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**VALUABLE OPINION
REGARDING DISTRICT.**

D. C. Johnson, formerly ore buyer for the Puget Sound Reduction company located at Everett, Washington, but now connected with the American Smelting and Refining company, otherwise known as the smelter trust, in an interview with The Miner in regard to the Sumpter district says:

"I have been coming to Sumpter for the last four or five years in the capacity of ore buyer, and I am rather familiar with the district. My business takes me to the various mining camps of the country, and of course I am in a position to speak more or less advisedly regarding their relative merit and their future possibilities. My observations here lead me to say that I have ultimate faith in the camp as a good producer, and am fully convinced that it will become one of the greatest in the country. The mineral wealth is here beyond any question, and the greatness of Sumpter lies in its development which is bound to follow in the natural course of events.

"Some time ago, I had occasion to look up the number of so-called mining companies doing business in the state of Washington. I found there were about 5,000. In Oregon there were about 500. But one good producer in the Sumpter district will turn out more gold than the entire state of Washington. This is no dream. I know what I am talking about. The half has not been told. Sumpter is steadily coming to the front, and the day is not far distant when it will rank among the first gold camps of the country. This is the estimate I placed on the situation the first time I came here. I have been constantly in touch with it since and my views concerning it have undergone no change. It is only a question of time and development."

Mr. Johnson is a mining man of experience, his business taking him to the different mining camps all over the world, and his opinions naturally carry weight with them. He has spent several days in the district in connection with his com-

pany. He left on this afternoon's train.

NOT TO BE BUILT BY CONTRACT.

Colonel John Temple Grayson, of Portland, second vice president and manager of the Alpine Consolidated Gold Mines company, is here to look after the construction of the Alpine stamp mill. It was announced some time ago that a contract for building the plant would be let on October 10. Colonel Grayson states, however, that he has changed his plans and will not let the work by contract, but will do it himself. To this end he has secured the services of Millwright Potter, of Baker City, who will superintend the building and placing of the machinery.

The work is being hurried along as rapidly as possible. The material is being assembled, and the machinery transferred to the property. Colonel Grayson himself left yesterday afternoon for the scene of operations.

**MR. HUGHES, OF SEATTLE,
VISITS THE ALAMO.**

J. W. Hughes, of Seattle, president of the North American Gold Mining company, operating the Porcupine group, and interested in the Alamo, accompanied by A. E. Bryan, who has had charge of the Porcupine, returned to the Alamo this morning.

Mr. Bryan, as stated a few days ago, has finished his engagement at the Porcupine, and after a short stay in Seattle with his family, will leave for Honduras on mining business.

Mr. Hughes was well pleased with the progress of the work at the Alamo. The first load of machinery for the new stamp mill, he stated, was hauled from Whitney today. The buildings are practically completed and the machinery is to be placed at once. Both gentlemen left this afternoon for Seattle.

WILL WAIT TILL LAW IS TESTED.

Regarding the action of the Psyche Mining company in the matter of paying the corporation tax levied under the Eddy law, John P. Breen, treasurer of the company, and a well known attorney of Omaha, says:

"We have not paid the tax and we do not propose doing so until the constitutionality of the law is tested. The consensus of legal opinion is that the law is unconstitutional, and

that the amounts levied against the several corporations doing business in the state cannot be legally collected.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Little Cracker Gold Mining and Milling company will be held in the office of the company at Sumpter, Oregon, November 5, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

D. E. WILLARD, Secretary.

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