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LOTS OF DIGGING MONEY ON TAP.

T. W. Davidson Thinks Claim Owners Should be Willing to Accept a Bond.

T. W. Davidson, well known in mining circles, thinks claim owners are working a hardship on the district by demanding cash payments for their prospects. He says:

"If the owners of prospects in the Sumpter camp would place a reasonable price on their properties, or would be willing to accept a bond for ing into a good property. six, nine or twelve months, there would be no difficulty in getting all kinds of money in the east for development purposes. There is plenty but the eastern investor is not wilvaluable with development.

"This was an obstacle which I encountered on my recent trip east. I could locate fifteen or twenty companies here almost at once which are willing to operate on the conditons I name. They are willing to make a cash payment when there is ore in sight in a sufficient amount to justify it, or to fix a bond, but when it to call at Sturgill's. Mill Street, near comes to buying an undeveloped Granite. piece of property outright at an exorbitant price they at once become

kinds of digging money, but no purchaes money for prospects."

BABY M'KEE'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Drifting in High Grade Ore, and Will Soon Crosscut.

L. G. Lilley, manager of the Baby McKee, came in from the proprety for a day or so last week. Things are looking good at the mine, he says. He is drifting on the hanging wall in a soft oxidized ore of fine quality, and will keep up the work steadily developing with a good force of men all summer.

In a short time, Manager Lilley says, it is his purpose to thoroughly crosscut the vein and open up the ore bodies. The Baby McKee is develop-

Relief Map of Cracker Creek

A. D. Whittier has fluished his relief map of the Cracker Creek district of digging money going begging, and has it on exhibition at the Hotel Sumpter. The map shows the crop-Prospectors exhibit a lack veins of the district, together with refuse to take a bond and assume equal and other improvements of the proprisk in the property's becoming erties within range. It is executed in natural colors and shows off to a most excellent advantage. The map was painted by J. B. Hanrahan, of this city.

> For Lowney's candies, fine chocolates, bon bons, Key West, Havana and domestic cigars, tobacco, pocket knives,

lacry of it. As I said I can get all the world. T. G. Harrison agent.

WILL CALL

MEETING SOON.

To Organize Chamber of Commerce-Chairman Richards Endorses Movement.

It is probable that a meeting of the committee appointed at the business men's banquet last December for the purpose of taking steps toward the organization of a chamber of commerce or a commercial club will hold a meeting very shortly and discuss plans. It was thought best to postpone action after the appointment of the committee for several reasons. In the first place no suitable quarters were in sight, and again the opening up of the spring business would present a better time for the organizaling to make a big cash payment for pings of the celebrated North Pole tion of such a body. It is practia hole in the ground with no ore in ledge and also those of the parallel cally certain now that a building can be secured and the time is ripe of faith in their properties when they county roads and the various mills for action. Referring to the matter N. C. Richards, chairman of the committee, says:

"I am heartily in favor of the movement and I am fully convinced that a chamber of commerce efficiently officered and conducted on the proper lines wolud result in great good, not only for the city of Sumpter and the business interests here represented outside of mining, but stationery, cider, fruits, etc., do not fail for the camp generally. The business men of the city should take hold of this matter in earnest for it means a great deal to them and I feel sure Giant Powder is the best by test in they will. I am familiar with this work in other cities and I know what has been accomplished by it.

"Again there are social features connected with such an institution that should not be lost sight of. The quarters should and doubtless will be provided with club rooms where the evenings may be pleasantly

MELICAN POKER NO GOOD.

Long Tom Goes Against the National Game and Parts With His Dough.

A sojourner from the "Flowery Kingdom," who has accepted the Americanized cognomen of Long Tom Placer, is perhaps not the only foreigner who has gone against the national pastime of poker and has a tale of woe coming. Long Tom details his troubles as follows:

"Been in Sumpter twenty-five year, work um placer. Make \$250 some year, \$400, \$500, \$600, some year more. Lose um all stud hoss. Long Tom no savee Melican game. Gamble Chinese all right, but Melican poker no good."

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