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The death of Thomas McEwen removes from the community one of its most popular, most useful and best beloved citizens. Mr. McEwen was a man of sterling worth, strict honesty and integrity. His admirable traits of character, his kind and generous nature endeared him to all classes of people, and made his name loved and respected wherever he was known. In him Sumpter has lost one of its best and most progressive citizens.

The Mine Operators' association, of Seattle, is certainly an institution after which it would be profitable for the Sumpter operators, to pattern. The aim of every legitimate firm is to place its property before the public in the proper light and to eliminate the cut rate broker and the wild catter. It is an instance where there is a community of interests, and one in which it behooves every one concerned to work together. The good of one is the good of all.

After years of inactivity, says the Mining World, silver has once again got in motion and on August 21 touched the highest point that it has attained in recent years, viz: 57 1/2 cents per ounce. The lowest price at which silver was ever quoted was in January, 1903, when on the 27th of that month it touched 47 cents per ounce in New York. Each month since then it has been climbing and the present market quotation is in the neighborhood of 57 cents per ounce. The real cause for the advance is doubtless that large quantities of the metal are going to India and other eastern countries, and again that the industries were never consuming so much silver, the wonderfully buoyant times having given great impetus to the manufacture of articles of luxury and the beautiful metal, silver, figures greatly in these.

AT THE QUEBEC.

To Start Crosscut for Hanging Wall at Once.

A. B. Browne, consulting engineer for the Quebec, returned from the mine yesterday. He says that the tunnel is progressing at the rate of five feet a day.

He further states that it is the intention of the management to start the crosscut for the hanging wall at once.

Local Talent.

"Babies in the Woods" and "Jack the Giant Killer" will be presented at the Ellis Opera house Thursday and Friday evenings respectively by local talent under the auspices of the Independent Order of Lions. Admission 75 and 50 cents. Children 25 cents.

MINING MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Rutter Talks About Methods of Seattle Organization

W. C. Rutter, of Seattle, president and general manager of the Kittanning Mining company, who has been spending some time in the district looking after the company's interests, is also a member of the Seattle Operators' Association and chairman of the ways and means committee. Regarding this organization, a great deal concerning which has been said in the different mining journals, Mr. Rutter is most enthusiastic and thinks that by all means the Sumpter mine operators should form a similar institution. Relative to the plan and work of the association, he says: "Our main object is to eliminate the wild catter and cut rate broker, and place legitimate mining on its true footing before the people. Mining, I mean real mining, has suffered more at the hands of these people than from any other source, and our organization is doing its share to put them out of business. When a company makes application for membership in the association, a committee is appointed to report on its standing and also on the merits of its mining property. If the report is unfavorable, the application is very promptly rejected. Our investigations in this particular are conducted with great care and fairness. In this way we are sure to get only legitimate operators.

"On the reverse side of the company's letter heads are two cuts representing the legitimate and the illegitimate operator. The one shows the face of a tunnel with men at work, and the other, a spider-like individual with flashing diamonds seated in a well appointed office, and in the corner of the picture is a desolate and miserable looking little hole in the ground. It is clear to be seen where the money went in the two instances, and it is a pretty just representation.

"If every mining center would adopt similar methods, and advertise its work as we are trying to do, it would make fake operators hard to find and place the legitimate mining industry on a firmer basis before the people."

GRADING FINISHED.

Machinery for Alamo is Daily Expected.

J. P. McGuigan, superintendent of the Alamo, was in the city yesterday and stated that the grading for the stamp mill had been completed and that work on the buildings would be started at once. Mr. McGuigan says that the sawmill recently put in operation has cut more than enough lumber for the buildings but that he has decided to cut another 100,000 feet before stopping.

The machinery for the ten stamp mill to be installed was ordered some time ago, and its arrival is daily expected.

Married in Baker City.

W. H. Mather left here Monday. This afternoon at 4 o'clock he will be married in Baker City to Miss Leona Thompson, formerly of Sumpter. They will leave for Spokane, where

they will remain during the winter, returning here in the spring. Both are well and favorably known in this city and their large circle of friends will not only be pleased but surprised to hear of their marriage, as Mr. Mather "held out" on them before leaving.

DECIDE TO SINK 100 FEET DEEPER.

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decided that it would be best not to try to patch the shaft, but to retimber it throughout, and also sink it 100 feet deeper before commencing the extraction of ore to run through the mill, as by stopping ore from the bottom of the drifts which would be run from the shaft it will allow room to fill the waste rock from the levels above and in that way the using of great quantities of timber will be avoided as the waste rock will take the place of timbers and keep the walls from caving in.

The sinking of the shaft 100 feet deeper should open up large quantities of ore, several times more than there is in sight, actually blocked out, at present, and thus assure the continual running of a mill for a number of years upon the ore blocked out. There can be no doubt about the finding of the vein at this proposed depth, as it has been thoroughly demonstrated by the Checkmate workings that the ore bodies are deep seated, and the permanency or the continuation of the veins to great and unknown depths is assured.

The merits and values of the camp of Pearl have been demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of all mining men who have become acquainted with the camp within the last couple of years. The veins or ore bodies have been proven to increase in width, length and value, and as far as the ore is concerned the camp is assured of a very bright future and is considered safe to mine in.

DON JUAN UNWATERED

Mill to Start Temporarily to Test Ore.

The unwatering of the Don Juan, in the Greenhorn district, was completed yesterday, and A. B. Browne, consulting engineer for the company, who has just returned from the property, states that work is to be started at once, testing the ore on the lower levels.

The mill will be started up at once for a short time for this purpose and upon the tests will depend the future development of the mine. It is not understood that the mill is to be run continuously, but merely started up temporarily to test the ore from the lower levels.

Concert Company.

R. W. Kelsey, manager of the Knox Kantner Concert company, was in Sumpter today arranging dates for his company. Mr. Knox has a national reputation as an impersonator and the company is meeting with great success on the coast where people have long wished for a good male quartette. The dates for Sumpter will be announced later.

I invite the ladies of Sumpter and vicinity to call and see my selection of fall and winter Millinery.

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