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TWO GREENHORN MINES "COME IN" THIS WEEK

**Stamps Begin Dropping on Snow Creek
And Alamo Rock---Both New Mills
Just Installed.**

B. L. McLain, the millwright who has had charge of the construction of the Snow Creek and Alamo plants, arrived in the city yesterday after having seen both plants in successful operation. The Alamo was started Sunday and the Snow Creek Monday.

The latter will go ahead on a continuous run, while the former was just started up by Mr. McLain to test the machinery preparatory to turning over the plant to its owners. Mr. McLain says that the Alamo will probably not begin permanent work before the first of the year. Everything is ready, however, for business.

Speaking of the mills installed in

the district, during the summer and fall, and the outlook for next season in the same direction, Mr. McLain said:

"While in point of mill construction, the season just ending has been the most prosperous in the history of the district, I am fully convinced that next year will see a still greater number of plants installed. And I believe, further, that there will be more general activity, although the past season has been good and a vast amount of work has been done. I know a great many properties where mills will doubtless be put in during the coming year."

ATTEMPT PROBABLY TO WORK UP CASE

An anonymous Baker City attorney makes some sensational charges against the Red Boy company in yesterday's Herald, relative to receivership and the filing of an application for the sale of the property. The opening remarks followed by a quotation from the nameless lawyer are as follows:

A prominent Baker City attorney is authority for the statement that as a result of the filing of an application by Receiver Thompson, of the Red Boy mine, for an order from the Circuit court to sell the property, one of the most startling conspiracies ever known in eastern Oregon mines will be unearthed.

"You may quote me as saying that before the Red Boy mine is sold under any sort of order, there shall have to be issued a mandate from the Supreme Court of the United States. I am attorney for a number of eastern stockholders in the company, and have been retained and empowered to fight the receiver's sale to the last ditch.

"I do not care at this time to go

into the details of the matter, but it is sufficient to say that there has been alleged a conspiracy between the Oregon stockholders in the mine to wreck the company. My eastern clients make sensational charges against the old management of the property, alleging mismanagement and gross waste of the corporation's funds. The appointment of a receiver at first met with their approval until the real purpose of the move was understood by them. They now intend that the receivership shall be a bona fide one, and that the affairs of the corporation shall be wound up to the best interests of all the stockholders, and not for the benefit of any particular clique"

E. J. Godfrey, of the Red Boy company, was in the city today, and when approached by a Miner representative relative to this matter, he said:

"The statement in the Herald looks to me very much like an attempt of some Baker City lawyer to work up a case. I am not advised as to who this enterprising attorney is, but I do not think I would miss the mark any great distance if I were to say that it was Emmett Callahan. The charges of conspiracy in regard to wrecking the Red Boy are all bosh. The company is insolvent, the creditors demand their money, and what

is there left to do but to sell the property? This is the 'real purpose' of the petition for sale, and no other. If the eastern stockholders want to form a combination and pay off the indebtedness of the company, it is up to them to do it."

N. C. Richards, attorney for Receiver Thompson, when seen in regard to the charges of conspiracy, made practically the same statement. It was policy to appoint a receiver, since if this had not been done, the property would have been attached and sold to satisfy the creditors, he stated.

ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR GOLDEN WIZARD

R. L. Frary, of Nottawa, Michigan, vice-president of the Golden Wizard company, accompanied by Mrs. Frary and his daughter, arrived here this morning to become assistant manager for the company in conjunction with J. M. McPhee, general manager. Mr. McPhee met them at Baker City, and returned this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Frary have taken rooms at W. E. Kahler's residence on North street.

It is the purpose to rush the mill to completion as speedily as possible. The foundation is now nearly finished and work on the buildings will be started in a few days. The first consignment of machinery, consisting of boilers, engines and battery frames, is expected in a short time.

ASSESSMENT WORK FINISHED FOR YEAR.

Ira Isaacs, James Beckwith and the other boys who have been working on the Constellation group came in last night after having completed assessment work for the year. The drift on the Constellation is now in 100 feet further showing a seven-foot vein of good stuff. The Hamilton drift was run fifty feet, also in good ore.

E. Sanderson Smith in California.

The Miner received a letter today from E. Sanderson Smith, written from San Bernardino, California, in which he states that already he is much improved in health; that he is feeling better than he has for years. He has completed his arrangements and will leave in a few days for a prospecting trip in the desert. He says one hears little of mining in that part of California at this time.

IGNORANT KNOCKER HAMMERS VICIOUSLY

Here is the latest, most flagrant and inexcusable case of knocking that has come to the attention of The Miner.

Tom Costello, manager of the Advance and Storm King Mining companies, has received from the agent of those companies at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, a letter stating that one, J. Reton, who was in Sumpter a few weeks since, has returned from his western trip and is using a heavy sledge hammer vigorously, but with little skill.

He is telling the people of Stevens Point that the whole eastern Oregon gold fields proposition is a gigantic fake; that it is nothing but a great lava bed, carrying no mineral values; that the two or three mines now in operation never found a color until the 800-foot level was reached and in some cases 1,200 feet depth was attained before gold values were encountered, and that the Storm King company will have to go that deep to find anything, even if it does then. This is an entirely new version of the knocker's lament. One who knows anything about mining reverses this story and declares that the condemned camp is a surface proposition; that the veins pinch out at depth and there is no permanency to the mines.

There is no use denying this man Reton's statements, as they refute themselves, in the mind of anyone who knows anything about mineral deposits, and those who do not are just as apt to believe one statement as another.

Reton came to Sumpter on the morning train and left in the afternoon. The ground was covered with snow and he never saw a foot of the surface, never went into a shaft, open cut or tunnel. Had he examined any property, he couldn't have distinguished lava from granite, country rock from ledge matter, quartz from petrified buffalo chips.

He came here, introduced himself to Mr. Costello as a stockholder in his companies, declined an urgent invitation to visit the mines and hiked for the coast. He was in The Miner office and was shown ore from the Storm King, taken thirty feet from the surface.

His object in this knocking the country and the companies in which he is a small stockholder is not known, though it will doubtless be revealed sooner or later.

To Examine Property.

John Arthur, of the McEwen, Arthur & McEwen sampling works, went out to Cable Cove to examine a mining property for eastern people.