



THE SUMPTER MINER

WILL INVEST.

Colorado Man Looking Over District.

An Advocate of Bimetallism And a Bryan Democrat—Believes That Commercial Conditions Will Force Silver Up—A Shortage Imminent Goes to Greenhorn to Look After Mining Property.

Captain G. W. Thatcher, of Aspen, Colorado, one of the best known mining men and Democratic politicians in that commonwealth arrived here this morning to take a general survey of the camp with a view taking up some properties. He will leave tomorrow for Greenhorn to investigate the situation there.

Captain Thatcher was the former owner of the Molly Gibson ore shoot at the Silver King, besides being largely interested in mines throughout the state. He now occupies the position of commissioner-in-chief of the St. Louis exposition commission for Colorado, and was prominent in political circles during the Bryan campaign. Speaking of free silver to a Miner man this afternoon, he said:

"It is no longer an issue, that is in the sense of a ratio being effected by national legislation. The adjustment will come through commercial conditions. There is talk now of a ratio of 32 to 1. Even if this were assured it would give permanency and stability to the silver market. If the price were established at sixty-five cents and there were any assurance that it would remain there, it would mean the resumption of numerous silver properties. The great activity is now in gold, which will certainly in a few years result in a shortage of silver and advance in its price. I firmly believe within a period of ten years the pendulum will swing back and silver will regain its old position. I think it is only a question of a short time until the mints of India will be reopened, and a standard will be reached by international agreement. But it is a question of commercial conditions and not of political agitation."

To the Greenhorns.

Captain Thatcher, the well known mining man of Colorado, who is

here to look up the situation with a view to taking over properties if he finds anything that suits him, left this morning for the Greenhorns. While Captain Thatcher is not conversant with the mining situation here, he thinks Sumpter one of the liveliest mining towns he has struck.

SOLD HIS CLAIM.

W. H. Mead Acquires Property Near the Aurora.

Morris Sullivan left this morning for Greenhorn to look after his mining properties there and also to sign up the papers for the transfer of a claim adjoining Aurora, which he recently sold to W. H. Mead, who owns the Aurora group.

Mr. Sullivan did not mention any price but it is understood that he sold for a good sum. He is interested in the Earl and Lucy groups in the Greenhorn district.

SOUTHERN STAR GROUP.

Rock Creek Country All Right, Says Mr. Randall.

W. C. Randall, who owns the Southern Star group on the Middle Fork of Rock creek, with Charlie McCord, came in from the property last night. At the Southern Star mine Mr. Randall says he has drifted about thirty feet on the ledge, and the values encountered are good. In regard to the Rock Creek country in his particular locality he says: "There is no question but that there are lots of valuable prospects located in this section and lots of others that might be located. The showings are good and what we need here is capital for development purposes. The deposits are there all right, but takes money to develop them. Rock Creek is bound to make a booming camp in time. It is only a question of attracting capital."

GOOD ORE FOUND ON WILL CLEAVER GROUP.

L. E. Peone has completed the assessment work on several claims of the Will Cleaver group owned by

J. W. Bonta. To a Blue Mountain Eagle reporter he stated that excellent ore was taken out of two ledges in this group, and that present development work has made an excellent showing on the property. The Canyon Mountain properties are practically undeveloped, but from present indications the properties are destined to equal any mines in the county. All that is wanted is capital and the Canyon City mineral belt will attract attention equal to that of the early 60's.

E. A. Hutchins, advisory mining engineer for Major Bonta, will leave for the John Day country next week, immediately after the arrival in Baker City of the Major, and will place a large force of men at work on the mines owned by him. A force will be placed on the Will Cleaver group, the Oregon Wonder group and the Great Vein group, on all of which properties enough work has been done to prove their marvelous richness.—Baker City Herald.

BEAR GULCH PROPERTY IS SHOWING UP WELL.

Both Lime and Quartz Carry High Values.

W. Wade, one of the owners of the Bear Gulch property, just beyond the city limits, states that the ledge has been drifted on a distance of ten feet, with a good showing of high grade ore. The ledge shows a width, Mr. Wade says, of over ten feet of limestone mixed with quartz, both of which carry values. He has not assayed samples across the entire face of the drift, but thinks the ore will average something like \$60, while there are rich streaks that will go several hundred dollars to the ton.

The lime carries good values, but Mr. Wade thinks the best are to be found in the quartz.

Alpine Officers Here.

Thomas Lee and A. D. Alcorn, of Cincinnati, president and secretary respectively of the Alpine Consolidated Mines company, returned this morning from Portland and left at once for the Alpine mine in the Cable Cove district where work is now going on toward the erection of a twenty-stamp mill.

Surveyed for Patent.

C. H. Fenner left today for Greenhorn where he will complete the survey for the Snow Creek mine. The Snow Creek is being surveyed for a patent.

STORM KING AND SISTER PROPERTY.

Good Work on These Well Known Cable Cove Properties.

T. J. Costello of the Forest and Advance mining companies operating respectively the Storm King and McKinley and Roosevelt groups in the Cable Cove district states that he will soon start a crosscut from the Honest Dollar drift on the former property and carry it east toward the shaft on the Eureka claim. The showing in the drift is good. There is four feet of ore carrying an eight inch pay shoot which averages \$21 in gold and copper. The logging, timbers and various winter supplies have been taken in and there will be no interruption to the work.

The McKinley and Roosevelt has been shut down for the winter. The crosscut was continued till it struck a vein carrying five feet of good ore, the same quality as that in the shaft which showed average ore of from \$12.50 to \$30. While no assays have been made of the ore in the crosscut, the fact that it gives a depth of 250 feet below the shaft, would warrant the conclusion that better values may be expected.

SHUT DOWN TILL SPRING.

Superintendent Hillier Goes to Portland to Arrange for Development.

A. Hillier left this afternoon for Portland to confer with business associates regarding the future development of the Golden Rule. Mr. Hillier states that it is probable he will spend the winter in Portland.

The Golden Rule has been shut down until spring, when development work will be resumed on an extensive scale. The present work shows that the confluence of two ledges may be expected when the lower crosscut is extended further into the mountain. This leads the management to conclude that exceptionally high grade ore will be encountered with further prosecution of the work. It will probably be decided to open workings on the other side of the hill when the spring work is begun. Mr. Hillier brought in a fine line of samples which he is taking Portland with him. The Golden Rule is an old and well known property.