



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## RESIGNED FROM THE MANAGEMENT

### Other Engagements Cause Neil J. Sorensen to Turn Over the Maxwell Mine.

Nesl J. Sorensen, of the firm of Neil J. Sorensen & Co., has resigned his position from the management of the Maxwell mine in the Rock Creek district, now being operated by the Elkhorn Consolidated Gold Mining company of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Upon the organization of this company, and the taking over of the Maxwell mine, Mr. Sorensen being one of the heaviest stockholders, accepted the management of the Maxwell in the interest, and at the request of the eastern stockholders. Since that time he has given a great deal of his time and attention to the affairs of the company, as he believed the Maxwell would prove a great mine; under his management subsequent developments have shown conclusively that the Maxwell is not only a great mine, but is excelled by only a few in eastern Oregon.

Mr. Sorensen is now at the mine and could not be reached for an interview, but Mr. Shelton of his firm stated to the reporter that Mr. Sorensen has resigned from the management of the Maxwell for the sole reason that he was unable to give his time and attention to the affairs of the company; the business of his firm requires all his time, and it is not proper that the energy of any member of the firm should be divided. By continuing his management of the Maxwell mine, Mr. Sorensen felt that he would not only be doing an injustice to his own interests but to the interests of the Elkhorn company as well.

W. J. Johnson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, treasurer of the Elkhorn company, was in the city Tuesday, and all Maxwell matters were turned over to him, and until further arrangements are made, he will attend to them in person.

Mr. Sorensen retires from the management in complete harmony with all members of the company, and predicts a very successful career for the Elkhorn company.

No successor has yet been selected, and in all probability he will not be until Mr. Johnson returns to the east, when he will consult with his board of directors.

THE MINER regrets to learn of Mr. Sorensen's resignation as the management of any mine could not be placed in better hands, yet wishes the Elkhorn every success.

#### Changes in Sumpter Forwarding Company.

H. C. Bowers, formerly agent for the O. R. & N. company at Baker City, arrived in town this week to take charge of the business of the Sumpter Forwarding company, which he and his partners recently purchased. The new company intends to make some extensive changes in the near future. A cold storage plant will be added, and in addition to the forwarding business hay, grain, feed and produce will be handled. The company is also making preparations for handling and shipping ore for the various mines in the district, and will undoubtedly do a large business in this line in the near future.

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#### Dividend on Preferred Stock.

At the annual meeting of the Red Boy Consolidated Gold Mining company, held in this city on the 1st instant, a dividend of six per cent was declared on the preferred stock. The surplus on hand, after paying this dividend, was applied to the development fund.

## GREAT IS THE GOLCONDA

### In Six Months Time it Should Be a Wonderful Producer.

The new hoist for the Golconda mine is now on the ground and will be in working order within the next ten days. This will relieve the congested condition of affairs underground which have been retarding the output of that mine for some time.

In the language of the foreman, there are "slathers of ore on every level," and this ore could not be handled by the hoist that has been in use up to the present time.

Last month, with ten stamps dropping, over 100 tons of high grade concentrates were produced. Fifteen stamps are now at work and in ten days the full compliment of the mill, twenty stamps, will be in motion.

During the past month drifts and crosscuts on every level have been advanced from forty to seventy-five feet, and every foot drifted on has added to the ore reserves that were already in sight.

As soon as the new hoist is started, work will be commenced running toward the north on the 400 and 500 foot levels, so as to develop the rich ore shoots at these depths, which are proven in all the levels above.

When this is done there will be no question but that the Golconda will measure as much ore in sight as any of its great neighbors.

It has been recommended that forty additional stamps be added to the present mill equipment, making sixty in all. Within six months thereafter, it is predicted by those who are posted, that the Golconda will be the heaviest producing mine on the coast. Which also means it will be the biggest dividend payer.

## CRACKER EAGLE NOW IN ORE

### Crosscut Through the Big Vein Penetrates Footwall Ore Shoot.

Work is being prosecuted vigorously in three places at the Cracker Eagle group on the Mother Lode. And soon the company owning this promising property will decide which is the most advantageous site for the large shaft which will be sunk so as to thoroughly develop the group.

Something of the value of the Cracker Eagle was known back as far as 1887, when Joe Mikel and James Faine located the ground. They sunk a shaft thirty feet and did quite an amount of surface work, securing values of \$7 and \$8 per ton in gold.

At that time it had not been demonstrated that a few dollars in value on the surface of a vein in this district was a sure indication of exceedingly high values below, and as these same parties in the meantime had found and located the IbeX mine, they parted with the Cracker Eagle for a small sum in comparison with its worth today.

For the past month work has been prosecuted under the direction of W. H. Jackson, a mining superintendent of wide experience. His main effort has been to crosscut the immense ledge from the hanging to the footwall.

This crosscut is now in 120 feet, and is something over 100 feet deep at the face. At the beginning of this work the croppings assayed \$1.50 per ton. At the face the value is now \$4.50 per ton in gold, proving that Mr. Jackson's conclusions were correct; that the rich body of ore lies on the footwall. How much wider this great ore channel is, will be determined by this development.

A telephone from the mine this afternoon brings the intelligence that the face of this crosscut is in much finer quartz than has heretofore been encountered, which appears to be evidence that the rich shoot is now being penetrated.

#### INTER-STATE MINING COMPANY

##### Spokane and St. Paul People Developing the Gladstone Group of Claims.

W. H. Mead, a Spokane mining man, who has been operating in the Sumpter district for several months, returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. Mead left Sumpter on December 12, and since then has been in Spokane and St. Paul. He finds there is a good deal of interest being taken in the resources of eastern Oregon.

Some time since Mr. Mead and associates purchased the Gladstone group of five claims, about ten miles northwest of Sumpter, and organized the

Inter-State Mining company.

He has been running a crosscut tunnel to develop the claims. This bore will be 300 feet in length by the time it reaches the vein. Three shifts are pushing it ahead.

Mr. Mead will go out to the mine on Friday and remain there some time.

#### Oregon Monarch Stock Going Up.

The Killen, Warner, Stewart company, fiscal agent for the Oregon Monarch stock, announce in this issue to the public that the board of directors have ordered an advance in the price of Monarch stock from 27½ cents to 30 cents per share the 15th of January. The recent developments at the property would warrant the company in raising their stock to 50 cents per share, but this will not be done for the present. It is needless for us to state that the Oregon Monarch is one of the best properties in eastern Oregon.

## OLD GO OUT NEW COME IN

### Newly Elected Mayor and Council Take Their Seats—Standing Committees.

On Monday evening last, the old council of the city of Sumpter held their regular annual meeting, Mayor J. H. Robbins and H. B. Griffin being the only absentees.

On motion, J. B. Stoddard took the chair and acted as mayor pro tem. The regular order of business was gone through with, which at this time of the year was principally city officers reports.

At 9:30, the old council having finished all that was before them, J. B. Stoddard, in a few well chosen words, introduced Mayor-elect McCulloch, winding up his remarks by stating that he would have been in Mr. McCulloch's place had he received sufficient votes.

City Recorder E. L. Manning administered the oath of office to the mayor and new members, who took the seats assigned to them.

After his message to the council, detailing his plans for the future government of the city, had been read, the mayor announced the following as standing committees for the term:

Finance—Cowden, DeNeffe, Brown. Streets and Public Property—Mead, Bradley, Baird.

Fire, Water and Water committee—Holly, Dunphy, Baird.

Health and Police—Holly, Mead, DeNeffe.

Judiciary—Brown, Bradley, Cowden.

Up to the time of going to press this afternoon, the mayor had made no appointments to take the place of the city officials who served under the old regime.