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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

Baker City has shown its generosity by joining hands with Sumpter in a Fourth of July celebration, and entering into the full spirit of the occasion. Mayor Carter has appointed a committee to raise funds, and has suggested that the purse be hung up for rock drilling contests between the miners of the district. The local committees are down to work and everything points to a great day.

There is increased activity in a mining way throughout the district. Tons upon tons of machinery are being shipped in, work has been started at prospect after prospect, and the older properties are increasing their working force and equipment. Not only this, within the past two weeks, hundreds of investors have arrived and departed with substantial holdings. They came to investigate, were convinced and invested. The district was never so active before.

GOOD OPINION OF STANDARD.

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been crosscut only a distance of fifty feet. This crosscutting was done by the Frenchman Juneau some time in the 60's, I learned. He sunk a shaft on the vein, and at a depth of eighty feet, broke through what appeared to be the wall on the left of the vein and drove twenty-five feet without getting through the ore. He then continued his shaft forty feet further and crosscut twenty-five feet to the right with the same result. I have never seen an easier property to open than is the Standard. The crosscut tunnel which has nearly reached the Willie Boy vein can be made to intersect the entire mountain which will mean that seven big strong veins will be cut at a depth, ranging from 350 feet to over 1,600, or over a quarter of a mile vertical depth. What impressed me as being unusual were the uniformly high values found in the ore. Samples taken from the Willie Boy system of veins, which is the gold bearing system, showed an average of over \$20. Assays from the Standard which carries gold, cobalt, copper and silver, showed gold values alone of over \$50, the cobalt, copper and silver making the total more than double this amount.

"We were assured that the management of the company is going to spend \$25,000 at once in opening the mine still further, and then expects to erect a reduction plant that will eventually handle 500 tons a day, with about 300 tons to start with."

Do I think there will be ore reserves to supply such a plant?

"Most assuredly I do think so, and if the plans are carried out as they have been outlined to me, 1,000 tons can be handled just as well as 500. In regard to what these

reserves are I do not care to go on record, but Mr. Killen told me that he believed there is no question but that there is over half million dollars already blocked out. He stated that before his company took hold of the consolidation it figured with the original owners on what could be reasonably expected in the way of ore reserves. The length of the ore blocked out in the tunnels was multiplied by the height, the width of the vein as given by the owners, divided by two, the average values down to \$10 a ton and still there was \$1,200,000 in sight. Mr. Killen practically remarked that he threw away \$200,000, divided the remainder by two and then thought he was justified in saying there was \$500,000 in sight. The estimate is most certainly very conservative. Yes, our people will take a very large block of the stock and will be glad to get it."

The party left Sunday for home, well pleased with the visit to Sumpter.

GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Baker Will Join Us—Details Being Rapidly Perfected.

Details for the Fourth of July celebration are being rapidly perfected, and the financial committee is meeting with liberal response in the way of subscriptions. Over \$1,000 has been raised and it is estimated that \$500 more will yet be contributed to the fund. Baker City will take part in the gala occasion and furnish substantial prizes. The delegation from the sister city will come headed by the White Swan band, and join in the spirit of the sports. There is to be a freeman's contest between Baker City and Sumpter, drilling contests and various other events.

Dr. Heppie, well known as a eloquent and forceful public speaker will deliver the oration. Other speakers are expected. The festivities will begin on the 3rd. The single handed and junior drilling contests will probably take place on this day. Details as to program have not been arranged. Mayor McCulloch will be marshal of the day.

A big W. O. W. demonstration will be among the features. The camps and circles from Baker, Huntington, Haines, Wingville and other points will visit the local camp and about 100 candidates will be initiated, besides competition drills in the ritualistic work and military tactics. This and the other fraternal orders will join in the parade.

In last week's mention the name of Walter Cronin was inadvertently omitted from the list of committees. Mr. Cronin has the music and dance committee, and it may be depended upon that this feature along with the rest will be a success.

High Grade Ore at Comstock.

A fine body of ore was encountered at the Comstock, in the Red Boy district, owned by Spokane people, last week. The vein was crosscut 600 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, showing seven feet in width with four feet of high grade milling ore.

Machinery for Batsley Elkhorn.

The Baker City Democrat states that seven more carloads of machinery arrived Sunday for the Batsley Elkhorn, and Manager Hays has begun hauling it to the mine.

LAST PAYMENT ON GIPSY QUEEN.

Boston People Make Good On This Cable Cove Property.

The last payment has been made on the Gipsy Queen mine, in the Cable Covev district. This was done Saturday through the Bank of Sumpter, A. P. Goss acting for the Boston people who bought the property. Messrs. Rummery, Bartholf, Otness Isaacs, Detrich and perhaps one or two others were the original owners and to them were paid the money.

This property was purchased by a Boston syndicate about three years ago, through W. H. W. Hamilton, and has been hanging fire, for one reason and another ever since. Last fall a payment was defaulted, which Mr. Hamilton paid himself and took up the bond. It is understood that the Boston people have "gotten together" finally, bought out Hamilton's interest and will develop the mine.

It is unquestionably a valuable one, the ores assaying higher than any other ledge in the Cable Cove district, which averages so far about five feet in width. About 200 feet of tunnel has been driven, skipping along on top of the ore shoot, which is low down under a heavy wash. If there is the "making of a mine" in the district it is the Gipsy Queen.

HIGHLAND ORE.

Big Chunk From Glasgow Crosscut on Exhibition at Hotel Sumpter.

A large chunk of gold sulphide ore weighing 250 pounds was sent in by the miners at the Highland a day or so ago to Neil J. Sorensen & Co., and is now on exhibition in the Hotel Sumpter lobby. It is needless to state that the big piece is the admiration of mining men, and is attracting a great deal of attention. The sample was taken from the face of the drift in the Glasgow crosscut and carries heavy gold values.

A smaller sample of the similar ore from this body assayed by Robbins & Robbins gave over \$200 to the ton in gold. It appears evident that this ore is from a large and permanent body. This property is making a showing equalled by but few in the district, and its standing as a big proposition becomes more apparent as work advances.

Stopped Off.

Matt Houg, E. F. Zins and Michael Messner, all of Houghton, Michigan, stopped off between trains at Baker City and ran up today to see Neil J. Sorensen. Mr. Zins is a prominent copper mine operator in Michigan, and has extensive mining interests in Oregon.

Reunion.

The second annual reunion of the survivors of the First Oregon Cavalry and the First Oregon Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, will be held in Portland June 27, the last day of the G. A. R. encampment.

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