



THE SUMPTER MINER

ADVANTAGES IN EASTERN OREGON

This Camp Skins Them All, Says Professor Eberman, After Visit to Other Mineral Sections.

"Sumpter is good enough for me," is the observation Professor Eberman made this morning on his return from an extended trip through the mining sections of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. He left several weeks ago, going as far east as Chicago, and returning through the southwest and California to look up certain mining interests. Professor Eberman is not greatly impressed with conditions in the southwest. He says:

"While I visited many good properties, the great drawback in New Mexico and Arizona is the scarcity of lumber, fuel and water for mining purposes. The supply of water has to be used over and over again in mining operations, and all mining timbers have to be shipped in from the outside. Owing to the strike in the Colorado coal mines, coke for the United Verde at Jerome is now being shipped from the east. This mine is magnificently equipped, and I visited many other good properties, but the scarcity of wood and water makes operation expensive, and is the chief disadvantage with which the country has to contend. Sherriden's retort that water and good society would make hell a pleasant place, when held that these were the chief requirements of Texas, will apply here as for as the water feature is concerned. I am not so much advised as to the other requirement.

"I would not begin to exchange Sumpter for any mining camp I visited. I believe the advantages, everything considered, to be far greater here. Things are at a stand still in Colorado on account of the strikes, which also work a hardship in New Mexico and Arizona in the matter of coke, as I have said."

Relative to the business outlook in Chicago and the middle west, Professor Eberman says:

"There is not much use going further east than Chicago on a mining proposition at present. Industrials are demoralized and the people have not yet sufficiently recovered from the panic to think of anything else. This, however, I think will in time have a tendency to send money toward mining investments. In the middle west where the effect is not so

much felt, it is not difficult to interest capital."

RICH CHUNK OF ORE FROM TABOR

One of the richest samples of ore yet obtained at the Tabor fraction was brought in last night by Harry Hendryx. It is a forty pound chunk from the bottom of the shaft and judged by appearance it is fabulously rich.

What it will run in the absence of an assay is, of course, a matter of conjecture, but with free gold plastered over it like molasses on a pancake, the natural supposition is that the ore is wonderfully rich and that an assay would go into the thousands. The sample is on exhibition in the office of the Geiser-Hendryx investment company.

The shaft is now down 100 feet and the shoot of rich ore shows no signs of discontinuance, holding its strength and value with depth. The sinking plant recently installed is in working order, Mr. Hendryx says.

RUSHING WORK AT THE GOLDEN WIZARD

J. M. McPhee, superintendent of the Golden Wizard, and Dan Kendall, who has charge of the construction work on the new mill, left this morning for the property. The excavation for the foundation, they state, will be completed in a few days and work on the buildings will be rushed to completion in short order. The lumber is to be gotten on the ground at the earliest possible time.

The machinery for the twelve stamp Merrill mill has been ordered from San Francisco for early delivery, and no time will be lost in finishing the plant when it arrives.

E. AND E. IS AGAIN SHIPPING ORE.

Two car loads of high grade ore from the E. and E. came in yesterday for shipment to the Tacoma Smelter.

This old and well known property so long in the class of eastern Oregon producers, but unfortunately tied up by litigation for several years, is again rapidly getting back to former standing. The property is being put in ship shape throughout, and the repairs made necessary by long idleness are being completed. It is understood, however, that no attempt will be made to run the mill until spring, when the mine will again be put in full blast. In the meantime, devel-

opment work and shipments will be continued.

Reports from the mine state that very rich ore is being encountered.

HIGH VALUES AT THE VALLEY QUEEN

Charles Warren, Jr., vice president of the Valley Queen company, before leaving for Baker City yesterday, imparted the information that the showing at the property is vastly better than ever before in its history. Assays of ore taken from the No. 4 vein, which is now being drifted upon, shows average values of \$118 to the ton in gold, silver and copper. This is by far the best ever encountered at the Valley Queen, and carries out the theory that values will continue to increase as the main ledge is approached. Heretofore there has been a steady improvement in the quality of ore, but the rich strike was hardly anticipated at this time.

Vein No. 4 is subsidiary to the main lead and is being drifted on to the confluence of the two, where, according to all precedent in mining, the richest values yet may be expected. The vein has increased in strength and now measures over five feet in width. The distance on the vein now attained is near 100 feet.

TO START WORK AT THE PULASKI

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Pulaski Gold Mining and Milling company, held last night in the offices of Marr & Davidson, a contract was let to Joseph Jacobson to continue the crosscut to the main lead of the property, and drift both ways on the ledge. The crosscut is started in the direction of a shaft which is down some forty feet on the vein, and when reached it is the purpose to make an upraise to connect.

Work will be started the first of the month, and the present plan is to develop the property as rapidly as possible. The company has nine well watered and well timbered claims only a short distance outside the city, on the line of the projected railroad to Bourne.

The officers present at the meeting were, President T. W. Davidson, Treasurer R. L. Neill, and Secretary R. A. Marr.

To Visit Cable Cove Properties.

T. K. Clark, of Baker City, who is interested in the Constellation and other Cable Cove properties, arrived here this morning and in company with Eugene Bartholf, who is interested with him, left for the Cove. They will take a general survey of these properties.

KADISH WILL BUY ORE FOR SMELTER

Arrangements Consummated That Guarantee Continuous Run.

Bella Kadish was in town today for the purpose of consummating a deal with the smelter management here that has been pending for some time, and was foreshadowed in these columns several days since.

He has been authorized to buy, through the sampling works in Baker City, owned by himself and leased to the smelter, all ores that are shipped to Baker City. The contract further provides that the Oregon Reduction company, shall have the first call on all ores that he buys. Heretofore Mr. Kadish has shipped his ore to various smelters, principally to those on Puget Sound. This contract runs for a long time, the exact dates of which are not made public.

General Manager Mueller, of the smelter, reluctantly confirmed the truth of the above statements this afternoon; but declined to go further into details; except that this arrangement enables them to handle all the shipping ores produced in eastern Oregon, that has heretofore been sent to distant smelters, and will provide a steady and ample supply to keep the smelter here running continuously.

There is now scarcely a doubt but what a test run will be made at an early date; after which the slight alterations that are inevitably necessary will be made and the plant will be in position and condition to do its destined great work for eastern Oregon.

LOOKING AFTER A MINING PROPERTY.

Ed Haggerty, of Grand Encampment, Wyoming, who was here some time ago looking after mining matters, returned today from Prescott, Washington.

Mr. Haggerty is greatly pleased with the camp, and it is his purpose to get hold of a property and develop it. He is an experienced mining man, having been formerly connected with some well known properties.

To Complete Assessment Work.

A. W. Ellis and Morris Sullivan left for the Greenhorns today to complete the assessment work for the year on the Last Chance, a property which they own in conjunction.