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## TWO MINING DEALS.

### CONSUMMATED HERE DURING THE PAST WEEK.

**N. J. Sorensen Buys for Cash the Old Carpenter Ditch and Placer Ground—Local and Minneapolis Parties Pay \$35,000 for the Famous California—This Mine Will be Worked on an Extensive Scale—Improvements already Begun.**

Besides several of which THE MINER has been requested to say nothing, during the past week two important mining deals have been consummated.

Neil J. Sorensen last Friday paid the Cleaver Brothers cash for the old Carpenter water ditch and 140 acres of placer ground, near Alamo. The purchase price has not been made public. Mr. Sorensen is already busily engaged making extensive improvements on and putting this old property in shape for active operations next year. In fact he is working it now on a small scale, but is handicapped on account of the scarcity of water. He says this is the driest season eastern Oregon has known for many years and his chief concern at present is to add to his water supply.

Mr. Sorensen made a pronounced success of the Griffin placers, which he bought about a year ago, and is of the opinion that his recent purchase will be at least equally successful. He is a miner who takes the gold out of the ground and that is the kind this region wants, needs and honors.

The other transaction involves the famous old California, in the Cable Cove district, regarding which much has already been printed in the newspapers of the Northwest since the deal was closed a week ago. The transfer is from Henry, Bessie F., and W. F. Cable to J. L. Michaels, L. S. Ovitt and Henry M. Farnham, trustees for the Turnagain Arm Gold Mining company, of Minneapolis. The consideration is \$35,000, and the terms of the sale, according to the papers filed with the county recorder, calls for the payment of \$7,500 in cash; \$7,500 on or before January 1, 1902; and the balance of \$20,000 before June 30, 1902. The purchasing company is given immediate possession of the property, but all revenues derived from the operation of the mine are to be paid into the First National bank of Baker City, to be divided as follows: 50 per cent to the purchasers and 50 per cent to the old owners to apply on the purchase price.

This is the property that was bonded by Messrs. Killen & Warner, of Sumpter, some months ago, and was incorporated as and has been worked by the California Gold Mining company. These gentlemen retain their interest in the mine and Mr. Killen will be the general manager. He stated to a MINER representative yesterday that the stockholders in his company will be fully protected; that stock in the new company, which owns considerable more property than did the old, will be issued to them in lieu of that now held.

He says that the mine will be operated on an extensive scale. Men are now at work building additional houses and as soon as they are finished, the working force will be increased to about fifty. The first work to be done will be the improvement of the road from Hanover to the mine. This is absolutely

necessary, in order to get in the new machinery that will soon be installed. It is the purpose of the new owners to open up the mine so that the output shall at the earliest possible date reach the maximum. With this end in view, machinery has been ordered with which to drive another tunnel to open up a large known ore body. The county will stand half the cost of the road improvement. The company will put in a store at the mine, extend the telephone line from Hanover and have a post office established there. Messrs. Killen & Warner have worked hard and long on this deal and they richly deserve congratulations which they are receiving from all quarters.

### WHERE DID HE GET AMALGAM?

**Had \$400 Worth and While Drunk "Tipped It Off."**

On Monday evening Cato Johns and Ben Oppenheimer, a Portland traveling man, drove in from Whitney, bringing one C. M. Maddy, who it is understood had applied to them for a ride. On their arrival here, Maddy was turned over to the authorities, having had in his possession about \$400 worth of amalgam, supposed to have been stolen from the Red Boy mine, near which it is claimed he had camped. The circumstances in the affair appear to be, that while at Whitney, Maddy, who was considerably intoxicated, asked for a ride to some point, which was granted him, and that while on the road it was learned that he had a quantity of amalgam, which he claimed came from a property of his own, but the suspicions of Johns and companion being aroused, they concluded to bring him on into Sumpter, as above stated.

Up to this time Maddy has been under surveillance only, awaiting a warrant from the Grant county officials, no direct charge being made against him, although it is said he will not be allowed to leave until one is made. The man is said to have worked for the Red Boy people some time ago and about one year ago was employed in the smelter here. He also worked for the Electric Light company for some time.

LATER.—Deputy Sheriff Ooley arrived from Granite this afternoon with a warrant sworn out by the Red Boy people and has taken Maddy home with him.

### Constellation Will Drive 500 Foot Tunnel.

Immediate and extensive development will begin on the Constellation Gold Mining company's properties in the Cable Cove. Contracts will be let this week for 500 feet of tunnel work. The recent assays from the main vein on the Evening Star claim of the group have been so satisfactory as to warrant this move on the part of the company. Other permanent improvements will be added and all put in the very best mining order for steady work through the winter. Much more might be said in a favorable way of the Constellation, but for the conservatism of the operators.

### Ten Dollars Reward.

I will pay \$10.00 reward for the return to Sumpter of one gray horse, branded 2H., on left shoulder; and one sorrel mare, branded F.Q., on left shoulder and T.S. on left hip.

EGUENE BARTHOLF.  
Sumpter, Ore.

Don't overlook an opportunity to secure one of the cash prizes advertised on page 10 of this paper.

## BURNT RIVER

### WAGON ROAD.

#### THIS GOOD THING IS NOW BEING PUSHED ALONG.

**Proposed Route Inspected Sunday—No Obstacles Will Be Encountered—Al Jones and J. N. Doan Are Now Carefully Examining Two Routes—When They Report a Survey Will Be Made—R. E. Strahorn Pays Half Preliminary Cost—County Will Stand Half Construction Cost.**

R. E. Strahorn arrived in Sumpter last week. He has been very busy with his private affairs, but has found time to stir up the town on that Burnt river wagon road and give the worthy enterprise such a start that it will undoubtedly be consummated. Mr. Strahorn stated to a MINER representative that he feels some hesitancy about coming in here, non-resident that he is, and urging the citizens of Sumpter so persistently to do something about which they seem to be so utterly indifferent.

"I don't want to appear fresh," he said; "but I know from long experience in several new western towns, how vitally important good wagon roads are. Of course, this matter benefits me personally only indirectly. The merchants are the ones who will receive the direct benefit. Sumpter must get in and do something for itself, or it will be distanced in the race for supremacy."

Sunday Mayor Bobbins, E. H. Horner, of the Forwarding company, and G. W. Williams, of the Transportation company, accompanied Mr. Strahorn over the cut-off portion of the proposed route. They say it is entirely feasible, that a road can there be easily constructed.

As a result of this trip and the ensuing discussion of the matter, Al Jones and J. N. Doan volunteered their services to go over the ground all the way and examine it carefully. Yesterday they started out with camping outfit and pack animals and will put in four or five days examining two routes, preliminary to actual survey of the one considered best. Upon their return they will report in detail and survey will be ordered. For all of this preliminary expense Mr. Strahorn offers to pay one half.

In a few days a committee of Sumpter business men will go to the Burnt river section and confer with the ranchers there, with a view to obtaining their cooperation, which has already been unofficially tendered.

Then the task of raising the money here in Sumpter for constructing the road will be tackled. It ought not to be a difficult one. It needs no argument to convince that money cannot be more profitably invested. No estimate has been made as to the amount required. County Commissioner Gleason was present yesterday when Mr. Strahorn was talking to a MINER representative on the subject, and he then stated that the present policy of the county is to put up one half of the cost of road building when individuals contribute the remainder, and he did not doubt but what it would be done in this case. Of course, Mr. Gleason can be relied upon to use his influence and best efforts in this direction.

### Big Demand for Mining Stocks.

E. Sanderson Smith has rented the office adjoining THE MINER building and will enlarge the scope of his mining business. He is known as a mining man

of ability and character, from New York to Alaska. Heretofore he has confined his operations to reporting on and dealing in mines. Of course this will continue to be the principal feature of his business, but in future he will also handle stocks in promising, reputable companies. There is no broker in Sumpter dealing in stocks of companies in which they are not interested, and the demand from the east for eastern Oregon stocks is growing so rapid that it is thought an independent broker can do a big business in that line. Buyers can rely on the fact that Mr. Smith is a mining man of excellent judgement and is absolutely trustworthy.

### WATER SUPPLY SHORT.

**Efforts to Increase Present Supply—Will Be Stored Next Season.**

This is the "driest" season the Blue mountains have experienced for many years. The same thing was said by old timers last summer. An unusually heavy snow fell during the past winter, and it was hoped that the water supply would be ample; but the intense heat of early July days melted it all very rapidly, and now the mountain streams are fed by springs alone.

As a result of this condition, the city's supply of water is very meager, and the Water company is the target for many kicks. Regarding the matter, R. E. Strahorn, the owner of the system, says he is not to blame; that when he took charge of the property last season, he had to rely on the testimony of those who had been here a number of years. They all told him that Wind and Pole creeks would furnish more water than the city could possibly use, if the supply were guarded against waste. He made all the improvements suggested, but there is again a partial water famine.

Mr. Strahorn says this will not occur another year. At the head of both streams there is a natural reservoir, in which the water can be retained by building dams across the gulches. This he will do this season, and says enough water can be stored to last this town a month, during the dry spell, even if the source of supply should dry up entirely during that time.

An effort is now being made to increase the temporary supply for the immediate future by sinking to bedrock in both streams and tunneling from the bottom of the shaft into the hills. It is hoped that this will add twenty-five per cent to the present supply.

Mr. McCammon, the local manager of the company, is doing everything in his power to prevent consumers from experiencing serious inconvenience. With this end in view, he asks that everyone be careful and guard against leakages. In order that there shall be plenty of water in case of fire, that in the reservoir is reserved for that purpose exclusively, that for the city going direct from the ditch into the pipes. Every night, from 11 to 5 o'clock, the stream is turned into the reservoir and a watchman is kept there all the time, to open the gates in case of fire.

THE MINER is receiving daily, many new subscribers, who are taking advantage of the special offer, advertised elsewhere in this issue, to participate in the distribution of \$15,000. The offer is an honest, bona fide one, open to old and new subscribers. Read it on page 10 of THE MINER.

Something to depend upon—Giant powder.