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OUR GOLD FIELDS

Mining Promoters Are Doing Well the Great Work.

The mining promoters who are handling eastern Oregon properties are advertising this country intelligently, honestly and extensively. The two local firms that are doing the most in this direction are Neil J. Sorensen & Co. and Killen, Warner & Stewart. They are sending out thousands of pieces of literature every week, telling of the marvelous mineral resources of the gold fields of eastern Oregon.

J. E. McMannus & Son, of Seattle; Wheeler & Co., of New York; W. H. Tibbals, of Salt Lake; Lee S. Ovitt, of Milwaukee; the Turnagain Arm company, of Minneapolis, and perhaps one or two others are also doing excellent work in this direction. While each is paying especial attention to its own propositions, none are neglecting the district in general, and all are being benefitted by the work of each other—the district reaping a great, rich harvest the while.

THE MINER has just received from Wheeler & Co. a copy of the North American Miner, a publication which they issue monthly, in editions of 30,000. It is full of good stuff about the Sumpter district; of course, tells all about the Blue Bird, in which the firm is largely interested, prints a picture of Mayor Robbins and gives a story from THE MINER the most prominent position in the book.

The American Mining News, one of the great class papers of America, in its issue of July 19, publishes an illustrated interview with G. H. Wheeler on his return to New York from Sumpter. It says:

G. H. Wheeler, of Wheeler & Co., of this city, who has just returned from an inspection of his own and other properties in the eastern part of Oregon, is enthusiastic over the future of that territory. In an interview since his return, he said:

"The mineral resources of that part of the state, I believe, surpass those of any similar district on the continent. Until recently they do not appear to have been appreciated. In almost any other district in the world they would have caused a rush and boom nothing less than sensational. And it would be largely justified. Here in eastern Oregon are thousands of square miles of gold ore bodies. Long ago it was demonstrated from the millions yielded from placer workings that gold in quartz must exist, even as it was shown to exist in California, Idaho and Cripple Creek after the rush of placer mining had passed over. Geologists eminent in their profession have, after exhaustive survey and search, unqualifiedly proclaimed the ore riches of eastern Oregon as among the greatest on earth.

"The practical guarantee, however, of any district is neither climate, soil nor geology; it is real gold and real mines producing it; and, in that one infallible test and guide, a half dozen sections in eastern Oregon are absolutely peerless in their gold output, according to the amount of development done and money spent.

"From the Copper mountains, eighty miles northeast of Baker City, clear to the golden gulches of Canyon City, is one vast mineral bed. Between Baker City and Snake river lies a free gold zone of 1,000 miles square. Away up among the Powder River mountains, in Union county, is the Cornucopia district, with a mineral belt miles in breadth and

length. The Sanger, Cracker Creek, Sumpter, Granite and Susanville are representative districts, each with its component of mines, many of which have produced millions in gold and in record time.

"Within a little area near Sumpter are a half dozen mines, and a \$2,000,000 cash offer for them would not be considered for a moment. They are closely held and it is not possible to estimate their value. By the courtesy of the presidents of the Red Boy, Columbia and Golconda, I inspected those mines and obtained some idea of the fabulous wealth stored in their ore ledges. The Red Boy had just struck an ore body running from \$800 to \$1,500 per ton, but there was very little excitement over the fact. The Columbia has literally fortunes blocked out. The \$60,000 ore I saw in the Golconda is not from a rare splinter, but a big lead. Facts are leaking out concerning the North Pole mine, which easily place it among the greatest gold mines in the world. Last year its owners cleared \$1,000,000 out of it, and that figure is likely to be doubled this year. Some years ago the Red Boy was bought for a few thousand dollars; today its value is in millions.

"Within three years activity in mining has been pronounced, and at the present time capital, both eastern and western, is urgently seeking investment in this field. Prospects have been developed into paying mines and claims purchased at trifling cost have brought fortunes. It is in these later discovered mines now being developed that the public will make money. The older properties cannot be bought except at enormous figures—some will not even name a price."

Pathos in Names of Mines.

A majority of the mines of Colorado, it is estimated, are named after women and children. The earnest affection which so many mining men feel for their families, the desperate efforts which they make to attain wealth, often sacrificing the present for the uncertain future, is well typified in the names given to their properties. It may be well imagined that when a man names his mine The Emma, that Emma is his wife's name and that he is fighting the world for Emma's dear sake. Many a miner has sat over his camp-fire on a bleak night, while his heart was filled with but one image—that of his wife and children. Thus the sunny hopes and the dark fears which cluster about the names of mines are many. When a man names a claim The Only Hope or The Bottom Dollar, there is doubtless more pathos than humor in the association which suggests it, although the title usually calls up a smile to the lips of the uninitiated. The names were probably very suggestive at one time to those who risked their little all with small prospect of return.—Exchange.

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