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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

It has become the practice of a certain class of alleged mining journals run for the purpose of exploiting some individual property to knock every other proposition concerning which a query may arise. Several instances of this kind where well known and thoroughly reliable companies, have been given the worst of it, have come to The Miner's attention. It is disreputable procedure to say the least.

It will be perhaps the first of June before the Sumpter camp will be in full swing, but evidence is daily accumulating that the season will be one of unprecedented activity. Everything points to this conclusion. While many new properties have been started up, the roads are not yet in first class condition, the snow not having yet disappeared, and properties off the beaten trail are difficult to reach, and it is next to impossible to get supplies in. A glance at the news columns of The Miner will show the casual reader the wonderful developments that may be expected this summer, on undeveloped prospects, and the improvements and additions which will later take place on older properties.

Regarding the rights of co-owners of unpatented mineral claims in relation to the assessment work, the Mining and Engineering Review says: "Disputes often arise in mining sections regarding the rights of co-owners of mineral claims and the necessary work required to be performed by each. The law requires that a certain amount of work be performed on each unpatented mineral claim. If that work has been done by one or more of the co-owners and the others have refused to perform their part the proper procedure is that those who have done the work should give the delinquent partners notice, either personally or in writing and by publication in a newspaper published in the county in which the claim or claims are located for ninety days. An affidavit from the publisher of the newspaper that such notice was published and an affidavit from the parties who had served the notice or caused same to be printed must be filed with the Recorder of the county in which the claim or claims are located, to the effect that one or more of the co-owners had refused to pay the necessary expenses to perform their portion of the work or to perform such work, and also a copy of the original notice of location. If the delinquent co-owner or co-owners do not contribute their share of the expense for the performance of the work required by law within ninety days after the expiration of the legal notice the title shall be vested in the owners who have performed the work."

The mining industry is certainly in a healthy condition all over the country. A great deal of capital is being invested, new machinery is being installed, and there are general indications of prosperity. The

great demand for mining machinery shows what is doing in this direction. Speaking of this, the Western Mining World says: "It is pleasing to note the general improved demand from all parts of the country for mining machinery and supplies. Manufacturers announce that at no time in the past were they so rushed and oversupplied with orders for everything that goes to make up mining, milling and smelting equipment. This fact is also emphasized by the announcement made this week by the Allis-Chalmers company of this city by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of one and three-fourths per cent on the preferred shares. We are informed by this company that the volume of business on the books of the company today far exceeds that of any time since the organization of the company, notwithstanding the fact that the output of the plants has been increased to a large extent, and they can see no abatement of prosperity in their various branches of manufacture. The same condition of affairs exists in nearly every other company interested in the manufacture of mining machinery or supplies. There seems to be an unlimited demand for all kinds of high grade machinery, which is certainly a good indication that prosperity is enjoyed in all lines of manufacture."

### PAYMENT ON UMPQUA

**Eastern People Wired Money Yesterday, and Will Develop Property.**

Messrs. Kane, Kear and Edwards, who bonded the Umpqua group in the Cracker Creek district, to New York people, received the first payment on the property yesterday through English & Baldwin. The money was wired several days ahead of time, the first payment not falling due until May 2.

The Umpqua group contains ten full claims in the Cracker Creek district, and already has between 300 and 400 feet of tunnel. It is understood that the eastern people will start work shortly and keep a force of men developing the property through the season.

### BIG NUGGET FOUND.

**Stice's Gulch Placers in Full Blast.**

Dr. Robert Damerell is in from the Stice's Gulch placers today. He says that a nugget worth from \$25 to \$30 was taken out yesterday, besides several smaller ones. The company is handling a large amount of gravel.

The saw mill on the property is cutting 10,000 feet of lumber a day, and the company is also cutting a lot of cord wood. Dr. Damerell is interested in this and other properties in the district. He says Stice's Gulch is the biggest thing in a placer way he has ever seen.

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