

MORNING MINE IS PRACTICALLY SOLD

Papers in Escrow And Deal to Be Closed January 1---Goes to Eastern People.

The deal for the transfer of the Morning mine in the Greenhorn district to eastern people has been practically closed. Rumors to this effect have been current for some time, and H. H. Ames, one of the owners of the property, confirmed the statement to a Miner representative this morning.

The papers are now in escrow and the transaction will be perfected about the first of the year. Mr. Ames declined to mention the sum involved or to give out the names of the purchasers. He stated that some time ago there was a deal practically closed, and when it became known

the hammer brigade got in its work so effectively that it was declared off. This time very little was said about the matter and the knockers failed to get in their work.

The Morning is owned by H. H. Ames, who now makes Sumpter his headquarters, I. J. Simmons and Colin Chisholm, of Grant county, and Frank Cooper, of Baker City.

The property is equipped with a five foot Bryan rool mill and two concentrating tables. It is regarded as among the most promising of the Greenhorn mines. The new owners, it is understood, will operate it extensively.

GOOD WORK AT THE BLACK JACK

Professor H. H. Nicholson, of Denver, who is connected with the department of chemistry in the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, accompanied by Tom Moffett, returned last night from a trip to the Black Jack in the Red Boy district. Professor Nicholson is consulting engineer for the Black Jack company and also interested in the property. He arrived here several days ago and will visit the Cracker Creek and Quartzburg districts before returning.

At the Black Jack, Professor Nicholson states that satisfactory development progress is being made. The crosscut being driven west for the main lead, is now in over 400 feet and he thinks the lead for which it is being driven will be encountered within the next seventy-five feet. In going the distance stated a half dozen veins, ranging from two to twenty feet, have been cut.

Work Resumed on Gipsy Queen.

William Rummery left this forenoon for the Gipsy Queen, with a wagon load of men and provisions, to resume work on that property. A shaft is being sunk at the mouth of the tunnel, which runs on the vein, in most places above the ore shoot, for a distance of 200 feet. At present no attempt will be made to sink the shaft below the water line, but as soon as pumps can be installed, it will go down several hundred feet.

HEAVY TRAFFIC OVER SUMPTER BOURNE ROAD

This forenoon a Miner man drove in from the Midway, making the drive from Hanover to town in forty minutes. In that time and distance fourteen wagons were met, loaded

with goods bought in Sumpter, with the exception of three wood wagons. The road is now in excellent condition and heavy loads can be hauled.

There is doubtless more traffic on this thoroughfare than any other in eastern Oregon, for the same distance. It is no exaggeration to say that fifty or sixty teams pass over it daily, hauling in ores and concentrates and transporting supplies from Sumpter to the mines.

It is over this route that the railroad will be built next season.

MIGRATION OF BRAINS TO THE GREAT WEST

According to "Who's Who?" a directory of Americans who have "accomplished something," the west is gaining the brains and culture of the country at the expense of the east.

In California's list of notable Americans the state is the birth place of only ninety-three, yet there are 424 now living in the state, showing that the community has drawn heavily upon the progressive men of other states. Nearly all of the states west of the Mississippi river have shown like increase, and Illinois, chiefly due to the magnetism of Chicago, has 941 "distinguished residents," though it has given birth to only 532 of these. On the other hand the figures show that, with the exception of New York and Florida, the east is losing its smart sons and daughters. Were it not for New York city's exceptional advantages in the matter of study, evidently that center of brains would also show a falling off.

These figures, however, are not surprising when it is considered that the west still holds glowing inducements to youth and energy. Americans have always been prone to go where opportunity is to be found instead of waiting for opportunity to hunt them up. It was this instinct that sent the first

prairie schooner across the great American desert, and it is the same instinct that is filling the west bound trans-continental trains with hustling easterners today. The east still holds its opportunities, but, with larger population, the competition is much keener and the chances of success are comparatively smaller. The "Who's Who" of ten years from now will show even more conclusively than this year's edition that the west has drawn the best blood and the best brains away from the east.—Denver Republican.

GYPSUM DEPOSIT ON BURNT RIVER.

D. Roup is in the city today from his mining property on Burnt river, and exhibits some pretty specimens of crystallized gypsum, taken from the surface of his claim about three miles from Durkee near the Tom Moore ranch. He also shows samples of gypsum in its commercial and most valuable state. Only surface work has so far been done on the claims, and the stuff appears in isolated and disconnected strata. Mr. Roup, however, believes that the various veins will run together and occur in a compact and valuable deposit.

Mr. Roup represents Dr. F. O. Hudnutt, who is general manager of the Multnomah Mining, Milling and Development company of Spokane. This company is becoming interested, through Mr. Roup, in the mines of Baker county. General Manager Hudnutt is expected to arrive in Baker City in a few days to look over the properties on Burnt river, which have recently been located by Mr. Roup.

Assessment work on the Burnt river gypsum claims will be done at once, and next spring development work on a large scale will be inaugurated. Mr. Roup brought in ten pounds of gypsum specimens and will send it to the St. Louis World's Fair.

A piece of crystallized gypsum, placed on a stove will in ten minutes become pure and merchantable plaster of paris.—Herald.

Advantage to Northwest Lumbermen.

The enlargement of the Erie canal will afford the north Pacific coast lumbermen increased facilities for reaching the far east with their lumber, timber and shingles. They will then be almost as near New York as they now are to Buffalo, so far as rates are concerned. The enlarged canal will lengthen out their rail-and-lake haul to the seaboard. The question is, which will be done the sooner, the Panama canal or the Erie? When both waterways shall have been completed the trans-continental railroads will have to make lower rates or lose much of their lumber traffic destined to territory east of Buffalo. If the coast people could hold their stumpage for six years, they would find themselves rich from the rise of its value—American Lumberman.

Settlement Between Companies.

Sheriff Harvey Brown was here today on private business relating to a settlement between the Stice Gulch Placer Mining company and the Wisconsin and Oregon Lumber company, in which companies he is interested. He returned to Baker City on the train this afternoon.

GALDER'S VIEWS ON OUR MINES.

W. C. Calder, a few days since, handed a Portland Telegram reporter the following good, "warm" stuff about eastern Oregon mining:

"I am just finishing a trip of two months visiting the mining interests of Western Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. I am surprised to learn of the large permanent mining interests of western Oregon, and of the production of the same.

"I have had mining interests in eastern Oregon for more than ten years, and have lived there for five years. I have seen our producers work their way to the front. Some of them have had many difficulties to overcome, and have actually become permanent, profitable mines from their own product, without the aid of capital, while others have had some capital to work with. The eastern Oregon mining district is much larger and more extensively developed than the public realizes. The district is over 100 miles long and averages about thirty miles in width. This is demonstrated not only by the presence of minerals as reported by prospectors, but by profit-paying mines. The Union Cornulop mine is in the extreme east and the Badger mine in the extreme west, with the Bonanza, Red Boy, Columbia, North Pole and Golconda at various points between the Cornucopia and Badger.

"These mines produce regularly, and there are many others that have plants and produce a portion of the time.

"Five of these mines are now working more than 1,000 feet below the surface. Part of this depth is gained by tunnel and part by shaft. The deepest vertical shaft is the Bonanza, which will soon reach its 1400-foot level. The next deepest shaft is at the Columbia.

"There is now over 100 miles of open underground work in the eastern Oregon territory. There is much more actual development work going on now than ever before. The present payroll is twice the amount of any previous winter, as we have several mines about to become regular producers dividend payers. The Dixie Meadows is one, the Snow Creek another, the I. X. L., the Morning, the Phoenix, the Tabor Fraction and the California. Some of these promise to surpass our present paying mines."

NOTICE.

To interlopers and trespassers: Notice is hereby given to Randall H. Kemp and the Great Eastern Power and Light company, or any of its representatives, that I have strictly complied with the law as to my water rights and that work is being steadily prosecuted. And I hereby give notice to Randall H. Kemp, the G. E. P. & L. Co., or any of its representatives that I will protect my said rights at all hazards. And that Randall H. Kemp, the G. E. P. & L. Co. or any of its representatives are hereby notified to keep off my property without my written consent. Dated Strawberry Camp, December 2, 1903.

W. A. McNAUGHTEN, Owner.