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A great deal of satisfaction is expressed among mining people regarding the decision of President Roosevelt to be represented at the American Congress which convenes next Monday at Deadwood Lead. Secretary Irwin Mahon, of the Mining Congress, has been notified by Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, that he will be present at the meeting as the president's special representative. The coming meeting will doubtless be the most important since the organization of the congress.

Oregon is out to land the meeting of the American Mining Congress in 1905. And why not Oregon? As a mining state it is coming rapidly to the front and it would be eminently appropriate for the body to hold its next meeting in this state. Portland wants the meeting. As the state metropolis there does not seem to be anything wrong in this, but Portland is a little out of touch with any of the mining districts. And there is the danger of Portland's turning the meeting into a fruit or cheese show.

It is stated that John D. Rockefeller proposes to take a turn at the iron industry in Mexico. The recent acquisition of the plants owned by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company is to furnish the initial point of operation in controlling the southern business. According to the plan outlined, it is stated that iron and steel plants are to be built and railroads constructed under concessions from the Mexican government. This is only another step toward the ultimate control of Mexican industries by United States capital. Capitalists in this country have been particularly active within the past few years not only in building up manufacturing concerns in the southern republic, but they have shown a decided inclination toward developing the mineral resources of the sister state. The latter fact would seem somewhat strange since the great west of our own country offers just as good and perhaps a better field for mining operations, and our laws in this respect are certainly sufficiently liberal. It has been urged, and there is perhaps much truth in the statement, that the preference for Mexico exists in the instability of the labor situation here.

A Prescott, Arizona, correspondent writing to the American Mining News, says: "Many people think that a home industry is about the safest proposition that money can be invested in, and that if funds are placed near at home one has a better opportunity to keep posted and watch results. The number of 'home industries' that have failed

during the past year are greater than that of all the legitimate mining companies the past three years. Mining of today is an industry; it has become a business enterprise pure and simple. Improved machinery, scientific knowledge and business management have made mining more legitimate than any of the speculative operations in stocks and grains. There is an element of chance in every business. Keen competition and fluctuating markets may bring ruin to any commercial enterprise. The man who invests his money in a farm takes the risk of losing his crop by drouth or storm. But the field for profitable investment in the mining industry is practically inexhaustible; there is no competition, no fear of overproduction, no search for a market. Mining investments flourish best when financial panics sweep the country and unsettle the confidence in real estate, railroad and industrial securities. Fortunes are obtained by following mining as a profession or by investment in mining stocks, and the business men of today are realizing this fact and profiting by it as in no other period of business."

SEVENTY-FIVE NEW TEAMS.

Work to Be Pushed Rapidly On Sumpter Valley Extension.

A party composed of Joseph Barton, general freight and passenger agent of the Sumpter Valley railroad, Mrs. Barton and daughter, Bishop and Mrs. Peter Barton, and daughter, of Salt Lake City, and W. W. Riter and Bishop George Romney, of Salt Lake City, directors in the Sumpter Valley company, passed through the city this morning enroute to Whitney to spend some time looking over the construction work on the extension beyond Whitney and incidentally enjoying an outing in the mountains. Bishops Barton and Romney are of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City. The former is a brother of Mr. Barton, freight agent of the Sumpter Valley.

Work on the extension is to be pushed with all possible haste, the officials stated. Mr. Joseph Barton said:

"President Eccles has made arrangements to put seventy-five additional teams to work on the grading, and the plan is to finish the extension at the earliest date possible. We have been held back somewhat on account of the scarcity of teams for grading work, but the new ones secured by President Eccles will greatly accelerate matters. They will be here in a few days.

"We are going ahead laying out the new town of Tipton, and we believe the conditions are such to warrant its growing into an important place."

To Attend Mining Congress.

H. T. Hendryx, of the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, left Saturday on a business trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He will attend the American Mining Congress at Deadwood-Lead as a delegate from Sumpter on his return.

If in want of clothing, see Neill Mercantile company.

PAYING UP.

Other Matters Relating to The Sumpter Smelter

Dr. Ed W. Mueller, general manager of the Oregon Smelting and Refining company, states that the business men of Sumpter who subscribed to the fund to be used in purchasing a site and for acquiring iron and lime deposits are rapidly paying up their subscriptions.

The ore supply is accumulating at the smelter, and it will not be long before there will be a sufficient amount on hand to justify the company's blowing in. The Last Chance and the Chloride have been added to the list of mines sending in ore or concentrates. The recent action of the board of smelter directors increasing the ore purchasing fund \$60,000 places the institution in excellent shape in this particular.

NEW ENGINE INSTALLED.

Miner Office Now Well Equipped With Power.

For the past three weeks The Miner has labored under the difficulty of a lack of power to operate its plant. A wood engine had to be called into requisition and hitched to the machinery. Getting out a paper and running a print shop under such an arrangement was attended with a degree of strenuousness, vexation and worry not calculated to improve the spiritual condition of the force.

The situation has been relieved, however, by the installation of a Fairbanks and Morse gasoline engine, sold by Charles Thomas, representative of the company. The new engine is one of the latest models turned out by the company, and gives entire satisfaction.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 7.

Assignment of Teachers To The Different Grades.

The Sumpter public school will open Monday, September 7. Professor D. W. Yoder returned yesterday from Salem where he spent the greater part of his vacation.

Following is the assignment of teachers for the year:

Professor D. W. Yoder, principal, high school; Miss Nellie Martin, seventh and eighth grades; Miss Grace Gillespie, fifth and sixth; Miss Lelia Thomas, third and fourth; Miss Dunn, second; Miss Calrk, primary.

The enrollment last year was over 300. It will probably be greatly increased this year as several new families have moved in since school closed. It is stated that it will probably be necessary to appoint another teacher.

Skillful Surgical Operation.

Some days since Dr. Brock, assisted by Dr. May, of Baker City, and Dr. Grant, of Bourne, successfully performed the very difficult operation of removing an unusually large fibroid tumor from Mrs. Mary Limbeck, of Whitney. The operation was performed in Mrs. Harvey's private sanitarium, on South Mill street, where the patient has been since the middle of August. Already she has sufficiently recovered to sit up and, unless some unexpected complications arise, Dr. Brock thinks she will

be able to return home in ten days. Mrs. Neil Niven, of Canyon City, wife of a prominent Grant county citizen and official, the lady's only child, was with her mother during the trying ordeal and has remained with her since.

DEAL PENDING.

Morning Not Sold But Negotiations Are On.

Negotiations relative to the sale of the Morning mine in the Greenhorn district are still pending. It was reported a short time ago that this well known property was practically sold to eastern people, but I. J. Simmons, one of the owners, states that nothing has yet been closed. Mr. Simmons did not care to go into details regarding the transaction, but he admitted that there is a deal to take over the property pending.

Mr. Simmons came in yesterday and returned this morning. He says the mine is making a remarkably good showing and that the ore is getting better with every shot. The mill, he states, is doing fine execution.

WINTER WORK AT VALLEY QUEEN.

Parallel Claim Shows Four Foot Ledge With Good Values.

The management of the Valley Queen has opened the ledge on the Pine Top, a parallel claim owned by the company. It shows four feet of vein width in remarkably good ore.

The Valley Queen management is preparing for uninterrupted winter work. Supplies are being shipped in, the tramway is being shedded and everything is being put in shape for winter operations. Superintendent Gray and Foreman Warren are in the city looking after the details of winter consignments.

MINING HARDWARE.

O. F. Company Will Put In \$25,000 Stock.

Bela Kadish and F. S. Baillie, who are among the leading owners of the Oregon Forwarding company, were here this week making arrangements to put in an extensive line of mining hardware. The company, it is understood, will put in a \$25,000 stock, including all articles of hardware used in mining.

The company's present building at the foot of Cracker street will be used for store room purposes. The stock will begin to arrive in ten days.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Dr. Ed. W. Mueller Will Manage Affairs Of the Psyche.

Dr. Ed W. Mueller has been appointed receiver for the Psyche, and will settle up the affairs of the company which are understood to be somewhat involved.

Judge Fawcett, managing owner of the property is now in the east, and it is stated that he will probably conclude a deal for the transfer of the mine to other people.