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EASTERN INVESTORS IN OREGON MINES Pay for AND READ IT

WILLIAMSON ON ASSAY OFFICE

Says There Is No Possible Chance For Any Town in Oregon to Get One.

A gentleman who recently had occasion to consult with Representative Williamson on another matter, informs The Miner that the congressman resents the blame which some eastern Oregon papers have attempted to fix on him, because he is not endeavoring to secure an assay office for Baker City.

A few days ago he read a clipping from the Baker City Democrat stating that "Williamson had forgotten the interests of the people of Baker county, etc.," touching his action in reference to an assay office in Oregon. When he read that article, he almost wished that he had continued the policy of trifling with the good people of Baker City, adopted by his predecessor in this connection. Such a course, however, is contrary to his nature. He does not care to establish a reputation of playing upon the credulity of any community in this district. So far as an assay office at Baker City is concerned, or even at Portland, there is just as much show to get it at the present time as there is to get a railroad to Mars.

Just think of it for a moment. They are expected to get two and a quarter million dollars for the Lewis and Clark fair, to get an equal amount for the mouth of the Columbia river; to get anywhere from one to four million dollars for the canal at Celilo falls, and other appropriations running into millions, all in Oregon. Suppose every state in the Union would require such impossibilities of their congressional delegations. How could any reasonable man, under such circumstances, blame them for doubling up in the matter of introduction of bills in certain matters, in order to keep themselves from appearing ridiculous in the eyes of their colleagues there?

At the present time, the Secretary of the Treasury is, and has been for some time, pronounced in opposition to building an assay office in Oregon. Under such circumstances, what difference does it make what point is selected for the introduction of a bill for the same, whether it is Baker City, Portland, Shaniko or Burns? When the true facts are known does not Mr. Moody, or his friends assume the role of a demagogue, when they undertake to fool the people in any community in eastern Oregon into believing that if he was just back there in Washington once more, it would only be a question of days until they would have assay offices while you wait? Such a proposition is too absurd to put before thinking people. If there was the least glimmering shadow of a chance for Oregon to get an assay office, would it not be reasonable to suppose that such an event could come nearer being brought about by the united effort of our delegation, than by each one of them introducing a bill for his own town?

Both senators will not now, neither will they ever favor an assay office at Baker City in preference to Portland. They do not dare to do it. Any reasonable man who will give the subject a moment thought, can understand why this is the case. Under such circumstances, what object, what sense is there in a representative claiming that he can get an assay office built in some eastern Oregon town over the heads of both the senators from Oregon and the administration thrwon in? There could be but one object—to fool the people.

It therefore reduces itself to a question of whether or not the credulity of the people of Baker county is sufficeintly developed to allow themselves to be successfully played upon in this manner. This is all there is of the case. No other analysis can be made of it, when all the facts are considered.

New Post Master For Haines.

J. F. O'Bryant is now postmaster of Haines, having received the appointment last week. Davis Wilcox, who has held the position to the satisfaction of all patrons of the office for several years, having resigned. Lee A. Duncan is appointed as assistant.—Democrat.

HOT AIR SMELTER OF 500 TONS FOR WEISER

After a thorough inspection of northeastern Oregon and Couer d'Alene district, Idaho, P. H. Hamblin, of Chicago, has decided to put in a large smelter of at least 500 tons capacity. This morning, after he had returned to Portland, he said:

"I have for the past ten years endeavored to find a place where the situation was such that our people could put up a large plant and be independent as far as fluxing was concerned. I believe, and am satisfied, I have found that location. Heretofore the conditions were such that we could not be independent in the fluxing line, and now we have found it. The ores of the Coeur d'Alene country are what are known as wet ores, or those carrying little silica. Across the river on the Oregon side is a dry ore, or that carrying a heavy percentage of silica. The lead ores of Idaho mixed with the copper and silicious iron ores of Oregon have solved the problem. We are now investigating the process recently patented, and will in all probability close a deal.

"Weiser will be the point of constructing the plant, and we can secure all the good fluxing ores necessary for running the plant.

"The people of Chicago, at least those who are interested with me, have turned their attention to mining instead of the stock exchanges, and have invested much money in other parts of the country, but now they will turn their attention to this section. C. W. Dumont and Harry L. Bingham, who are well known in the central metropolis, are interseted with me. I will enadeavor to have the plant in running order by July 1."

Mr. Hamblin will establish an office here and make Portland his headquarters.—Telegram.

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RED CHIEF'S STRIKE

Ore Encountered Which Averages $25 to The Ton in Gold

Lead Proper Measures Five Feet And Carries Good Milling Stuff.

Superintendent Gardner, of the Red Chief, in the Cable Cove district, reports one of the best strikes which has yet taken place at the property. He came in today on his way to North Powder to visit his family.

In the drift on the main lead, Mr. Gardner states, a six or eight inch stringer was encountered which averages about $25 to the ton. He had some samples of the ore with him, the appearance of which fully bear out the statement. The lead proper measures about five feet carrying a good quality of milling ore as far as has been explored. The drift is now in over 400 feet.

A full force is at work, and Mr. Gardner's policy is to develop the property as speedily as possible. It is on Red Chief ground where the Townsend and Lilley people hold a lease for a custom mill site. This new enterprise will add greatly to the value of the Red Chief as well as other Cable Cove properties.

Leap Year Dance.

The Sumpter Social club will hold a Leap Year dance Saturday evening at the K. of P. hall. Anybody found guilty of being accompanied by her own husband will be fined $2 and costs. All members of the club are invited to attend.

Room and board at Sumpter Ho.el for $10 per week and up.

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