

THE TITLE OF E. & E. CLEARED.

Famous Property Passes To The Control Of Jonathan Bourne.

The famous E. and E. mine, owned mainly by Jonathan Bourne, of Portland, was sold Thursday, in Baker City by Wallace McCammut, master of chancery of the United States circuit court, pursuant to a decree issued at the Oregon June term. Fred B. Holman, of Portland, representing the Bourne Gold Mining company, and the Jonathan Bourne interests, bid in the property at \$25,000.

The sale was made to satisfy certain bondholders under a certain mortgage which had been foreclosed. The sale effectually clears the title, and the control of the property passes back to Jonathan Bourne, it is understood. The mine has not been operated for several years on account of litigation. It is stated that work at the mine will start soon. The Baker City Herald published the following interview from Mr. Holman, the successful bidder:

"The condition of the machinery is, of course, discouraging. It will probably cost \$100,000 to get the property back into a producing state again. The mines are, of course flooded with water and the several ineffectual attempts to operate them since 1888, when the mortgage bonds were issued has done considerable harm to the property. In taking possession of the mines the new parties have always attempted to use methods to get their money out as quickly as possible and without any view as to the future working of the shafts. It is altogether likely that new shafts will be begun and the old workings abandoned entirely. New machinery will, of course, be supplied."

WORK STARTED.

Colonel Topping and W. E. Sanders Begin Operations at Oreole.

Colonel E. S. Topping and W. E. Sanders, who recently took a bond on the Oreole claim near Susanville, left Sunday for the property to start a crew to work Monday.

Two shifts will be worked. The Oreole is a rich telluride proposition and the new owners will develop it as rapidly as possible. The ore encountered during its previous management carried exceedingly good values.

HIS RECORD.

George Shipman, of Sumpter, Shears 247 Sheep in a Day.

George Shipman returned last week from a sheep shearing expedition through Idaho, Montana and

Wyoming. Mr. Shipman averaged from \$10 to \$12 a day and his best record was 247 sheep sheared in a day of nine hours. This was accomplished while working in Idaho. The best record so far as known is 305 sheep sheared by one man in eleven hours.

Mr. Shipman left Sumpter in March and has been engaged on sheep ranches in the states named ever since. He says that there are over 9,000,000 sheep alone in Montana, and that over 8,000 men are employed in shearing.

TAHOMA GROUP.

Owners Doing Extensive Development Work.

A. Gren and W. B. Bailey, managing owners of the Tahoma group of claims in the Ibex district were in the city yesterday and report steady progress at the property. The shaft on the ledge where the main development work is being done is now down fifty feet with drifts fifteen feet in both directions. In the face of the drift being carried west there are three and a half feet of ore having good values. The eastern drift shows a ledge seven feet wide with an ore shoot eighteen inches carrying values which average between \$11 and \$24.

A lower drift which is being driven on the lead in the direction of the shaft is now in 120 feet with 160 feet yet to drive. This will give a depth of 120 feet or seventy feet below the shaft. This shows in the face six and a half feet of good free milling ore.

Messrs. Gren and Bailey state that they intend shipping several tons of ore from the shaft, which shows averages from \$15 to \$20, to determine the best method of treatment.

Besides the vein mentioned on which most of the work up to this time has been done, there is another vein located from forty to 200 feet distant. On this there is a thirty foot shaft with considerable prospect work. It carries good surface values. Both ledges have been traced for a distance of over 2,000 feet.

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