

**GREAT FAITH  
IN SUMPTER.**

**Prominent Mine Owner Here  
to Look After his Interests.**

J. Michaels, of Minneapolis, president of the Turnagain Arm and Cracker Jack companies, and one of the main owners in the Cracker Oregon, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. S. B. Abela, whose husband is president of the Cracker Oregon, arrived in the city Sunday to look after his mining interests in this vicinity. Mr. Michaels also sells the stock of the Golconda.

Speaking of the substantial improvements in Sumpter since his last visit here five months ago, he says:

"In a mining way there is every indication that Sumpter is on the eve of what is known in common parlance as a boom. It is not a boom, however, but a phenomenal growth and development, fully warranted by the conditions. There is an essential difference between a boom pure and simple, founded on fictitious values and unwarranted circumstances and a rapid growth backed by natural resources and commercial developments. The latter condition prevails at Sumpter, and I believe I am within the bounds of reason when I say that these conditions fully justify the prediction that Sumpter is the coming gold camp of the world. It already has some of the world's big producers, and the capital which is being invested here toward the development of mineral wealth would seem to indicate that I am not far wrong.

"The fame of the Sumpter district and the richness of the gold deposits found in the vicinity are attracting the attention of capitalists not only throughout the United States but all over the world. In Minneapolis, my home, the fame of Sumpter is well known, and many heavy investors in the district reside there. The same is true in the cities around Minneapolis. Capital is looking this way for investment. I think I know pretty well what I am talking about when I say that the coming season will see the greatest development which has ever taken place in this mining district."

Mr. Michaels and his sister will remain here about ten days, looking after their various properties.

**Cyaniding a Success in Montana.**

Interesting comments on the saving of gold by the cyanide process are made by Mr. Matt W. Alderson, in an article written for the Montana Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Industry. Mr. Alderson is now engaged in mining in the northern part of the state. The process was introduced in Montana by Robert B. Turner and his brother Frank in 1897, and since its advent here Mr. Alderson has kept pretty close track of his work. He says that in 1897 the value of the gold saved by the process amounted to \$206,576, which was 4.60 per cent of the state's total production of the yellow metal. In 1898 it aggregated \$397,626, just 7.60 per cent of the total production. During the following year there was saved by the process \$790,647, which was 16.37 per cent of the total output. In 1900 it amounted to \$887,311, or 18.73 per cent of the total production, and in 1901 it aggregated \$1,178,574, just 24.54 per cent of

the total output. These figures show that in five years the amount of gold recovered by the use of cyanide has increased from less than 5 per cent of the total amount won from ores in this state to 25 per cent—certainly a most remarkable record.

**La Grand Land Office February Business.**

The report of the United States land office in this city for February shows the cash receipts for the month to be \$65,966.17, \$15,047.42 of which was received on suspended timber and stone entries during the month. The entries are being examined by the government inspector, Thomas McNutt, who is now here, but his progress has been slow as his time has been largely taken up in the office examining applicants. He is very much in need of an assistant, as locators who filed claims months ago are still kept waiting. The separate items are as follows:

Cash entries, 5300 acres	\$14,159.00
Mineral entries, 769 acres	950.00
Coal land entries, 3275 acres	32,750.00
Desert land, 4920 acres	1,230.00
84 homesteads, 12,124 acres	1,276.00
5 final homestead proofs, 800 acres	30.00
35 timber and stone applications	530.00
2 mining applications	20.00
2 adverse mining applications	20.00
13 coal declaratory statements	39.00
Testimony fees	96.00
From sixteen suspended timber and stone entries	15,047.42

**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 Moroni. 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 Grande lines 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.

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