

**HOME FROM  
THE FRIDAY MINE**

**Messrs. Sorensen and Herlocker Pleased With Progress Made.**

Neil J. Sorensen and Otto Herlocker returned Saturday from a trip of inspection to the Friday mine, having gone out to the Maxwell from Baker City before coming home. Since their return they have been so busy that it has been impossible to secure an interview from either on the present condition of the mine. Otto Herlocker did find time, however, to say that he was agreeably surprised to find so much high grade ore in sight, and the workings in such excellent condition after the three years shutdown and only two months work. Both Messrs. Sorensen and Herlocker left Monday for a trip into the hills.

Superintendent Griffith, of the Friday, spent several days with his family here, looking after some private business matters. He left Monday afternoon for the mine to remain permanently. Mrs. Griffith will go over to make her home there as soon as he can build a suitable residence for her occupancy. Immediately on his arrival he will put on a large force of men opening up new ground and blocking out more ore.

George Pogue, of Fargo, North Dakota, who had been in Sumpter for several days past, accompanied Mr. Griffith to the mine. He represents a number of North Dakota stockholders in the Friday company, and others who wish to invest. He will inspect the property thoroughly and make a report to his clients on his return.

The Boise Capital News of recent date said:

Neil J. Sorensen and Otto Herlocker, prominent mining men of the eastern Oregon gold fields, with headquarters at Sumpter, arrived in Boise today en route to the Pearl district. Messrs. Herlocker and Sorensen are owners of the Friday mine, in that camp, upon which operations are soon to be revived. The Friday is a famous old producer and its vast ore bodies below the 200-foot level will make it a shipper when development work is resumed. It is the intention when work is started to open the mine up on a large scale and equip it with modern machinery sufficient for extensive and deep exploration work. A modern ten-stamp mill will also be added in the near future and soon the noise of the dropping stamps will reverberate in the canyons and ravines of the old camp.

In regard to eastern Oregon mining, the visitors say the district was never more active. All of the mines are working a full force of men and every property in the Sumpter camp is carrying on general and extensive development work. The rich Bonanza at Geiser is, Mr. Sorensen says, sinking a big shaft to the 1000-foot level, and a rich strike is reported in these new workings. At the Golconda, the famous old mine of the Englishes, is again in rich ore and its new owners are jubilant.

Mr. Sorensen says when he left Sumpter one of the Barings, owner of the North Pole mine, was there from London. The North Pole is the deepest mine in the camp, he says, and the showing at a depth of 1000 feet has sent the property out of the market and its price above the million mark, although a year ago it could have been purchased for \$800,000. The Red Boy, Maxwell and other big properties in the camp are showing up well and the Red Boy is now shipping from the Concord ground, adjacent property recently taken over in

consolidation.

The mines around Baker City are showing up well, the Gem and old Virtue being among the largest producers. After a visit to the Pearl camp Sorensen and Herlocker expect to spend some time in Boise.

**Searles' Mines Pay All His Debts.**

John E. Searles, the bankrupt New York millionaire, has another fortune in sight. After recently having been discharged from bankruptcy the owner of the large iron interests in the south and in Europe, and the great sugar king, will pay dollar for dollar to all his creditors and will have a fortune left, largely due to the great wealth of the Cornucopia mine, in Baker county, of which he is the owner. George D. Beattys, formerly receiver under orders to the federal court of New York of all the vast properties of John E. Searles, who went into voluntary bankruptcy through force of circumstances, was in Baker City for several days. He left this week after having examined Mr. Searles' great property, the Cornucopia mine. In speaking of the mine he said: "It is remarkable that the properties owned by Mr. Searles have largely paid his debts, and that he will soon have everything liquidated dollar for dollar. While he has been discharged by the court I am in charge of all his property as trustee and will give him back a large portion of assets free from encumbrance. Mr. Searles is a splendid business man, and has another fortune in sight. In the management of the Cornucopia no mining will be done for the purpose of

making dividends. We will simply block out large bodies of ore and develop the property in such a way as to make it a cash asset. The property is not for sale, and will not be for another year. While we are developing the property there will be a surplus over the operating expenses."—Spokesman-Review.

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