

MAY TAKE OVER CLIMAX

**Representatives Here to In-
spect Property With a
View to Purchase
and Operate.**

It is stated as possible that the Climax group of claims, in the Cracker Creek district, will be taken over by eastern people and operated on an extensive scale. G. W. Boggs, of Tacoma, and E. D. Trenholm, of Spokane, representing the eastern capitalists, accompanied by C. C. Nepple, and George and P. K. Bishop, of Baker City, who are among the heavy owners of the property, arrived here Friday and left shortly after noon to investigate the proposition. Mr. Boggs is acting as expert for the prospective investors, and to a Miner representative he stated that after a thorough sampling, if the Climax proves satisfactory, his people will take it over and open it up at once.

The property includes five claims located, it is claimed, on the Cracker Creek mother lode, in the vicinity of the big producers of the district. Over 1,500 feet of development work has been done, and it is stated several thousand tons of exceedingly rich ore have been blocked out. If the property proves satisfactory, Mr. Boggs says his people will close the deal at once.

It was through Messrs. Boggs and Trenholm that the Golden Fleece, in the Red Boy district, was turned over a short time ago to Philadelphia people. Operations are to be started on this property within the next ten days, it is stated. If the Climax deal is closed, Mr. Boggs will probably have charge of operations and make Sumpter his headquarters. Any way, he thinks he will remain here the greater part of the winter.

WORK PROGRESSING ON THE BONTA ROAD.

A. H. Peterson, formerly of Everett, Washington, but now engaged as civil engineer with Major Bonta, returned Friday afternoon from work on the survey for the Bonta road. Mr. Peterson was called to Baker City to do some office work in connection with the enterprise.

He says that the outside work on the survey is being pushed to completion. The permanent survey is well under way and right of way work is rapidly progressing.

AGAIN AT WORK ON WHAT WILL MAKE A GREAT MINE

Al Otness came in from the Gipsy King mine Thursday afternoon. He has charge of development work which is now being done on that property, which consists of drifting on the vein that has been cut on the Bull creek side of the divide.

The face of the tunnel is now in porphyry, but it is hoped that an ore shoot will soon be encountered.

The highest values ever found in the Cable Cove district have been obtained from the Gipsy King.

The company owns seven claims, reaching from Big Limber to Bull creek, on which five or six thousand dollars has been expended in exploration work; but the mine has not been operated for a year, owing to lack of funds. No promoter has ever handled the stock, and business men of Sumpter, who own a control, have advanced most of the money expended. It is generally conceded that this will make a great mine some day.

HOIST FOR THE MARS PROPERTY

**Prairie Diggings Will Re-
sume Soon After First
of the Year.**

J. W. Messner, superintendent of the Prairie Diggings, was on the train this afternoon from Whitney, going to Mars group of copper claims, operated by the Indiana company, where a hoist is to be installed at once. The depth capacity of the new plant will be 500 feet.

Work at the Prairie Diggings, Mr. Messner says is progressing very satisfactorily. The shaft is now down over 200 feet and he thinks the main lead will be caught in the next 100 feet. If it is not, this depth will take the shaft very near it, and a crosscut will be carried to it. It is the intention of the company, Mr. Messner states, to start the mill soon after the first of the year.

FLUME FOR WATER COMPANY COMPLETED

The Ellis-Sullivan contract on the Water company's flume was finished late Wednesday evening, in time to give thanks yesterday. The contract embraced 12,500 feet of flume, which is to carry water to furnish power at the new plant under construction. The 700 feet of siphon in connection was completed by the company some time ago. The flume will be connected with the power house by 9,000 feet of twenty and sixteen inch pipe. Of this distance 7,000 feet was completed before the snow came and stopped work. The pipe is all here and under cover.

If the present stretch of good weather continues, Superintendent Smith states that he may resume work on the pipe line and finish it up at once.

As stated a few days ago, the power house is practically completed, the only thing remaining being the putting in of the doors and windows. The water wheel has been shipped and is expected to arrive within ten days, and the other machinery will follow soon.

Will Soon Crosscut Ledge.

Louis Walker, superintendent of the Midway, is here today. The shaft, Mr. Walker says, is now down 140 feet, and that it is probable the ledge will be crosscut within the next two weeks. The new hoist is in fine working order, and is giving entire satisfaction.

SNOW CREEK MILL NEARLY COMPLETE

**It is Thought That Plant Will Be
Ready to Run by Christmas.**

Fred Smith, manager of the Snow Creek mine, returned to the property Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with his family. J. M. Geisler, scratch boss, who spent the day here, went back Friday morning.

The Snow Creek mill is nearing completion, and it is thought will be ready for operation before Christmas. The buildings have been completed, and with the exception of the dynamo, the machinery is all set. All that remains to finish now are a few minor details and odds and ends, which will occupy only a short time.

Mr. Smith has made a record in the speedy erection of the plant, notwithstanding the fact that work was greatly hindered by the snow. It is a ten stamp mill with up-to-date machinery, and the impression obtains among mill men that it will, when completed, be one of the best of its size in the district.

DON JUAN MILL IS STARTED UP AGAIN

**Ore in the Bins Will Be Milled and
Operations Continued.**

J. Duquett, who is engaged at the Don Juan, was on the train Friday afternoon, making a business trip to Baker City.

The mill, which has been shut down a few days for repairs, he says, resumed operations Thursday. There has been some delay occasioned on account of repairs to the boiler, but the work will proceed now without interruption.

T. W. Davidson, who has the management of the property, states that the ore in the bins will be milled at once and further operations continued.

HOW COWBOYS ARE DOING ASSESSMENT WORK AT RASTUS

Archie Murray the well known upper Burnt river stockman, spent Thanksgiving with his family in Baker City.

Speaking of Mount Rastus district, in close proximity to his Burnt river ranches, Mr. Murray says about twenty-five men are wintering in the district, all engaged in doing development on their claims.

A novel way of doing assessment work has been adopted by the cowboys of that section who have taken up claims. Mr. Murray says crevices are looked for and when found, powder is put in in large quantities and the fuse lighted. The cowboys ride away on their horses from the danger point and when they return the ten-foot hole is there.

The Hayseed Mining company, of Ironsides, has started a 100 foot tunnel on one of its claims.

A 600 foot contract has been let by another company and the work has commenced. —Democrat.

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