

FACTS ABOUT THE FRIDAY.

MANAGER SORESENSEN HARD PROPOSITION FOR REPORTERS.

Furnishes Accurate Information to Stockholders, But Has Nothing to Say to The Public.—Big Electric Power Plant Being Constructed—Ore Bodies Increase in Extent and Values With Depth—Other Good Mines in Friday District.

Neil J. Sorensen, who is one of the largest individual stockholder in and, together with Otto Herlocker, the "Co." of the firm, is financing the Friday, is the hardest proposition that a newspaper man ever tackled. He believes in telling of the merits of the property through the medium of page advertisements. As soon as a reporter begins to ask questions, he assumes a frosty attitude and starts in on an elaborate scheme of explanation as to why he doesn't care to talk about a mine in which he is interested; seemingly fearing that somebody might think he was

the Friday mine is located. The Payette valley is of man's handiwork. While the soil and water were there before the advent of man, distribution and arrangement did not permit of production. Now agriculture carpets the valley, making for mining the most advantageous of all neighbors.

From Emmett to the Friday is a distance of eight miles, well graded and offering the finest facilities for hauling.

One of the most important enterprises of Idaho is taking shape on the Payette river, north of Pearl. That is the great electric power plant being installed to supply the street cars of Boise with electric energy, as well as the mines and other enterprises within a radius of thirty or forty miles. A great plant is being erected. What effect it will have on the mining industry cannot be appreciated without a personal visit. While Pearl is a high grade camp, from which rich ore has been mined, justifying a haul to Boise, twenty-six miles distant, its great future naturally depends upon better operating facilities, which are rapidly taking form.

The Checkmate was for a period the only producer, but since the Friday has begun to open even richer ore bodies and the Lincoln is making arrangements for a great treating plant, the electrical and transportation companies realize that a great future in mining is dawning. The

Checkmate alone outputs from \$12,000 to \$20,000 per month.

When it began development, there was a small stringer vein on

the surface to follow. This has widened into a great ore body, from which ore to keep a mill in continuous operation is being mined, and has been mined for several years. On the Friday the vein at the surface is wider by far, and for the depth attained shows great improvement in width and values. The future of this mine alone seems sufficient to make a big camp, and the Friday is not the only rich property being opened there.

Approaching Pearl, one is impressed with the healthful, growing condition of the place. The Leviathan mill, regarded as the lower portion of Pearl, is the outpost. Pearl is by the Checkmate plant. There from thirty to forty men are always employed, and the citizens would as soon doubt the next rising of the sun as to question the continuity of work on this property. The

Checkmate stopes ore for the full length of a claim, proving a shoot at least 1500 feet in length. The vein at the depth of 500 feet is from eight to twelve feet in width.

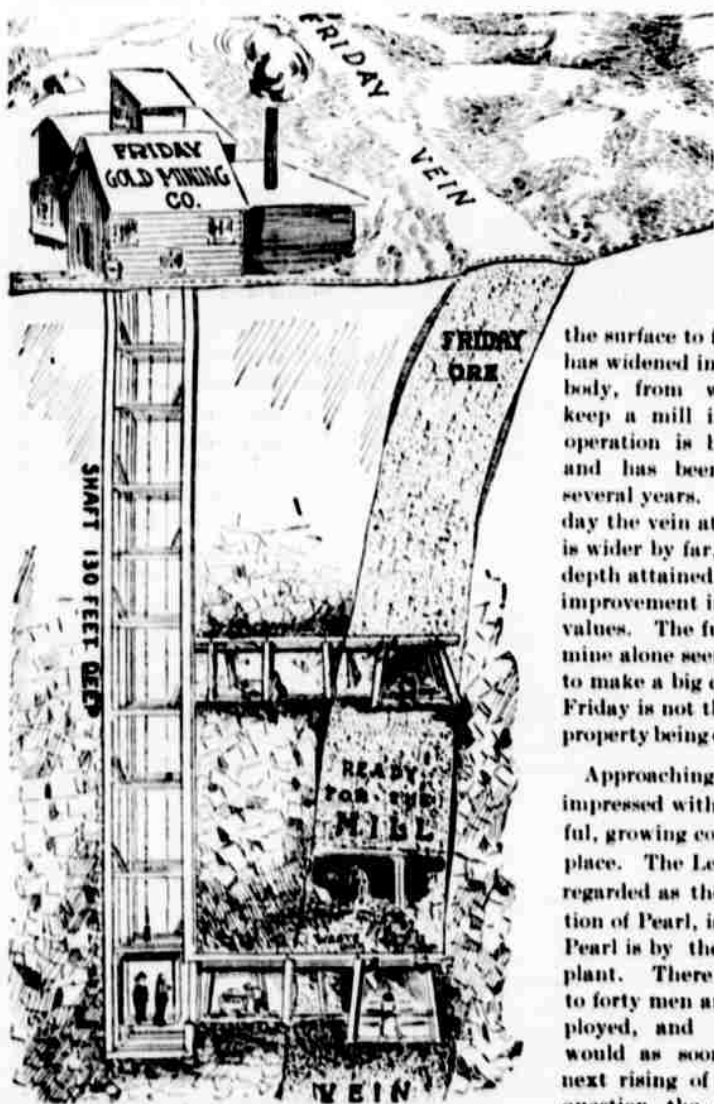
About 2000 feet distant from the Checkmate mill is the Friday, where greatest interest centers now, owing to the work of constructing a new treating plant and the extensive development outlined by the management. Superintendent Griffith, in charge of work, courteously shows the property. Above the collar of the shaft there is an open trench along the vein 500 feet in length, from which rich ore was taken and shipped to the smelter in early days. Shipping ore twenty-six miles by wagon and thence over a long rail line where rates

are high, and finally paying smelter charges, with a margin of profit for the owners, indicates the great values outcropping on this property and proves the presence of a marvelous shoot.

A tunnel has been driven from the level of the collar of the shaft, opening very rich ore. This was also shipped to the smelter by the old expensive method. The shaft, a diagram of which is herewith presented, a short distance beyond this tunnel, is 130 feet deep, with two levels. The one at eighty feet depth shows a widening vein and better values, although the drifts did not reach the

shoot opened in the tunnel. At 130 feet depth the drifts prove a still wider vein, with improvement in values over the 80-foot level. It is here that work will be centered in the future. The management contemplates extending all the drifts under the tunnel and also in the other direction under the hill, where greater depth will be had and doubtless higher values.

The Lincoln, said to be an extension of the Friday, is now constructing a big concentrating plant. This property is taking on a prosperous front, and will be a desirable neighbor to the rich mine owned by the Sumpter people.



LEDGE AND SHAFT OF THE FRIDAY.

playing an unfair game, for the purpose of selling stock.

If adroitly cross-questioned, he will admit that the property looks good to him, that a mill is being erected, that "quite a bunch of men" is at work there, but when it comes to dates and details and definite declarations, he says that is a matter in which the public has no interest and that stockholders can always get such information when desired.

So it is that THE MINER has been forced to go to other sources for these facts.

One is impressed with the reclamation work of man on an apparent waste of Nature when riding from Boise, the state capital, to Emmett, the terminus of the railway approaching Pearl, where

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