



THE SUMPTER MINER

MORE OF THAT E. & E. DEAL.

Alexander Baring Returns from a Conference With Jonathan Bourne.

Alexander Baring, owner of the North Pole Mine, a commanding figure in the world of finance, of New York and London, returned to Sumpter this forenoon. He left here about ten days since and it was announced in a local paper that he was returning to his London home.

The Baker City Democrat of this morning stated that he had been to Portland; that he would say nothing regarding his plans here, further than that the policy of the North Pole would be to block out ore and there leave the gold, in preference to depositing it in one of his own banking houses, closing with this statement: "Mr. Baring was busy all day with many mining men and it was rumored that he had some large deal on hand, but of this no confirmation could be had."

THE MINER is pleased to state that the purpose of Mr. Baring's trip to Portland was to consult with Jonathan Bourne relative to the purchase of the E. & E., and regrets to state that it has no reliable information as to the progress made in negotiating this important deal—and can't secure any. In these columns last week it was stated that this transaction was pending, and a local paper made an effort to discredit the story.

Everything pertaining to that Sumpter-Bourne electric road, which every one hereabouts hopes Mr. Baring will build, is still veiled in secrecy, as dense and impenetrable as a London fog.

The Joseph Cyanide Process.

T. B. Joseph, of this city, who has made exhaustive research into the possibilities of cyanide in the recovery of gold from oxidized ores, has been notified by the U. S. patent office that he has been granted letters patent on the "Joseph Cyanide Process," an invention by Mr. Joseph that he has been trying for two years past to get through the patent office. Mr. Joseph is highly pleased over his success in this direction, as are his many friends in this city and Mercur, and The Mining Review is informed, it is the intention to patent the process in foreign countries as soon as possible and practicable. This is a process for the treatment of oxidized gold ores with cyanide as the principal solvent, although other chemicals are used in combination, the combination adding to the efficiency of the system, by which, it is claimed, a higher recovery of values is recorded than by the old methods employed, while operating expenses are reduced and a saving of time

is chronicled. Mr. Joseph is not ready, at the present time, to go into exhaustive detail as to his process and its merits, but he informs The Review that it is his intention to push his invention and to introduce it into general use as rapidly as possible.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

Special Inspector in Sumpter.

A. R. Green, special inspector for the Interior department, was in town Saturday. He came here to consult with Rev. Joseph Schell, who for months past has been working to prevent some timber land grabbers from securing 16,000 acres of land near Tillamook, where Father Schell resided before coming to Sumpter. Inspector Green has been detailed to investigate the case, through the efforts of Father Schell, and was here securing information to aid him in the prosecution of the task. It is said that strong political influence is back of the people who are attempting to grab this valuable tract of land and that all sorts of obstacles have been thrown in the way of investigation. As soon as this case is disposed of, the inspector will begin the work of securing inside facts regarding the recent creation of a forest reserve in eastern Oregon.

Sale of Gold Bug-Grizzly Pending.

Judge Layburn, of Minneapolis, reached Sumpter Monday. He spent a month here earlier in the season, examining many mining properties, with a view to buying for a Minneapolis syndicate, reported to be strong financially. Yesterday he left for Spokane, accompanied by J. J. Hennessey. This fact partially confirms the report current here for several days past that he is negotiating for the purchase of the Gold Bug-Grizzly, in which Mr. Hennessey is largely interested. It is further reported that that gentleman will not dispose of his holdings, but will remain as manager, and with sufficient money for development purposes will make a mine of the property.

Victor Sold to Salt Lake People.

Seymour H. Bell today bought for W. H. Tibbals and other Salt Lake people the Victor group of six claims, in the Red Boy district. Roy Miller represented the owners and made the sale. The full details of the transaction could not be learned. A cash payment of about \$3000 was made this afternoon just before THE MINER went to press. This amount is reported to be ten per cent of the purchase price, the remainder of which will be paid at an early day.

"Now is the Appointed Time."

The O. R. & N. Co. has just issued a handsomely illustrated pamphlet entitled, "Oregon, Washington and Idaho and their resources." People in the east are anxious for information about the Pacific northwest. If you will give the O. R. & N. company agent at Baker City a list of names of eastern people, who are likely to be interested, the booklet will be mailed free to such persons. Yours truly, A. L. Craig, General Passenger Agent.

REDUCTION PLANTS.

Thirty Ton Concentrator for the California, 10-Stamps for Cracker-Oregon.

President Michaels, of Minneapolis, and Secretary Oviitt, of Milwaukee, officers of the Turnagain Arm Gold Mining company, which owns the California, after spending a few days in this district, left for their respective homes Saturday afternoon.

Just before taking the train they stated to a MINER man that they had decided to put in a concentrating plant on the California, with a daily capacity of thirty tons. The mine already has sufficient ore blocked out to run the concentrator for two years. The machinery will be ordered at once and installed immediately upon its arrival.

The Turnagain Arm people have for six months past had experts studying and experimenting with California ores, for the purpose of determining the best method of reduction, and have finally decided that concentration is what is needed.

Lee S. Oviitt is also a director and officer of the Oregon Development company, owning and operating the Cracker-Oregon, adjoining the E. & E. and North Pole, in which company Mr. Michaels is a large stockholder and Everett Brown the resident director. The gentlemen confirmed the report that a modern ten-stamp mill has been ordered for this property. It will be in operation before snow flies in the canyons.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. Harley Wood and little daughter left Sunday for Burns, to visit friends.

Everybody is anticipating a rare musical treat August 29 at the M. E. church.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold their musicale August 29 at the new church.

Mrs. Moeller, of Baker City, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Jewett and Miss Minnie Moeller.

Professor W. S. Eberman returned a day or two since from California, where he went to examine a mine.

J. R. Cunningham and Tom Costello left yesterday for Malheur county, to examine some mining properties.

Dr. Greenlee and family returned to Sumpter this forenoon, after an absence of several months in Wallowa county.

The Sumpter band will give another of its social dances at the Ellis opera house on Tuesday evening next, Aug. 26.

Attorney N. C. Richards is in Seattle, visiting Mrs. Richards, who has been unwell at the home of her sister there for several weeks.

A fine girl baby was born to Mr. and

Mrs. D. L. Killen, Friday night. Dr. Frock was the attending physician and under his care both mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. Spaulding has brought to THE MINER office some stalks of fine barley and oats raised on her place near town. It has been generally thought that this altitude is too high to raise grain.

Mr. and Mrs. James Logie, of Denver, arrived in town Monday and will make their home here in future. They will prove to be valuable and acceptable additions to the business and social circles of Sumpter.

Dr. Mueller returned yesterday from Denver, where he went two weeks since on business connected with the smelter. He says everything is progressing satisfactorily and the work of construction will soon be commenced.

Miss Eleanor Sanford, who has been spending the summer here with her parents, left for New York Monday, having received a telegram notifying her to appear at rehearsal with one of the Frohman companies there on the 25th instant.

Rev. W. H. Heppie went to Baker City Saturday to meet his family on their arrival there from Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The family consists of his wife, three children and his wife's brother, Edward P. Weibley, who will take a position with the smelter. They are now at home at the Allen residence, on north Mill street. Mr. Allen's family is occupying his house on Cracker street.

You Can Still Get Good Timber Claims.

It is reliably reported that the rumor which gained currency in this vicinity recently to the effect that all of the available timber land in the neighborhood of Austin station had been taken by representatives of a big sawmill company is not true. From recent township plats obtained at the La Grande land office our informant says he discovered that only a small portion of that fine timber belt had been taken. It is probable that the company circulated this report to discourage outside cruisers from "touring," that district for tall timber. Eastern capital is being invested in our forests simply for the money there is in it. It is a certain, safe and very profitable investment. Hundreds of citizens of upper John Day valley yet possess their rights intact. They should use them in some of this fine timber.—Prairie City Miner.

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