

**KIND PEOPLE NURSE
A DYING MINER.**

**Given Information That
Leads Them to a
Fortune.**

M. E. Bain tells an interesting story, the facts relating to which came under his personal observation while in Minneapolis last winter and spring. The names of the people involved have escaped his memory; but he knows where to secure them and vouches for the truth of the following statement:

"About a year ago there arrived in Minneapolis an old man who said that he had been mining in Eastern Oregon. He went there to visit some old friends, whom he had known intimately back in New England years ago. He was broken in health and, being an elderly man, it was apparent that he was not long for this world.

"The members of the family that he was visiting, though poor in purse was rich in human kindness, and they kept the old man at their home, nursing him tenderly for months, until he passed over the last, the great divide, into the mysterious, unexplored realm beyond.

"Shortly before his death, having retained possession of his mental faculties to the last, he told his friends that while prospecting on Powder river the previous summer he had found some rich gravel in a small cave; but had only washed out enough gold to keep him through the winter, expecting to go back the following spring and investigate the find further. He really didn't know the extent and value of the deposit himself. He drew a rough sketch of the surrounding country and located it on a map of Baker county; giving the diagram and map to those who were administering to his wants during his last hours.

"The family, having the utmost confidence in his honesty and judgment, sold all of their possessions in the early spring and came west. Last August they wrote to friends that they had located the spot indicated, and though they had found no fabulous wealth, they were making good money; had taken out \$8,000, in gold and did not regret making the move.

Mr. Bain saw and read this letter. He has been looking up the matter since his return to Sumpter; but having forgotten the names and the Powder River country being somewhat extensive, he has thus far been unable to secure any further definite information. He has written to secure names and will prosecute his inquiries further.

THE ALAMO MILL.

Will Be Running in Three or Four Weeks.

J. P. McGuiggan, superintendent of the Alamo, returned today from Spokane where he went on business for the company.

All the machinery for the ten-stamp mill to be installed at the Alamo has arrived at Whitney and

will be installed immediately. The buildings are all completed for its reception and ore bins and a 400-foot tramway from the mine are now being constructed. Superintendent McGuiggan says that the mill will be running in the course of three or four weeks.

COMPLETED ASSESSMENT WORK.

J. W. Duckworth and Fred Kneuse have finished their assessment work on the Grand Trunk and the La Crosse groups, located on McCully's Fork, near the Bald Mountain. At the present stage of development they state that the showing is extremely satisfactory.

**TABOR ORE GOES
20 OUNCES TO TON.**

**Returns From First Ship-
ment Have Been
Received.**

Returns from the first consignment of Tabor fraction ore sent to the Tacoma smelter have been received by the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, and they show, Mr. Geiser states, in the neighborhood of twenty ounces of gold to the ton. Several other shipments have been made but the returns are not yet in.

Mr. Geiser was out at the property yesterday. He says the shaft is now down sixty feet, and the rich streak continues in strength and, quality with evidences that it will get better with depth.

Old Stock Certificate.

J. Carlson, the former mill superintendent of the Golconda, has a curiosity in the shape of an ancient stock certificate—that is ancient for the Sumpter district. It is a Monumental certificate and bears date of March 2, 1877.

Lime Kiln Completed.

The lime kiln at the quarry, near Bear Gulch, belonging to the smelter company has been completed, and is now ready for operation. The lime will be used in making mortar for the briquetting machine at the smelter.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

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