

ON THE CALIFORNIA.

An Inquirer is Given Some Valuable Information.

Some one who evidently wanted to know, addressed a letter of inquiry to the Journal for Investors asking the editor's opinion of the Turnagain Arm Gold Mining company's affairs.

The answer, made to the inquiring person gave a detailed account of the companies possessions in the Cook inlet district in Alaska and practically rated the company as A 1.

Concerning the holdings of the Turnagain Arm company in the Sumpter gold fields, the Journal for Investors has the following to say:

"In addition to the above, the company owns the California mine, near Sumpter, Oregon, on which there has been done over 6000 feet of development work. There is said to be over \$1,000,000 of ore blocked out and in sight.

A seventy-ton concentrating plant is nearing completion, and a tramway has just been completed to convey ore by gravity from the mine to the mill. The deep snow in the district makes outside work difficult at this season of the year, and not much progress can be expected for several months.

The last annual report shows that the company has bills payable of \$15,000 and has outstanding due from installment holders \$385,163, which should leave a good surplus in the treasury. We understand the stock was withdrawn about eight months ago."

CONCERNING TIMBER LOCATIONS

Parties Can Locate Timber Lands About the Same as Heretofore.

From what has been published the last few months in the newspapers of the country in reference to timber land filings in Oregon, an impression seems to have been created that the Government is not allowing filings to be made on timber lands. This impression is incorrect. Filings can be made as heretofore, as well as proofs. The only order that has been received at the Land Office is an order to suspend the issuance of final receipts until a special inspector of the Department of the Interior has investigated the character of the lands, etc. Final receipts will be issued in due time to all bona fide locators, the only object of the Department of the Interior seeming to be to keep a better check on filings, so that "dummy" filings will not be made.

A Miner representative called on Mr. Charles H. Chance, the U. S. Commissioner, who confirmed the above statement. Filings are being made every day, as well as final proofs taken by Mr. Chance. The Miner man also saw Mr. V. E. Mead, who has probably located more men on good timber claims than any other half dozen men in this part of the country, and he says that filings are still being accepted and will continue to be accepted until orders are received to the contrary. Mr. Mead and his partner having located half a dozen entries within the past week on valuable timber claims, and he still has several good claims cruised out for further locations.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

In Lodge of American Federation of Labor.

Last Wednesday evening, at Ellis hall, the local lodge of American Federation of Labor, installed their officers

for the ensuing term. Following is the roster:

President, W. F. Burlison; vice-president, Charles Forebare; secretary, D. W. Wilbur; treasurer, E. Cadeas; guide, E. Young; trustees, F. L. Wright, J. Buffermyer, E. Brown; executive committee, S. Carlisle, J. Brown and R. P. Miller.

After the ceremonies, a supper was an interesting feature, which was enjoyed by the members and a number of invited friends. There are now seventy-nine members on the roll.

Nothing Competes With Gold.

Before condemning mining ventures the investor should remember the one exceedingly important feature, that a market will never have to be sought, particularly in mining for gold. The product can always be turned into coin of the realm, and its addition to the combined wealth of the people is the addition of just as much value, over and above the cost of production, without the expenditure of large sums of money to meet the never ending competition in trade, as is the case in industrial enterprises. There is no competition in mining.—Metal Mines.

The Mormon Temple.

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