

COVERS
THOROUGHLY
THE
GOLD FIELDS
of the
INLAND EMPIRE



THE SUMPTER MINER

EASTERN
INVESTORS
IN
OREGON MINES
Pay for
AND READ IT

FALL BUSINESS CONTINUES GOOD

**Better Than Ever Before
In Camp's History, Says
Cato Johns.**

That the business men of Sumpter are enjoying a season of unprecedented prosperity, and that the fall trade is heavier than it has been in years, is evidenced on every side. This condition is due largely to the activity among mine operators in the surrounding district. The merchants say that the local trade has been nothing out of the ordinary, but that their big orders have come from the neighboring mines.

Cato Johns, who runs one of the big supply houses in the city and makes a specialty of the mining trade, has this to say regarding the fall business:

"With the possible exception of the boom days, business this fall is better than it has ever been during my residence here. And I don't believe it was discounted much, if any, by the period to which I refer. There has been no great change as far as the local situation is concerned. I mean by this that the demand in the city has not shown any remarkable increase, but it is the activity at the mines is what accounts for the very marked gain in the fall trade. To convince you that I am not handing out hot air, here are my books which show some pretty big orders from mining concerns. I am filling one order of \$6,000, another of \$3,000, another of \$500, not to mention numerous smaller orders. And I do not flatter myself that I am receiving anything more than my share of the patronage. I hear the same reports from my brother dealers.

"The only inference to be drawn from the situation is that there is greater general activity throughout the district than there has ever been before. It shows that more mines are being operated on a larger scale and consequently more supplies are needed."

MORNING NOT SOLD BUT DEAL PENDING

J. J. Simmons, one of the owners of the Morning mine, passed through the city this morning returning from Baker City. Regarding the sale of the Morning, reports of which have been in circulation for some time, while admitting that a deal is pending, to a Miner representative, Mr. Simmons, said:

"The Morning is not sold, and I am not going to say it is until the papers have been executed and the cash involved in the transaction has

changed hands. There is some ground for the rumors regarding its sale which have been current for some time, in that there is a deal on, but nothing has been consummated.

"In the meantime we are going steadily ahead operating our mill, and we are getting better ore than ever."

GOLD PAN PLANT REMOVED TO TABOR

The Geiser-Hendryx company, operating the Gold Pan, started three teams at work this morning moving the Gold Pan hoisting machinery to the Tabor fraction. This plant, as was stated a few days ago, was found inadequate, and a new one had to be ordered.

An order for the new hoist has been placed with the Hoeff Machinrey company. The new machinery will have a depth capacity of 1,000 feet, with efficient pumping apparatus. It is probable that some sixty days will be required to fill the order.

The Tabor fraction has been operated hitherto with a whim, but the needs call for more extensive hoisting apparatus. The shaft is now down over seventy-five feet and the same quality of ore continues. A shipment of two cars, or 500 sacks to the Tacoma smelter was made today.

BUCKHORN GETTING GOOD QUALITY OF ORE

Manager Wright, of the Blue Bird and Buckhorn, had a report from the latter property yesterday, stating that the face of the crosscut is now in good ore, much better than has yet been encountered at the mine, and further, it was stated that tunnels No. 2 and No. 3 were also showing a good quality of milling ore.

The Buckhorn adjoins the Blue Bird, on which a concentrator is now being built, and it is owned practically by the same people. It has not reached a stage of development to warrant a mill, but this will probably be a consideration in the near future.

WORK STARTED ON GOLDEN WIZARD MILL.

The Golden Wizard people started work today on the foundation for the new stamp mill to be erected this winter. The general construction work will be under the charge of Laidlaw & Steadman. The excavating for the foundation has been sublet to G. J. Harkleroad who started a force of men to work today.

Dr. L. O. Miller, of Three Rivers, Michigan, is here and is assisting Superintendent McPhee in looking after details. The milling machinery has been ordered and Dr. Miller states that the buildings will be gotten under way as soon as possible.

YANKEE GIRL SHOWS RICH.

A recent assay from the Yankee Girl, owned by S. A. Pelkey, Fred Williamson and Guy Pearson, in the vicinity of Bear Gulch where the Wade and Coamp property is situated, showed the remarkable value of \$1,543.88. They have three claims on a wide dyke of porphyry cutting the slate.

The assessment work consists of a shaft on the hanging wall, and it was here that the high values were encountered. So little work has been done that it is impossible to determine the extent of the rich ore which was struck in the shaft. The dyke itself carries a width of about nineteen feet.

HIGHLAND ORE SHOOT CARRIES GOOD VALUES

Frank Shelton, secretary of the Neil J. Sorensen company, who returned from the Highland yesterday afternoon reports over three and a half feet of good milling ore in the face of the Glasgow drift. A few days ago the shoot had widened to six feet, which width was carried for some ten feet, but the average will fall slightly below this.

This shoot has been explored for seventy-five feet and it has been demonstrated to carry the same good values as found above in the Bannockburn shoot.

TAKES A CRACK AT CUT-RATE BROKERS

For some time past the Mining Review and Metallurgist, of Chicago, has been publishing a page or two of cut rate brokers' prices on all kind of stocks, with the offer to its readers to try to buy any of them, on instructions. Some people hereabouts have misconstrued this offer. A. W. Irvine wrote to the editor, E. A. Taft, regarding the matter and received a letter in reply, containing these pertinent remarks:

"The whole thing I am trying to do is in line to discredit the mining cut-rate brokers' business. We offer, if money is sent, to try and buy any of the stocks mentioned at the prices mentioned of the brokers who advertise them in the daily and Sunday papers, to test the honesty of the same. Of those who have sent in to try it on, the cut rate fellows have not been able to show a share of stock so offered over their own name.

"My sympathy is and always has been against this underhand business, as my editorials and articles will show; but we are not catering to anyone that does not appreciate that

it is only by showing up the injustices perpetrated by the cut rate brokers that the public will understand that they put in any price in their lists and then say, when a demand is made for the stock certificate, and the money tendered for the same at their advertised price, 'We have just sold all of that stock' and 'expect to have more in a few days. Isn't there some other stock you would like? Here is one that is much better. (The Great Ship Building Trust company) a dividend payer from 'way back,' and so on.

"The whole object of their advertising is to get enquiries and in touch with the people who are disposed to buy something, and possibly sell them some stock that they own, or in companies that they sell for."

F. AUGUSTUS HEINZE TELLS OF HIS WORLDLY GOODS

F. Augustus Heinze, of Butte, Montana, owns 250,000 acres of British Columbia lands, according to his sworn testimony at Butte recently. He was examined in the district court there respecting his holdings, in connection with his surety on an appeal bond.

He had made a list of his real and personal property, and referred to it in giving his testimony as to his holdings. The items were as follows: Personal notes that the witness considered to be good, in excess of \$225,000; mortgages upon Butte property in excess of \$10,000; real estate in Butte of the value of \$15,000; from ten to fifteen per cent of the real property held by the Davis eastern Montana, of the value of about \$100,000; 4000 acres of grazing land, Teton county, of the value of about \$7 an acre; 250,000 acres of land in British Columbia, of the value of about \$500,000; mining claims in British Columbia, value \$100,000; mine in Jefferson county, \$60,000; Arizona News group of mines near the United Verde in Arizona, \$75,000; 2 1/2 per cent of the Nipper Cora-Rock Island and Nipper mines; thirty-five per cent of the Basin Reduction company stock; one half interest in Basin townsite; interest in Trail townsite in British Columbia; 150,000 shares of the United Copper company common stock (which is worth about \$160 a share), and 120,000 shares of the preferred stock (on which a dividend of \$3 a share was declared November 2).

"Do you own any other property?" asked Attorney Con F. Kelley, who conducted the examination of Mr. Heinze.

"I do," was the reply, "but this is about all that I can think of now."

"Have you the deed to the 250,000 acres of land in British Columbia?"

"It is held in trust for me by the railroad company," was the reply, "and under that condition no taxes will be paid on it till 1911. I could get the deed tomorrow if I wished it."

"What are your liabilities?"

"My personal liabilities amount to about \$200,000" replied Mr. Heinze.