

**BYSON COMPANY
ELECTS OFFICERS.**

Management Will Start Development Work at Once.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Byson Gold Mining and Milling company, held last Friday in the office of N. C. Richards, the following officers and directors were elected:

E. C. Sloan, of Baker City, president; W. H. Sloan, Baker City, vice-president; Charles Hill, Baker City, secretary; Colonel Emmett Callahan, Baker City, treasurer. The directorate is composed of the above officers with the addition of F. O. Bucknum, of Sumpter.

Extensive operations are to be started at once. The property, is located in the Quartzburg district, near the Standard, and embraces the Tiger and Byson mines, on Dixie Creek, in Grant county, thirty-eight miles from Sumpter. The location is favorable in regard to transportation facilities, and there is an abundance of timber and water on the property for all purposes. The Tiger and Byson are in the same mineral zone as the Great Northern, Prairie Diggings, Robinsonville, Red Boy, Ibox, and other well known properties.

Much development work has already been done. The Tiger is opened by a shaft over twenty feet in depth, from which a drift has been driven fifteen feet, cutting a four foot ledge, showing good ore. There are several hundred feet of tunnels and shafts on the Byson. On the south end of the claim there is an eighty-foot tunnel along the ledge. Crosscuts here have revealed three feet of ore with pay streaks assaying from \$32 to \$40 a ton.

The Tiger-Byson are among the old locations in the Quartzburg, and are regarded as promising mines. There is a stamp mill on the property for custom work, owned by another concern. It is the purpose of the present management to do a large amount of work during this season.

WHAT THE INVESTOR WANTS.

Facts not Scientific Details About Mining Properties.

It is the common mistake among promoters in compiling prospectuses and furnishing the investor data regarding their properties, to dilate unnecessarily upon scientific details without giving a sufficient amount of commercial information. The investor does not give a whit about scientific descriptions or flowery language. He wants plain, substantial facts. Speaking along this line, the Mining and Scientific Press, says:

"What the intending investor in a mine wants to know is, how much metal the ore contains, the amount of ore available, the cost of mining and of reduction, and the probable length of time required to exhaust the visible supply. He cares little about the genesis of the ore deposit, how the gold or silver or copper or other metals came into the ore. He wants to know how to get it out in the shortest possible time at the least possible cost. If promoters' reports dealt more with substantial, pertinent facts and less with fancy and unnecessary scientific information, the man with the money and he could

more quickly come to an understanding."

Cause of Frank Coal Mine Disaster.

Geologist Horace V. Winchell's theory regarding the cause of the disaster at the Frank coal mines is shared by the New York Tribune, which says: "A partial explanation of a phenomenon of this kind is afforded by the tilting up of rock strata so completely observed by railway passengers when going through a cut in mountainous districts. The layers above do not always cling firmly to those below. The former may not slip, because they are buttressed by debris, but gravitation is always tending to dislodge them. If by human activity or the corrosion of rivers the mass becomes undermined there will eventually come a fall, the quantity and distance depending on circumstances. The forces which weaken the hold of the upper strata operate so slowly and gradually that their action is usually unsuspected; but at last they preponderate over adhesion and a landslide occurs. Such things may be common in uninhabited districts in America and on a smaller scale, but one does not often hear of an avalanche in this country that is attended with such mortality as that recorded."

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