

SCANDIA TUNNEL.

This Long Bore is Nearly One Half Mile in Length.

The Scandia tunnel, on the north slope of Quebec Mountain, near the town of Alamo, is now 2150 feet in length. It is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible with hand drills. For about sixty feet the rock has been very hard, making progress quite slow.

Lately the formation has been getting softer, and a considerable quantity of water has been coming in. This causes the manager, Mr. Wade, to believe that they are approaching one of the leads which show on the surface, and which the tunnel is being run to cut at depth, is close at hand.

The Scandia is probably now the longest crosscut tunnel in eastern Oregon. The enterprise is backed up by a Spokane company who have ample means to carry out any venture they may undertake. It is their intention to continue the bore until they penetrate the several veins proven on the surface, or run the entire distance allowed by law as a tunnel site—3000 feet.

This tunnel will be a wonderful factor in developing Quebec Mountain to great depth, and it is believed by many that the eternal hill which is a home for the Alamo, Quebec, Big Producer and other groups, will be one of the treasure vaults of the state. However the Scandia tunnel company apparently chose a site from which they had to run a long distance through borasca to strike bonanza.

NEBRASKA PEOPLE TAKE IT IN.

The Worley Mine Near Greenhorn City Acquired By Lincoln Men.

Another eastern Oregon mining property has been acquired by Nebraska people. This time it is the Worley mine, located near Greenhorn City, on the Greenhorn Mountain range.

Judge Jacob Fawcett, William Killen and I. H. Hatfield are the parties who will engineer the deal to consumation.

The name of the company to be formed will be The Greenhorn Gold Mining company. It is presumed that the stock which will be placed on the market for development purposes, will be floated in Nebraska, as that state is where the promoters reside.

Quite an amount of prospecting work has been performed on the Worley, and a considerable quantity of the ore has been milled. The deepest shaft has not been sunk quite 100 feet. A couple of hundred feet of drifting and crosscutting and some surface work, comprises the developments to date.

When the organization of the company is completed, the capitalization will be 1,500,000 shares at \$1 each, one half of which will be placed in the treasury. Lincoln, Nebraska, will be the headquarters of the company. The promoters expect to have everything in readiness to begin operations in the spring and keep steadily at work until the property is thoroughly developed.

TO SELL COUGAR MINE.

Geiser-Hendryx Company Have a Bond on the Property.

Experts have been making an examination this week of the Cougar mine for the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, of Sumpter. The deal has been kept quiet and only meager details of the transaction have been ob-

tainable. It was current report a little over a year ago that the property was held at \$2,000,000, but the bond is probably for a much smaller sum.

The Cougar is about three miles northwest of Granite. It is equipped with a roller mill, ore roasters, cyanide plant and a fine Corliss engine. There has been considerable development work done in the mine, such as crosscut, drifts, winzes, etc., in which there is shown to be a large body of rich ore.

The people of Granite and the mine-owners in that locality are anxious to see the negotiations now pending result in the transfer of the mine, as they realize that it will mean increased activity in that part of the district.

Messrs. Evans and Larkin, the present owners of the Cougar, are Spokane men.—Granite Gem.

CRACKER OREGON HOIST.

All Machinery is Now Working Smoothly at This Mine.

The hoist at the Cracker Oregon mine which commenced operations Sunday last, is working smoothly, and sinking is progressing rapidly.

The shaft is down over one hundred feet and the work of putting the station on the 150 foot level will commence in about ten days. Very little steam is required to operate the compressor, the water furnishing nearly all the power necessary.

The use of steam will soon become unnecessary, as Cracker creek will furnish plenty of water for all needs. Millwright Laidlaw left Monday for Sumpter and Baker City, where he will remain for some time.

The work at the mill will be suspended for a short time during the bad weather. As soon as spring opens the mill will be rushed to completion and started. During Mr. Laidlaw's absence, Geo. Steadman will have charge of the machinery.—Bourne News.

OPRNE D AN OFFICE IN SUMPTER.

Two Well Known Mining Engineers Settle Permanently in This City.

Juessen & Clarke, two mining engineers and Metallurgists, who for a number of years have made their headquarters in Spokane, have decided that Sumpter is about the best location in the northwest at which to have an office, have located here.

They have secured the rooms recently vacated by the Alexander Clothing company, in the new Wilson brick block, on Mill street. A door will be cut through the partition so as to connect their rooms with Robbins and Robbins, as both firms will use the complete assay and laboratory equipment which the Robbins brothers now have.

Mrs. McEwen Entertains at Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Thomas McEwen gave an afternoon tea last Thursday in honor of Mrs. Barton, of Baker City, and Miss McCubben of Alamo. A novel feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the drawing contest. Each guest was given a subject which they were required to draw on a blackboard and the rest of the guests guessed what the subject was. The pictures of Dr. Brock, J. H. Robbins, Mayor McCulloch, Seymour Bell and M. F. Muzzy were so life like that the ladies had no trouble in guessing them—from the verbal description given. The Brooklyn bridge and George Washington crossing the Delaware, and many others were works of art. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the drawing contest. Those present were: Mesdames Barton, Scutt, Welsh, McCammon, Kear, Basche, Hurt, Anderson, Bergman, Donahue, Chance,

Bell, Bowers, Mercer, Neill, Newbury, Hanrahan, Greenlee, Rogers, Logie, Stoddard, O'Rourke, and Miss McCubben.

Legal Tender in Those Days.

In early days in California the medium of exchange was almost entirely gold dust. Gold scales were not at all common and, consequently, the amount was usually guessed at as to its value. Such an amount as could be held between the thumb and fingers was called a dollar's worth, while a teaspoonful passed for an ounce; a wineglassful was \$100, and a tumblerful was called \$1,000. Much gold was dropped in handling and in order to save this it was customary to stretch a blanket or other cloth upon the counter and gambling tables to receive the falling particles.

Facts About Gold Production.

There was as much gold extracted from the mines of the world within ten years which followed the year 1848 as during the 366 preceding that date. During the three and one-half centuries which preceded the discovery of gold in California the whole amount of gold brought to the market of Christendom was \$2,000,000,000. At the beginning of the last century all the countries from which civilization drew its supply of gold produced annually about \$17,000,000. California has produced about \$1,200,000,000 in gold. The present gold yield of the world is about \$400,000,000 annually.

For a Public City Scavenger.

At the regular meeting of the city council tomorrow night, a new ordinance will come up which provides for a public city scavenger. It will be the duty of the incumbent of this office to keep the city clean and in a proper sanitary condition. But the most important part of his duties at this time of the year, will be to keep the sidewalks clear of ice and snow. It is more than probable that this municipal act will be read a first and second time and passed under suspension of the rules, or by some other legal process, so that it will become operative at once. In fact it is sincerely hoped that such will be the case. If ever a city in the Union needed such an ordinance, and required it to be rigidly enforced, it is the City of Sumpter.

Uncle Sam's Pocket Book.

In the last five years the currency of the United State has increased over \$600,000,000, which is at an average of \$10,000,000 a month. The increase for the single month of October last was \$60,000,000; and yet the cry is still for more. The entire amount of banking

power of the United States is more than twice that of Great Britain, which is but \$6,030,000,000 to our \$12,435,000,000. We have nearly half the entire banking of the world, the amount of which is \$27,045,000,000.

Their Stock is Assessable.

The Badger mine near Susanville is one one of the few mines in the state in which the stock is assessable. The company is incorporated under the laws of California, and an assessment of ten cents per share has been made, to be paid by February 13, or the stock will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

The Mormon Temple.

The Mormon temple at Salt Lake City is no doubt the most substantial and well constructed religious edifice in the United States, if not in the world. Corner stone laid April 6, 1853, cap stone April 6, 1892 and dedicated April 6, 1893, over forty years of constant labor being consumed in its construction. This magnificent structure 200 feet long, 100 feet wide is built entirely of Utah white granite, beautifully carved, symbolic of the Mormon faith, surmounted by six towers, the highest being 230 feet from the ground, supporting a bronze statue of the angel Maroni. The cost of this building is about \$6,000,000. There are many other attractions at Salt Lake City of interest to the traveler or tourist where a day can be well spent. The Rio Grande is the only Trans-continental route passing directly through Salt Lake City, where a stopover is allowed on all classes of tickets. The service of the Rio Grandelines is unexcelled. Three trains daily between Ogden and Denver, carrying all classes of modern equipment. If you are contemplating a trip to the east, write the undersigned for information regarding rates via the "scenic line of the world." W. C. McBride, General Agent, M. J. Roche, Traveling Passenger Agent, 124 Third St., Portland, Oregon.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States commissioner, office in First Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

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