

**IDAHO'S GREAT COMING MINE.**

**Scarcity of Lumber Retards Progress on Development Over There.**

Neil J. Sorensen returned a few days ago from the Friday Mine at Pearl, Idaho, where he spent several days looking after the interests of the company. Mr. Sorensen feels highly elated over the showing made upon the property since his last visit there, and states that there is no question but that the Friday will eventually be one of the biggest mines in the state of Idaho.

On account of the scarcity of lumber for mining purposes no drifting is being done at present, and the work is of necessity limited to hoisting the ore to the surface from the great ore reserves in the mine and placing the same upon the dump and in the ore-bins; in this way a large amount of ore will be on hand to run through the mill when it is finished. The mill will be pushed forward to completion at the earliest possible moment, consistent with the economical expenditure of the company's money; but lumber seems to be the controlling factor in the Pearl camp, as the Lincoln mill stands there today but little more than half completed, and none of the mines have received anything like the amount of lumber necessary to fully carry out their plans.

When asked whether or not he would place another property upon the market, Mr. Sorensen stated that it was the intention of his firm to give their entire time and attention to the Friday, and first place it upon a dividend paying basis; then, should they find another meritorious property they would not be adverse to taking hold of it. "By giving our attention to one thing at a time" said Mr. Sorensen, "we feel that our energies are not scattered, but are concentrated, and thus are in a better position to conserve and attend to the interests of our stockholders, which we have always endeavored to make our first consideration."

I expect to spend the most of my time at the mine for the next few weeks, as I am determined to find some means of overcoming the lumber situation in the Pearl camp.

Mr. Sorensen left for the Maxwell mine Saturday

**FREE MINERAL SURVEYS.**

**Remarks on Resolution Adopted by International Mining Congress.**

E. G. Stevenson, one of the big mining operators of the Greenhorns, writes THE MINER asking that it give publicity to an article written by Dan Evans, one of the delegates to the last International Mining congress, on a resolution passed by that organization. Mr. Evans says: The resolution provides that when the price—\$5 per acre—of a mineral claim shall have been paid into the land office, that the person making the payment shall receive an order of survey, which shall be free of expense to the claim owner. If the press of the country will take that resolution to be good and advocate the passage of a bill on line with it, I believe the prospectors and mining men would have a law favorable to their interest in a very short time. I will also suggest that all people interested in mining in different parts of the country write to their respective Representatives in Congress urging them to assist in the passage of such a bill.

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and people interested in mining, Congress will surely do what they can towards the passage of a bill on line with the resolution, which undoubtedly would be very beneficial, especially to the poor prospector. It is a well known fact that all lands other than mineral lands are surveyed free of cost to the locator, and I am of the opinion that mineral land is a very essential factor in the world's industries, and that the locators of such land who suffer more inconveniences and hardships than any other class of people should be encouraged and granted these rights, which locators of other lands enjoy.

**Acquired Additional Territory.**

Since the late important developments on the Bonanza mine at Geiser the company owning that property has been reaching out and acquiring more territory. Recently W. A. Thatcher, acting on behalf of the Bonanza consolidated mining company, has purchased the Butcher Boy, Iowa, Blue Bird and Little Blue locations, in the near vicinity. These claims were formerly owned by P. A. Gilbert.

**Heard From their Machinery.**

The long over due shipment of machinery for the Blue Bird mines near the Red Boy, has been heard from at Omaha, Nebraska. Originally this freight was shipped from the factory of the Sullivan Machinery company at Clermont, New Hampshire. It should arrive here soon.

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