-three year old and better excursionists, the playmates of his distant youth.

Geo. W. Jett, county assessor, accompanied by his wife and her niece, Miss Ethel Roberts, of Portland, came up on the excursion this morning.

Mrs. N. C. Richards and son left yesterday for Seattle. After visiting there for a while, they will go east, expecting to be absent about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Grainger returned today from a three weeks trip to Portland and Clatsop beach. They report cool weather at the sea side.

Dr. J. F. Dickson, a prominent physician of Portland, and owner of the Downie placers, adjoining town, came up Monday on business connected with his mining interests here.

H. M. Lee, who lived in Sumpter several months last year, arrived from Portland Monday and yesterday went out to the Red Boy mine, where he will keep books for the company.

Mrs. Thomas Ingram presented her husband with a fine little daughter Monday, the twenty-ninth inst. Tom says if the new arrival had been a boy he would have bought wine.

Claude Basehe returned Monday from a week's business and pleasure trip, during which time he attended the International Mining congress at Boise, Idaho, as a delegate from Sumpter.

Two merry little Misses, Margaret Goldstein and Clara Bilner, from Baker City, were among the Red Men excursionists Thursday, chaperoned by the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Valentine.

David Wilson is in town to-day. He says the new hotel will be rushed to completion and will be ready for occupancy in October. His option on the E. & E. expires today and that deal is off for the present.

Mayor Robbins returned yesterday from Pendleton, where he had been to attend a meeting of the directors of the company that owns oil lands in Colorado. It is reported that the proposition is panning out all right.

P. C. Robinson, who has been superintendent of the Golconda mill and connected with other mines in this district, left yesterday for Alaska. Mrs. Robinson left for New York and will join her husband in the north next season.

General Compton, of Portland, was in Sumpter and vicinity this week, looking after interests which he holds in the Esmeralda and Rockefeller groups. He is very enthusiastic over the showing made in these properties. Work on both will be resumed at an early day.

George S. Innis and his son, Homer C., of St Paul, Minnesota, were Monday arrivals. The former is a professor in the Hamline university of St Paul, and is on his summer vacation, as well as a still hunt for a partially developed mining property. His son is an assayer.

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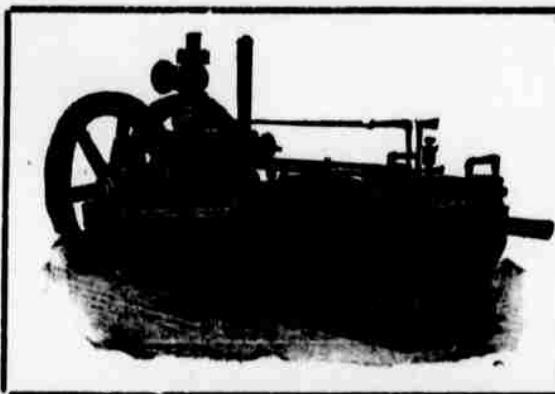
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