

### STATE MINING ASSOCIATION.

#### Preliminary Steps Taken To Organize July 6 At Portland.

Recognizing the importance of a state mining association, several prominent mining men from eastern and southern Oregon met at the Imperial hotel in Portland last week and effected a preliminary organization. The following call was issued:

"We, the undersigned mining men of Oregon, realizing that the important and highly remunerative industry of mining in the state of Oregon has, during the past few years been prosecuted with greatly renewed vigor, and that the mining industry of the state is rapidly becoming one of paramount importance, engaging the attention of a large number of our people, and calling for the employment of a large amount of professional skill and knowledge, and believing further that the time has now arrived when the mining industry in the state of Oregon demands the formation of an association of mining men of the state, to better protect, develop and foster the mineral wealth and resources of Oregon, together with water rights and privileges pertaining thereto, and in view of the constant and increasing demand for information relative to the investment of capital in Oregon mines, and also in view of the fact that nearly all lines and branches of business are organized for mutual protection and profit, hereby call a convention of mining men of the state of Oregon and respectfully request that representatives of the mining interests in each county in the state of Oregon assemble at Portland, Oregon, on July 6, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce building, for the purpose of organizing a Miners' Association of the State of Oregon, adopting a constitution and by-laws, and transacting such other business as may be deemed desirable to promote the best interests of the mines and mining industry of the state."

#### NO ROCKY MOUNTAINS

#### Whitehouse Is Bughouse, Says The Inter Mountain.

"Now comes Cope Whitehouse, geographer and explorer," says the Butte Inter Mountain, "with the declaration that the Rocky mountains do not exist—the 'passing of the Rockies,' he puts it in his article on the subject. He asserts that the popular conception of the Rocky mountains is an error, that there is, in fact, no continuous chain of mountains extending from the northern to the southern boundaries of the United States, no great continental divide such as is generally depicted on the maps of North America. His statements on the subject are attracting the attention of the eastern press and long editorials are devoted to him and to his 'discovery.'"

"It may be all very well for Mr. Whitehouse to lay down doctrine of this character in distant Washington, but in Montana he would be deemed

a prospective candidate for care at the hands of the excellent Dr. Warren at Warm Springs. No Rocky mountains, forsooth; go consult Manager Wharton, for instance, on the subject and learn how wide this talkative geographer is from the truth. No continental divide? And the city of Butte built in its very shadow? Out upon such a geographer. No Rocky mountains? Then whence this Rocky mountain weather? No Rocky mountains? Then whence these rocks from which Butte pours forth her red metal treasure? Fle, Mr. Whitehouse; verily you seem more bughouse than Whitehouse.

"And as for the continuous range theory, what prospector will hold with this theoretical geographer, and what geographer or explorer the equal of your old time prospector? From far to the north of the forty-ninth parallel to well into Central America have scores and hundreds of prospectors followed this range in their search for mineral. Right here in Butte there are many of them who can describe to you the characteristics of almost every mile of that long stretch. True it is that the range is broken in places and split up into several chains, but that there is a continuous line of mountains in the Rocky mountain system is too well known of all who have been over the ground to warrant dispute. Mr. Whitehouse apparently but seeks a little notoriety."

#### AT LUCKY BOY.

#### Good Showing Being Made — Enormous Ledge.

A. P. Jones, president and general manager of the Lucky Boy in the Bonanza district, reports satisfactory progress at the property. He brought in a fine collection of ore samples a few days ago, which carry high values.

The Lucky Boy has an enormous ledge. The crosscut was continued from the foot wall a distance of sixty feet without encountering the opposite wall. After penetrating this distance, Manager Jones started drifting both ways, north and south on the vein in good ore. The vein widens with depth, gaining four feet in width for every ten feet in depth.

#### EX-MAYOR OF SANDON HERE.

Came to Look After His Real Estate and Mining Interests.

Robert Cunning, of Sandon, British Columbia, arrived in the city last week on his way home from San Francisco, and will remain here some time looking after his interests. Mr. Cunning is among the old timers of Sumpter. It was he who opened up the E. and E. and was foreman of the mine. He has real estate holdings in Bourne which he is here to look after.

Mr. Cunning is ex-mayor of Sandon and is largely interested in mining property there. Sumpter, he says, has made a vast improvement since his last visit.

#### Ice Cream! Ice Cream!

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