

**SUMPTER DISTRICT IS ALL RIGHT.**

**Northwest Investor Summarizes Situation Here—Big Paying Properties.**

The Northwest Investor, of Tacoma, a publication devoted largely to the mining interests, has the following to say of the Sumpter district:

The Sumpter district in Oregon has done more for the development of good producing mines than any other district in the Northwest.

The North Pole has a depth of 1,400 feet, is paying \$10,000 a month, and is chiefly owned by the Baring Brothers, of London.

The Columbia mine, largely owned by the people of Minneapolis and Minnesota, pays \$50,000 per month regularly, and paid \$480,000 in dividends in 1902.

The Bonanza pays \$45,000 monthly and is largely owned in Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

The Red Boy is not paying dividends on common stock, but it has earned the mines an amount of money, which has been used in supplying the mines with the finest equipment on the Pacific coast, costing over \$400,000, almost every dollar of which has been earned by the mine, and, now that this is about completed, it will be one of the heaviest dividend payers in the country.

The Golconda has a depth of 500 feet, is operating a 20-stamp mill and paid \$18,600 in February.

The South Pole has about 3,000 feet of development work and is operating a 5-stamp mill. It joins the North Pole and promises to become a greater payer at an early date.

The Badger mine is taking out net \$14,000 monthly, and the Mammoth \$11,000. There are numerous good prospects, some of which will undoubtedly develop into good mines, and in addition to this, as in every other mining community, where there are good mines, there is no end of wildcats. To parties who have money to invest in mining there are two profitable stocks to buy. One is in a good mine, known to be a payer, in which case you pay more for the stock, but are practically sure of your results. The other is to buy stock in prospects and buy it at a very low figure. What we mean by a low figure is not 10, 15 or 20 cents, but 5 cents or less. With an ordinary amount of capitalization of western mining companies' prospects stocks, unless they have the ore in sight, should not cost more than that figure. The stock in a good mine is cheaper at \$1.00 than the average prospect stock at 5 cents.

**WILL BUILD COLD STORAGE.**

Contract Let to H. Burbridge, and Work to Start at Once.

H. Burbridge was awarded the contract Monday for the construction of a cold storage plant on the corner of Center and Auburn streets, for McEwen & Fuchs. The building is to be 25x60 feet, two stories high and built of stone. The cost when completed will amount to about \$5,000.

Contractor Burbridge has already begun cutting stone and the actual construction of the building is to be

started at once. It is to be completed in about thirty days.

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**VICTOR MINE TO MAKE SHIPMENT.**

**High Grade Ore to be Sent to Sumpter Smelter—Development Work Proceeding.**

The management of the Victor mine, which is located in the Red Boy district, between the Gold Bug and the Red Boy, is now making preparations to forward a shipment of high grade ore to the Sumpter smelter. The company is pushing development work, two steady shifts being employed, and operations continuing night and day.

A very high grade of ore is being encountered, and values are steadily increasing as the tunneling proceeds. This well known property has been worked for the past two years with eminent satisfaction to its stockholders. The development has revealed phenomenal values ranging from \$50 to \$300 a ton in gold and silver. It is the policy of the company to place this mine among the big payers of the district in the near future.

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