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MAGNOLIA DEAL WAS CLOSED LAST NIGHT

Option Taken by George J. Barrett in The Interest of Burch & Burbridge of Spokane.

The Magnolia deal was closed last night at Baker City. The bond was prepared by Charlie Johns, who is attorney for the English owners, and made to Hon. George J. Barrett, of Graulte, who negotiated the deal in the interest of Burch & Burbridge, Spokane, who it is understood will ultimately take over the property.

In fact Mr. Burch when he was here some time ago stated to a Miner representative, if the deal went through, it was the intention to operate the Magnolia in connection with the Independence, an adjoining property, which is being developed by his firm.

The exact figures which the transaction represents have not been made public, but it is stated that the price named is in the neighborhood of \$80,000. This was mentioned by Mr. Burch as the approximate amount involved when he was here, and Mr. Barrett, who returned from Baker City this morning, states practically the same, though he declines to give

out the exact figures. According to the terms of the contract a substantial payment is to be made on January 25, and the future amount is to be paid within a period of fourteen months. Messrs. Burch & Burbridge will be here about the first of the year, it is stated, to make an examination of the property, with a view to determining the changes needed and for the purpose of taking over Mr. Barrett's bond, since it was for them that the deal was negotiated.

Operations will be started soon after the beginning of the new year. The ten stamp mill now on the property is to be remodeled, it is stated, and a cyanide plant installed, which in addition it is thought will furnish successful treatment for the ore.

Burch & Burbridge have shown their preference for the district by the late acquisitions they have made, including the Independence and the Crane Flat placers, and now the Magnolia.

GOLD BELT COMPANY ELECT OFFICERS

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Sumpter Gold Belt Mining company, held yesterday, the following officers were elected:

F. C. Brodie, president; M. F. Muzzy, vice president; F. O. Bucknum, secretary. Charles H. Chance and C. H. Fenner, with the above officers, constitute the board of directors.

It is the purpose of the company to start extensive operations on its Greenhorn properties in the spring. Mr. Bucknum expects to go east in a short time in the interest of the company.

WILL START TOMORROW FOR CONTINUOUS WORK

A report from the California states that the mill was started up yesterday, but on account of certain changes and alterations to be made it was found necessary to stop for a short time.

It is understood that the plant will resume tomorrow for continuous operations.

Big Things Coming Next year.

Millwright W. J. Potter, came in from the Blue Bird, where he has charge of the mill now under construction, and left for his home in Baker to spend the holidays. Mr. Potter thinks next season will be

a flourishing one. He knows of several mills being talked of, but is not in a position just now to say much about them.

STOLE ORE FROM HOMESTAKE DUMP

A. E. Dagan and J. W. Morrow, owners of the Homestake in the Cracker Creek district, think they must be getting a pretty good grade of ore, if it is worth stealing.

Mrs. O'Donogh, wife of Dan O'Donogh, who is employed at the property, came in this morning and reports that four fine sacks of ore were stolen from the dump last night. The owners feel more elated than put out over the matter, since if the ore is worth stealing and carrying away it must be a better grade than they had thought.

TO DO EXTENSIVE WORK NEXT YEAR

W. E. Hurd, of Portland, general manager of the United Exploration company, operating several Greenhorn properties, came in from them this morning and left this afternoon for Portland. He reports good progress.

Mr. Hurd will leave Friday for the east by way of Los Angeles to meet the several companies which he represents and get things in shape for extensive work next year.

FORMATION GROWING SOFTER AT SCANDIA

The formation at the Scandia Tunnel in the Granite district, Manager Wade reports, is growing decidedly softer and greater progress is, therefore, being made.

The long crosscut is now in 2,600 feet, and it is thought the main lead of the property will be reached within the next 500 feet. Steady work is being maintained.

TO START WORK ON GOLD HILL GROUP

Sol Camp will leave tomorrow to start work on the Gold Hill group, near the Magnolia, in which he owns an interest.

The purpose is to complete assessment work for the year and continue development after this has been done.

CALIFORNIA MILL BEGIN OPERATIONS

The California mill will begin permanent operations today.

Manager Bellman has been greatly delayed on account of the non-arrival of the chemicals to be used in the cyanide plant. He has decided, however, to wait no longer, though the consignment is expected in a day or so, and to resume work. The cyanide plant will doubtless be started in a day or so, Mr. Bellman thinks.

The California mill has a capacity of fifty tons, and arrangements as to space have been made that with the addition of rolls and tables the capacity, with a comparatively small outlay, may be increased to 200 tons daily output. It is modern throughout, and embraces the late methods of ore treatment. The crushing is done by rolls with the usual methods of concentration and cyaniding. The practice has been thoroughly tested on California ore, and its success is a foregone conclusion.

Work proper on the California mill was started last June. The plant was completed and operations were begun about the middle of August. After a run of two weeks, it was decided to put in a reverberatory furnace and cyanide apparatus. This necessitated a close down. The additions have now been completed and the mill is ready for a continuous run.

Practically all the while the California management has been blocking out one, and the supply on hand is sufficient to keep the mill going for several years.

ORE VEIN CUT AT THE OVERLAND

M. E. Bain, general manager of the Overland in the Cable Cove district, who came back from the property, reports satisfactory progress.

The crosscut recently started is now in thirty feet and while Mr. Bain was there a two foot vein was caught. It is estimated that it will take some seventy or eighty feet yet to get the main lead. Several intervening veins will be cut, however.

Well Developed Property.

J. S. Hughes, of Quartzburg, one of the stockholders in the Standard and the original locator of the property, returned yesterday from a trip to Pendleton and left this morning for the mine. He says the Standard is rapidly becoming a well developed property.