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MINING Expert Koplin testifies in unmistakable terms regarding the camp. He came here a stranger to look up a property for eastern capitalists, and reports favorably not only on the particular property, but says the camp is the best in the country. This is the unanimous opinion of men who are familiar with the mining industry, and therefore in a position to make their testimony of value. Of course, like ever other prosperous community, Sumpter has knockers. The knocker hobs up serenely at intervals and speaks his little piece, but his plaint is becoming more feeble in general bustle of business. Conditions belie his words and they fall on unheeding ears.

THE evidence that this summer is going to be the best in the history of the camp is daily accumulating. Not only will it see more accomplished in a mining way, but all other branches of business will be better than ever before, since mining is the chief industry here and upon this other lines are naturally dependent. All the big companies here are preparing to carry on operations more extensively, and scores of properties which have been idle during the winter months are getting in shape to renew work. Many of them have already started. Everything points to an active season. Houses are going up on all sides, new people are coming to invest their money, and hundreds of capitalists from the east will be here to invest in mining properties. It looks good.

THE organization of the Standard Gold Mines company in the Quartzburg district and the policy which it announces means not only a great deal for the immediate vicinity in which the mines are located, but a great deal for the camp generally. The company is officered by conservative business men well known in mining and other commercial circles. This holds out the promise to the stockholders that they may depend upon an equitable management guided by years of experience in mining and other industrial enterprises. The company is to start work at once, blocking out its ore preparatory to the installation of the necessary treating machinery, thereby insuring the distribution of its resources toward the employment of labor. This is one of the biggest deals consummated in the district in years, and means a great deal not only to those immediately connected but to the general public.

THERE are several things which make it apparent that there will be more accomplished in a mining way here this summer than ever before. In the first place this camp is rapidly establishing a reputation throughout the country as one of the best. This is fully warranted by conditions. It is not due to the persistent operation of any hot air plant. Prospect after prospect which the

public may have been justified in looking at askance in the beginning has been demonstrated to contain vast and high grade ore bodies, thus increasing the number of producing mines. Claims which will doubtless prove just as good are being opened up, older properties are dropping into the line of dividend payers, and so on. These can not but help establish confidence among investors. They see what is here now, and if they have business foresight they are willing to invest. Again, the shrinkage in railroad stocks and the small dividends other industries are paying will naturally drive capital to other fields. One of the most attractive fields is mining, and the place which presents greater opportunities in this direction is Sumpter.

WHILE there is yet much time in which to perfect the matter, the mining companies here should begin casting about toward getting together a suitable exhibit for the St. Louis exposition. Sumpter is one of the great mining camps of the Pacific states, one of the great camps of the world for that matter, and it should be properly represented. Of course the state will have its exhibit of which Sumpter will form a part, but the Sumpter exhibit should form a part distinct, and creditable to the district which it represents. Much is to be accomplished in this way. The St. Louis fair will be one of the greatest this country has ever seen. Thousands of people interested in mining will be there, and an exhibit truthfully representing the resources of the district accompanied by descriptive literature would accomplish a great deal. THE MINER has urged the organization of a chamber of commerce, a commercial and mining men's club, or whatever it is thought best to style such an institution as long as there is no mistake about its functions. The arranging of a mining exhibit would naturally fall to such a body, if it were in operation, and it is now meet that steps to be taken in this direction. THE MINER recalls the instance of a Sound city whose chamber of commerce was instrumental in getting together a most excellent exhibit at the Buffalo exposition. There was no lack of descriptive literature to accompany the exhibit. The exhibit challenged the attention of the world, and incidentally brought thousands of dollars to that city for investment.

Views of Mining Properties.

J. B. Hanrahan is painting around the walls of the Club saloon some excellent views of mining properties of the district. Beginning with the Smelter the views include the following: Cougar, Quebec, Red Boy cyanide plant, Mammoth, Bald Mountain, Bonanza, North Pole, Columbia, Here I Am, Red Boy, Old Arastra, Cracker Oregon, E. and E., and Goleonda. The work is well executed and makes an attractive appearance.

Directors Meet.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Stices Gulch placers was held this morning in the office of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company. Only routine business was transacted. The company now has its sawmill and placer machinery in full operation.

Dr. Greenlee, dentist, over Basche Hardware store.

PRES. STRAHORN HERE MAY 15

Preliminary Surveys for Electric Light Plant and Water Main Extensions.

Superintendent E. E. McCammon, of the Water and Electric companies received a letter from President Strahorn today in which it was stated that he will arrive in Sumpter May 15. He has been traveling in Europe for several months, and left Liverpool April 10. He will spend some time in New York and Chicago, and will arrive in Sumpter as stated.

President Strahorn will make the necessary purchases for the proposed extension of the water and electric companies enroute, and when he arrives the company will be in a position to begin active operations immediately. The company will build a new power house and greatly extend the water system. Superintendent McCammon will shortly begin the preliminary surveys and have the work so in hand to begin active operation upon the arrival of President Strahorn.

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active development of the property. It will be the policy to block still more of the large ore reserves already opened up preparatory to the installation of an adequate milling and treating plant. When the fact is recalled to mind that there has already been opened up on this property over one-half a million dollars of high grade ore, it will be seen that the policy in reference to installing milling equipment is exceedingly conservative. There is already on the ground a forty-ton smelter for the treatment of the company's high grade products. Considerable ore has already been produced which has been shipped to the Sumpter smelter and elsewhere. Some of this ore has been shipped to France and Germany on account of the high cobalt values. This is one of the few propositions in the country carrying substantial cobalt values.

The assays on the Standard ore run from a good milling and concentrating grade up to \$2,400. The matte produced at the smelter on the property netted over \$700 a ton, which is an exceptionally fine showing.

The property has ample equipment in the way of cabins for the workmen, blacksmith shops and other appurtenances. Development work can be taken up and continued most advantageously. This means a great deal for the Quartzburg district. The operations inaugurated by the company will signify new life, energy and activity to the camp generally. Dixie Creek will again become the source of unprecedented wealth, such as it was in the palmy placer days. The consummation of this big corporation is due to the energy and activity of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, which will act as the authorized fiscal agents and place stock to be sold for development and equipment purposes on the market.

Dr. Mueller returned today from Pendleton, where the organization of the company was perfected.

Loss by Fire Adjusted.

Calvert Mead, representing the Aetna Insurance company, represented here by Manning & Welsh, was in the city this week to adjust the loss recently entailed by the fire at Bourne. The loss, which was \$3,000 was satisfactorily adjusted.

Property Changes Hands.

Manning & Welsh have sold the Schoesser property on Bonanza street to J. J. Jackson, of the Jackson Meat Market. The sale includes the dwelling and lot. The new owner will remodel and enlarge the house at once.

Degree of Honor Entertainment.

The Degree of Honor gave an elaborate entertainment Monday evening in the Opera house. The extensive program was well rendered, and an enjoyable evening was sent. The receipts amounted to \$132.

ST. LOUIS PROPERTY.

Company Decides to Begin Work at Once.

It has been decided by the management of the St. Louis property on Deer Creek to begin operations in a short time. Tunnel No 1 is now in 500 feet on the ledge and the present purpose is to continue development work on this tunnel.

The vein has already been crosscut three or four times showing a width of from thirty-five to forty feet of good ore. It is a soft, oxidized cyanide proposition carrying satisfactory values. It is regarded as one of the best cyaniding ores to be found in the camp.

The company will continue development work until it has a sufficient amount of ore blocked out to keep a mill running several years. It is stated that in all probability this work will be far enough advanced to warrant the building of a mill this fall.

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