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OWL AND ELEPHANT.

BOUGHT YESTERDAY FOR A MARYLAND SYNDICATE.

Property Will Be Developed Extensively and Hurried to the Producing Stage—The Winning Hand, Another Cable Cove Property, Sold to The California Mine People.

Another sale of a mining property was reported yesterday, again a Cable Cove mine is involved.

This time, Mr. Higgins, the representative of a Maryland syndicate, is the purchaser. The papers transferring to him the Owl and Elephant, were signed yesterday.

The price paid is said to have been \$10,000, ten per cent of which was paid in cash yesterday to K. P. Plowman, of Boise, Idaho, the owner, who was here in person to close the deal.

The new owners are going to run a tunnel in 500 feet on the vein. This property averages as well as any in the district and the purchasers can be congratulated on having gotten probably the cheapest and one of the best properties in the district. They examined it in the most thorough manner before purchasing, and it is safe to say that they have made no mistake in their investment. The tunnel of 500 feet will in reality be a drift on the vein, taking out ore from the start. The vein now shows, by numerous cuts and tunnels, an ore body fully 600 feet long, carrying good values all the way. The mine was carefully examined by Mr. Higgins and Mr. Dickson, and finally experted by Mr. Esselstyn.

Mr. Higgins has been in Sumpter about a month; has looked at dozens of claims and several times owners thought they had him hooked. He has taken his time and given everybody a hearing.

Sale of the Winning Hand.

P. Basche and Thomas McEwen have executed a bond to L. S. Ovitt, trustee for the Turnagain Arm Mining company, on the Winning Hand quartz claim for \$2,700.00, to be paid by April 1, 1902. This property lies contiguous to the California, and is under bond to the same people who recently bought that property and will operate it on a large scale. It is undoubtedly a valuable acquisition to that company.

Refused \$400,000 for the Buckeye.

Judge Wolbreck, a prominent lawyer of Milwaukee, and William Kickhaever, of the same city, are here in the interest of the Buckeye mine. Mr. Kickhaever is president of the company. The Buckeye is fast developing into a splendid property, and the company have just refused an offer of \$400,000 for it.—Baker City Herald.

Worley and Phoenix Both Shipping.

J. L. Hunter, who is a partner of J. Brummer in the lease of the Worley mine, which adjoins the Banzette and which is owned by the Geiser estate, was down from the mine yesterday with some fine samples of ore. The mine is in the celebrated Bonanza district and is proving to be very rich. "We are now down thirteen feet from the surface," said Mr. Hunter, "and have not yet found the walls to our ledge, which is very wide. We are shipping the ore and milling it in the Pyx mill, four miles

away. We have several more days work to do there yet before Geiser moves the mill to the Gem mine in the Sparta district. We have a tunnel in on the Worley 280 feet and will at once run a crosscut to tap the main ledge at a depth of 70 feet. Our ore as milled runs better than \$300 to the ton. While there are only two shipping mines in our neighborhood, ours and the Phoenix, there are a great many fine properties being developed with plenty of ore in sight. The hills are full of men, and more work is being done and better values shown than in three years past."—Democrat.

Driven From Shaft by Water.

S. S. Terrell, whose plan to look for placer gold below "webfoot" bedrock, was exploited in these columns several weeks since, has been forced to abandon his shaft on account of water. His claims adjoin the Ellis ground just west of town. He started his shaft in the low, swamp ground, and had gone down 23 feet, when the water rose from below and drove him out. He has decided not to resort to a pump, not knowing how far down he will have to go; but will move to higher ground and sink there. He is determined to get below false bedrock and see if he and Professor Selwynn are right in their theory that the really rich placer deposits will be found there.

PLENTY OF WATER IN SIGHT.

Finds It on Bedrock at the Head of Pole Creek.

Superintendent McCammon, of the Water company, says he feels sure that Sumpter will again have an ample supply of water, in about a week. He made the test mentioned in THE MINER last week, of going to bed rock at the head of the supply creeks, by driving down a steel rod. When it was removed, the water rose to the top of the hole.

This experiment was tried on Pole creek. Bed rock was down thirteen feet. A contract was at once let to Frank Arthur to sink that distance and drift 150 feet into each of the hills on either side of the water course. He now has eight men at work on the job, working day and night shifts, and it is hoped that sufficient water will thus be secured in about a week.

This is no new idea in hydraulics, but it is not known to have been given practical application in these parts before.

New Map of the Cable Cove District.

Engineer W. H. W. Hamilton has just completed a new map of the Cable Cove mining district, 17x23 inches in size, showing the various properties there, the mountain ranges, water courses, wagon roads and trails. Blue prints of the same are for sale at THE MINER office at \$1.50 each, sent postpaid to any address on receipt of the price.

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.

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CITY COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS.

Sumpter and Center Streets Will Be Improved.

Owing to the fact that no quorum was present, the city council held no meeting Saturday evening, but met last evening instead.

A resolution was introduced and passed that the city remove the stumps and in otherwise improve Sumpter street, from Mill to Center, at the expense of the property owners, notwithstanding their protest. This action is taken under a recently enacted ordinance requiring the removal of obstructions in all streets. The committee on streets and public property was instructed to employ an engineer and have an estimate made of the cost.

An ordinance was passed for the grading and improving of Center street, from Granite to the south line of Center, no remonstrance having been filed.

A general sidewalk ordinance was also passed.

The marshal was instructed to enforce the street obstruction ordinance. He was authorized to employ a man to drive in nails on all sidewalks. In many places they have worked up.

The judiciary committee was instructed to take steps to have a forest reserve established at the head of Pole and Wind creeks, the source of the city's water supply. The purpose of this, of course, is to preserve that supply. This will have to be done by the Interior department, officials of which are now in this state.

Bills were allowed and monthly reports of city officers approved. Dr. Brock, the city physician, in his report, stated that there had been but one death in Sumpter from disease in the past sixty days, and only five since March 1; though there had been deaths from other causes and a number of bodies had been brought here for burial or shipment. He recommended that certain precautions be taken against a possible typhoid fever epidemic, which recommendations the committee on health and police reported had been acted upon.

Another Man "Just Looking Around."

George D. McIlvaine, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, arrived in Sumpter today. Like most of his class, he is "merely looking around," has no special purpose in coming here. Also like the others, he manifests much interest in examining ore samples and acquiring information regarding the several districts surrounding this camp.

F. E. Cabell Goes into Bankruptcy.

The following is from the Oregonion of yesterday. There is doubtless some inaccuracies in the paragraph; the name Cabell should doubtless be Cable.

"F. E. Cabell, miner, of Granite, Grant county, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court. His liabilities are given at \$34,825.00. The Cabell mine on Elk creek, was one of the richest in the country some 30 years ago. A large quartz mill was put up on the mine, which cost a fortune, and shortly afterward the lead pinched out, and a large amount was spent in hunting for it, but without success. Afterwards the Cabell brothers

took up another claim in Cable Cove, not far from the famous Monumental mine, which was supposed to be very rich. Just what has happened to the Cabells is not known, but in the petition of F. E. Cabell no assets are mentioned. The largest part of his liabilities is represented by judgments held by F. E. Horsley on his estate.

Build Road to Cable Cove at Once.

At a meeting held between the representatives of Grant and Baker counties and the Baby McKee and Free Coinage mines, it was decided to begin work on the proposed road at once. This road begins at the Free Coinage mine and runs to the Baby McKee mine, thence to the California and from there to the John Day divide. From there it will go to the Middle Fork of the John Day river. The total cost of the work will be about \$4,000. Of this amount one-half has already been subscribed and the balance will be forthcoming very soon. Work has already been started and it is but a matter of a short time before the work will have been completed.—Herald.

SUMPTER OPERA HOUSE.

A Rare Treat for Theater Goes Monday and Tuesday Evenings.

The Miller Dramatic company will hold the boards at the Sumpter Opera house for two nights, commencing next Monday evening, August 19.

There is no better repertoire company on the road this year than the Miller Dramatic company, and crowded houses will surely greet this sterling company. The opening bill will be the ideal American drama, "The Blue and the Gray." Tuesday evening the English comedy-drama, "A Noble Outcast."

Reserved seats now on sale at Edward's. General admission 50 cents, reserved seats, 75 cents.

A. E. Starr's Clothes Found.

Last week it was reported that A. E. Starr's body had been found. His sons-in-law, Messrs. Hurt and Griffin went out, but could find only his clothes and hair. This was not more than a mile and a half from his cabin. The clothes were ripped open, not unbuttoned. Other conclusive evidence was secured to prove that he was eaten by wild animals, probably cougars, perhaps after he had become exhausted and fallen in the snow. Strange to say, no human bones could be found anywhere in the vicinity.

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