

## WORK FOUR GROUPS

### The Geiser-Hendryx Investment Company Full of Business.

The Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, who have an office in the Hotel Sumpter building, although but a recent addition to the business concerns of the city, have a number of mining companies under their control and are doing some extensive development in the district.

Neither Mr. Geiser or Mr. Hendryx are strangers in the Sumpter gold fields; both are well known and have been unusually successful in their operations.

Among the several groups of mines which they are operating is the Midway, on Sour Dough gulch, about three-fourths of a mile from the Golconda. This group consists of ten claims. It is being developed by a tunnel driven in on the vein. This tunnel is now in a distance of something over 200 feet and will be extended at least 400 feet farther.

A few days since an encouraging strike was made in the tunnel, the entire face being in ore of a quality characteristic of the wonderfully productive district in which it is situated.

Another extensive property now being developed by this company is the Blue Mountain group near the Red Boy, and through which the highest grade vein of that huge producer trends.

This group consists of the Occidental, War Eagle, Montauk, Protection and a 300-foot fraction. This block of ground lies in the form of a parallelogram and is 1200 feet in width by 3300 feet in length.

There are three veins on the locations. The tunnel is being driven on the middle one from which crosscuts will be run to the outside veins. Last week the working tunnel was in 110 feet and will be extended 350 feet, or until it is under the apex of the mountain.

This property is held under bond from George J. Barrett and L. W. Waugh, of Granite. It is located up Congo creek a short distance and on the opposite side from the Red Boy.

On the 34 instant Messrs. Geiser & Hendryx bonded the Victor claim quite near Bourne. This property is bounded on the southwest by the Tindhorn, on the southeast by the Afterthought, on the northeast by the Eureka mill site and on the northwest by the Eureka gold mine and on the west by the Columbia. Evidently the claim is in good company.

Development work will commence in a few days. This property was bonded from A. P. Smith, the original locator.

Five and one-half miles southeast of Sumpter, on Huckelberry mountain, is located the Gold Pan mine, belonging to an incorporated company, composed principally by Milwaukee capitalists. The Geiser-Hendryx company are the operators of the property.

Developments consist of two crosscut tunnels, one 150 and the other 225 feet in length. Also one double compartment shaft now down to a depth of 100 feet. A sinking plant will be in place by the first of January.

#### MINING NOT A GAMBLE.

But a Legitimate Business When Conducted on Scientific Lines.

That conservative paper, The Journal for Investors, has the following to say of mining. The impression has gone abroad in the world that the mining industry was nothing but a gigantic gamble, in which the promoter held stacked cards against the investing

public, the latter having about as much show to win as the average victim of the bunco man. A more mistaken impression could not exist at the present time, even though it were once true.

Today mining is a legitimate business, conducted more and more upon scientific lines that call for the application of skilled labor in every branch of the business. People no longer accept the mere statement of a promoter that a gopher hole in the side of the mountain is, or is destined to be, the greatest mine in the world. The great majority have to be shown and questioned now as to what degree: "How much ore are you shipping and how much ore in sight?"

"Ore in sight!" What a mouth filling phrase and what different meaning it has been made to convey. At a recent meeting in London of the Royal Institute of Mining Engineers, that body recommended to its members that the term "ore in sight" should only apply to a body of ore blocked out on at least three sides, so that a fair estimate of the tonnage can be made. This certainly seems a reasonable definition and one that should be universally adopted.

The business of mining calls for men of scientific acquirements and an understanding of the best and most practical methods of applying their knowledge. The days of lucky strikes are practically a thing of the past and there is more money today in the mining of low grade ore, say \$7 ore, at a profit of \$2 a ton, than mining \$60 ore at a cost of \$60.

The motto of every company and individual mine owner should be development of the ore bodies first to get as large an ore reserve in sight as possible; this should be the first consideration. Of course in a large majority of cases production must be carried on to pay for development. Operations should be on as large a scale as possible for the more profit if properly managed.

The mining industry does not need exaggerated reports. The exact truth is all that the most enthusiastic boomer needs, and it is what the intelligent investor will have. Anything else will disgust people and injure a camp.

#### What Mining Does.

The mineral industry is certainly playing a very important part in the commercial and industrial enterprises of the world. This interest is world-wide, and throbs with the pulse of progress in all countries. The pick and spade, and the drill are to be found everywhere where mineral resources justify their use. In this direction the United States has at present a foremost place, both in richness of resource and magnitude of enterprise. In gold, silver, lead, iron, coal and copper, the exploitations of a century have been magnificent in scope and results. From Rhode Island to Georgia, to Pennsylvania, to Colorado and California, south to the Mexican line and beyond it, and north to the limits of Lake Superior, step by step the mining column has made its steady tramp and unearthed the riches of earth's buried treasures. What the future may develop when areas of mineral land that have been simply scratched on the surface are worked to their full value, is beyond conjecture. It is in view of these facts that it has been proposed to appoint a cabinet minister to represent the mining industries of the country at large. Such a recognition of so vast an association of material interests would certainly be timely and pertinent to the situation, and meet a public need. In the mining industries of the United States we have one of the cornerstones of its wealth and prosperity.—Western Mining World.

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