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There has been a very notable advance in the dividends declared for the month of June by mining concerns. Gold and copper are the leading metals while silver and lead show a decided gain. In all eighty-three mines paid dividends which amounted to \$15,665,994, or nineteen per cent of the total for the whole mineral industry.

It would seem that J. H. Fisk, mineralogist, was a little off when he advised the Clarke and Lewis Exposition committee on mines that "the carbonates, magnetites, franklinites, limonites and chromites of iron ores will attract great attention from the great iron workers of the world, and these alone are worth more for exhibition than all our gold ores and should be carefully arranged and properly labeled". These ores may be important enough but they hardly rank equally with the gold ores of the state.

It is predicted by many who are in a position to speak advisedly in the matter that the present inactivity in the various industrial stocks, means a turning of capital in the direction of mining. And in fact there is much evidence to support the belief that already investors who hitherto looked askance at mining are giving this industry some attention. The man who acts with good judgment, employs business methods in mining can scarcely find a more profitable field. With adequate resources to begin with, and ordinary horse sense, mining offers better returns right today than any other industry.

ANTHONY MOHR HOME.

Plenty of Money for Good Mining Properties, He Says.

Anthony Mohr returned Sunday from a thirty days' trip east in the interest of several enterprises which he represents. He states that a delegation of capitalists is expected here in a short time to investigate a number of propositions with a view to investment. On account of the many get rich quick schemes, he says, there is a disposition on the part of men with money to personally look into these matters, but that a good proposition will get a hearing without difficulty, and there is a decided leaning toward mining investments.

While away Mr. Mohr attended the St. Louis shoot, which was mentioned in a former issue, and acquitted himself with honor. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Mohr, who has been visiting her old home in the east.

Flynn Property Sold.

The J. H. MacCallum company this week sold the house and lot on Columbia street, opposite the Presbyterian church, owned by Bernard Flynn, to Mrs. P. M. Edlin.

FIRST PAYMENT ON FORTY-NINE JIMMIE.

Shaft Being Pumped Out and Operations to Proceed.

The first payment on the Forty-Nine Jimmie in the Greenhorn district, was made the latter part of last week. The property was bonded to Thomas McEwen, and Colonel E. S. Topping and Grant Thornburg are also interested in the transaction. It is stated that Colonel Topping will probably assume active management of the mine.

The preliminary work of pumping out the shaft was started yesterday, and it is the purpose of the company to continue sinking on the rich telluride vein. The property has another vein, a continuation of the Humboldt and the same on which the Humboldt's hoisting plant is located, not over thirty feet from the Forty-Nine Jimmie's end lines. This vein has twenty-two inches of #40 rock, and six inches of telluride ore, the lowest assay from which gave \$400 to the ton and from that into the thousands.

SOUTHERN SOCIETY.

Organization Perfected Last Night With Mayor McColloch President.

A society to be known as the Southern Historical and Literary Society, of Sumpter, was organized last night in the office of Mayor McColloch and the following officers were elected:

President, Mayor C. H. McColloch; secretary, T. G. Gwynne; treasurer, Senator W. H. Hobson.

Chairman McColloch appointed the following committees:

Membership, R. H. Kemp W. H. Hobson, Rev. J. M. Wilder, and W. D. B. Dodson; constitution and by-laws, T. G. Gwynne, J. W. Connella and W. H. Hobson.

A communication was read from Secretary Correll, of the Baker City society, inviting the Sumpter organization to participate in a picnic to be held at the "Pines", nine miles from Baker City, Friday. It was stated in the letter that the original intention was to hold this picnic near Sumpter, but owing to the fact that the Sumpter Valley Railroad company refused to make a satisfactory rate, it had to be held near Baker. The secretary was instructed to inform the sister society that on account of the distance it would not be possible for the Sumpter contingent to participate in a body.

The matter of holding a joint picnic was what hastened the organization of the Sumpter Southerners. Last Sunday, J. W. Headen, city editor of the Baker City Herald, Dr. Will Jackson and C. H. Stuller, were here to urge action with this end in view, and also to have a Sumpter body of Southerners who would act in concert at future general gatherings or celebrations.

The object of the organization as stated by Mayor McColloch was to form a non-partisan society of people from the south to promote good fellowship and perpetuate southern memories. The requisite to member-

ship is southern birth. Rev. Wilder stated that he thought beyond any question he was eligible, since he himself was a native of Kentucky, with a Kentucky ancestry dating back 400 years more or less. He came by his name in a peculiar way, he said. His great, great, great uncle had been captured by the Indians, or some other hostile people. He gave them such a race that they dubbed him Wild. Later they captured his great, great great grandfather, who was still more fleet of foot, and he was named Wilder. So the name had clung to the family—Wilders from the wilds of Kentucky.

Arrangements were discussed for giving a banquet to consist of yarns, 'possum, persimmons, jonny cake with "cawn lickin'" on the side at an early date. The society adjourned to meet Monday evening, July 27.

ASTORIA GROUP.

Work Started This Week to Explore Ledge.

J. W. Duckworth, known to fame as the locator of the North Pole, started work today on the Astoria group, in the Cracker Creek district, owned by Ed Houser. The group contains three claims, the Astoria, Mountain Lion and Bond. The Mountain Lion abuts on the end lines of the Great American, owned by Graves Brothers, on which the rich strike was recently made, and the claims contain a continuation of the same ledge. The Gleason and Doan property known as the Buckeye group is also on the same lead, and the rich ore uncovered in this locality has had the effect of stimulating development work to a great extent.

On the Mountain Lion claim Mr. Duckworth has started a tunnel some 300 feet from the end line of the Great American and will explore the ledge in its direction.

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