



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## NEW COMPANY TO WORK PLACERS ON TOWNSITE.

### Fabulously Rich Deposits of Gold Soon to Be Developed by Oregon Blue Gravel Mining Company.

The Oregon Blue Gravel Mining company was organized here this afternoon for the purpose of working placer ground on the townsite. Its capital stock is \$200,000, and its officers are: General Charles S. Warren, president; Colonel E. S. Topping, vice president and general manager, and A. J. Stinson, secretary and treasurer. The company will be incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, since the laws of Oregon are less liberal toward mining companies. The new concern controls fifty

blocks on the Sumpter townsite in a locality where it is stated fabulously rich placer deposits have recently come to light. In addition to this, it has valuable placer holdings in the John Day valley. Immediate work is contemplated, and it is stated that operations will be begun within thirty days or perhaps a shorter period. In view of the fact that General Warren cannot devote his time any longer to the interests of the townsite company as its president, he resigned this afternoon and N. C. Richards was elected to succeed him.

### RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

#### Highland Company's Excellent Execution.

Otto Herlocker, manager of the Highland company, was in the city a few days ago and Mrs. Herlocker returned to the mine with him where she will probably spend the winter. Mr. Herlocker states that the ore in the Glasgow drift continues to improve. The vein now shows a width of from ten to twelve feet carrying a good quality of milling ore. Things are now in shape, Mr. Herlocker says, for an uninterrupted winter campaign. The buildings are all completed, the winter stuff in and enough timbers for over 1,000 feet of tunnel.

The Highland is rapidly showing up extensive bodies of excellent milling ore, and the management is following out its policy of speedy development which has characterized it since the acquisition of the property.

#### Back From Nome.

A. J. Trimble returned this week from an extended trip to Nome and other Alaskan points. He was at the Golden Gate hotel at Nome when it

was destroyed by fire recently. He also visited the Siberian coast while away. In company with Jack Hazelwood, of the Hotel Sumpter, he left this morning for the Tamarack and Analulu mines.

#### DON JUAN AND QUEBEC

Stated That Development is Proceeding Satisfactorily.

T. W. Davidson and A. B. Browne, general manager and consulting engineer respectively of the Don Juan and Quebec are non-committal as to the details of work going on at these properties, more than that they state the general progress is very satisfactory.

As stated last week the Don Juan has been unwatered, and this week the mill was started for the purpose of testing the ore to determine the policy to be pursued in future operations. It is understood that the ore being treated is yielding very satisfactory results. Work it is stated is also proceeding nicely at the Quebec.

#### REBUILDING SHAFT HOUSE.

Wyoming Company to Resume Operations on Large Scale.

Chester C. Robbins, formerly a member of the assay firm of Robbins & Robbins here, now general manager of the Travellers' Gold Mining

company, Atlantic City, Wyoming, and J. M. Schaedler, superintendent of the company, who spent several days in the city last week, returned to Wyoming Monday.

Mr. Robbins states that operations at this property are progressing very satisfactorily. The shaft house which was recently destroyed by fire is being rebuilt and things are being gotten in shape to resume development on a more extensive scale. Mr. Robbins spent a good part of the summer in the east in the interest of his company.

#### To Resume Work.

General H. B. Compson, of Portland, president of the Rockefeller Mining company, operating in the Greenhorn district, passed through the city last week on his way to Greenhorn City, to make arrangements, it is understood, to resume work at his property.

#### RUMORED DEAL.

#### Sale of La Bellevue Said to Be Pending.

It is rumored that negotiations are pending for the purchase of the La Bellevue in the Cable Cove district. Recent movements seem to lend color to the belief that there is some foundation in fact relative to the sale of this old and well known property. This week Angus McQueen, of the Portland, prominent in mining circles and connected with the O. R. & N., accompanied by J. H. Parker, vice president of the First National Bank, of Baker City, and one of the owners of the La Bellevue visited the mine for the purpose of making a report, it is understood, for prospective buyers. Nothing definite, however, could be learned.

The La Bellevue is one of the pioneer mines of Eastern Oregon, admirably located near the Valley Queen and Monumental in the well known district. It is owned by J. H. Parker, of Baker City, Bamberger & Keith, of Salt Lake, and Fred Cabel, pioneer miner of Grant County. Litigation among the owners has kept the mine idle for a number of years.

#### M. E. Bain Back From the East.

M. E. Bain arrived in Sumpter today from the east, where he has been for nearly a year past, working in the interest of mining properties which he controls in this district. He is here now for the purpose of inspecting his mines an arranging to work them all winter. He will remain here for some weeks.

## PHENOMENAL VALUES FOUND

### Rich Strike at The Tabor Fraction.

\$1,000 ORE SHIPPED.

Twenty-Four Inch Stringer Shows Fabulous Stuff—The Yellow Bugs Out All Over Rock—Geiser-Hendryx People Ship Twelve Tons of Ore to Tacoma—Tom Gray Says Its The Richest Ever—Company to Continue Sinking.

One of the richest and most phenomenal strikes in the district was made a few days ago at the Tabor fraction, owned by the Geiser-Hendryx investment company, in the Cracker Creek district. A twenty-four inch stringer which carries fabulous values in free gold, was encountered in the shaft now down about forty-five feet. The specimens exhibited in the office of the Geiser-Hendryx company are among the richest ever seen in the city. The gold is simply bugging out all over the quartz, and the assay values are something enormous. The company has been taking out the rich ore for the past few days and sacking it. Yesterday twelve tons which will average over \$1,000 to the ton were shipped to the Tacoma smelter.

The wonderful richness of the strike has excited a great deal of interest throughout the district and a great many persons have visited the property. Among them was Tom C. Gray, superintendent of the Valley Queen. Mr. Gray says:

"It exceeds anything I have yet seen in the camp. It is rich almost beyond belief. To use an accepted term the ore is simply lousy with free gold. I was at the property yesterday merely as an interested spectator, and I found that the ore itself exceeded in value any report I had heard of it. It does not take many tons of it to represent a fortune."

The Tabor fraction contains 228 feet on the mother lode, situated between the E. and E. and Columbia end lines. The entire vein width on the property is about seventy-five feet. The stringer from which the rich ore is being taken appears to be gaining in strength and value with depth, it is stated, and it is difficult to tell yet what it may