

**CRACKER CRADLE
TO PUSH WORK.**

**Well Known Group Will be
Developed in Short Time
and Later Mill Put in.**

The Cracker Cradle Gold Mining company, recently organized, composed largely of Milwaukee people, will begin operations in a short time. The company has just issued its prospectus. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares, of \$1 each, fully paid and non-assessable or non-forfeitable. Over half, or 600,000 shares, of the capital stock goes into the treasury, and can be used only for development work. The remainder of the stock is held in escrow, and owned by the former proprietors of the property, who takes this in payment, and awaits development to receive the profits as his full payment.

The Cracker Cradle group is six miles from the city in the heart of the well known Cracker Creek district, and includes three claims, the Dewey, the Lost Lode and the Molalla, all showing a high grade of free milling gold ore. The group is in the same mineral zone as the North Pole, Golconda, E. & E. Columbia, Cracker Oregon and other well known and valuable mines, and supposed to be a continuation of the same vein. It is about two and one-half miles from the big producing mines of the district.

The officers of the company are: Dr. C. C. Wentworth, of Milwaukee, president; Dr. K. E. Windle, of Milwaukee, vice-president; W. S. Peck, of Milwaukee, secretary; W. H. Colburn, of Milwaukee, treasurer; J. J. Hennessy, of Sumpter, general manager. Mr. Hennessy is well known in the city and throughout the district as an efficient mining engineer and mine superintendent. It was he who located the celebrated Noble Five in British Columbia.

Development operations, it is understood, are to be pushed, and the company will later erect its own plant and treat the ore at the mine.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE.

**Great Scarcity of Dwellings and
Business Property.**

The real estate situation continues to improve, and there is every indication that Sumpter is soon to see great activity in the way of buildings for business and residence purposes. The real estate firm of Manning & Welsh, which is in touch with conditions, has the following to say:

"Real estate is exceedingly active for this time of year, and it is daily improving. This is fully warranted by the fact that there is a heavy influx of new citizens, occasioning a tremendous demand for dwellings and business property. We have listed thirty odd names of persons who desire to rent houses, and besides this we are daily turning away from ten to twelve applicants. We are also constantly receiving inquiries from outside people about property to rent. There is not an unoccupied residence or store in the city today. If we had fifty residences

we could rent them in no time. "Investors are beginning to realize that this is a profitable field, and a good many buildings are going up, but not enough to supply the demand. It is safe to guarantee a return of twenty to twenty-five per cent on an investment of this kind. While mining is attracting so much attention from outside capitalists, this is a proposition which should not be overlooked."

**SUPERINTENDENT
APPOINTED.**

**F. L. Brown to Have Charge
of Laboratory for Smelter
Company.**

F. L. Brown, formerly assistant superintendent of the Tacoma smelter, will have charge of the laboratory and analytical work for the Oregon Smelter and Refining company. Mr. Brown will arrive in Sumpter the last of this week or the first of next.

Work at the smelter is progressing very satisfactorily. The hot blast stove will be completed this week, and the last shipment of machinery is expected to arrive in a few days, probably the last of the week. The company is now ready to purchase base bullion, amalgam, zinc slimes and placer gold. These may be left at the First National bank, where they will be receipted for and turned over to the company.

Help Build Up The West.

The low rates from the east to the west and the northwest, February 15 to April 30, will undoubtedly bring out thousands of settlers. Where they will go is largely a question of inducement. If you are interested in securing any eastern people for your section of the west, send their names and addresses to the undersigned. All the facts and figures about the trip will be promptly sent them. H. S. Rowe, General Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 134 Third Street, Portland, Ore.

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