

## D. L. KILLEN RELATES A CHEERFUL STORY, TOO

### Reports From Eastern Branches to The Effect That There is a Good Demand For Mining Stocks.

And now, D. L. Killen comes to the front with a cheerful story about an improved mining stock market, confirming the article published in *The Miner* Saturday, regarding this matter, on the authority of Wheeler & Company, the New York brokers and bankers, that are operating extensively in eastern Oregon properties. Today he stated to a Miner representative:

"Yes, my reports during the past few days from all our eastern branch offices are of the most encouraging nature. From thirty to sixty days ago things looked rather blue, but the whole aspect of the situation has changed since the first of the year. At that time large sums of money were paid in interest and dividends.

The people who received this money are now looking for investments, and the best feature of the situation is that they are looking towards the west. Recent exposures of questionable deals on Wall street have shaken public confidence in that quarter, and we are going to receive the benefit. This is surely going to be the best year the gold fields of eastern Oregon has ever experienced."

He also expressed himself as highly elated over the complete success, judged from a mechanical and scientific standpoint, of the initial run of the smelter, saying that arrangements

will soon be made for continuous operation.

Mr. Killen and family will leave for the east Wednesday, to be gone perhaps sixty days. Mrs. Killen and the children will remain with her mother in Nebraska, while he makes a trip of inspection to the money centers further east.

#### Corroborative Evidence.

There seems to be a general quickening and strengthening of the mining stock market in the east. O. C. Wright, general manager of several properties, notably, the Blue Bird, Buckhorn and Black Butte, for which Wheeler & Company, of New York, are fiscal agents, bears out the statement in regard to the bettering of the market, made in the last issue of *The Miner*, as far as Sumpter properties are concerned. Mr. Wright makes practically the same statement. He says that during the last ten days more stock has been sold than during the previous two months. He looks for the coming year to be one of the most prosperous in the history of the camp.

Black Butte stock, Mr. Wright thinks, will be put on the market within the next few days, or just as soon as the literature is out. He thinks that at the outside a month will see the sale of all the stock it is intended to sell at this time.

## MIDWAY PEOPLE WELL PLEASED.

The party of Midway people from Iowa, and North Dakota, composed of L. Van Hecke, H. J. Roan, and W. H. Rogers, after visiting the property, left yesterday afternoon for Portland, to return Thursday.

They were very highly pleased with the development of the Midway, and are going back to the mine again the last of the week, when the crosscut from the 150 foot station will have reached the vein.

In addition to visiting the Midway, the party went through several mines in the Cracker Creek district.

## J. PIERP IS KING OF GAMBLING FRAT.

A Washington correspondent quotes Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, as saying that J. Pierpont Morgan is the head push in

the gambling fraternity. This is the way Mr. Richards sizes up the situation:

"I tell you gambling is one great system. It begins with the little fry, and culminates at a common center. Out in the west, on the ranches, the cowboys would be paid off at the end of a week, they would gamble among themselves, with the usual result that at the end of the play some one of the party would corral most of the money. This successful player, delighted over his success, would hustle off to the nearest town, and get into a game with some of the tin horn gamblers so common throughout the west. He would lose his little pile and return to the ranch, while the successful tin horn fellow would tie himself to the largest city of the state, and in turn lose to a more successful sharper. This city sharper, elated at his streak of good luck, would take an early train and stake his pile in the stock market, either at Chicago or at New York, and, in due time, would lose all. J. Pierpont Morgan would win on the last deal, and he always wins.

"Of course, at each successive stage of the interesting game of gamblers, the number of suckers multiplies. The town gambler stacks up his winnings from a series of easy

marks from the towns, and so it goes. But in the end the gambler's money finds its way into the stock market, and into the pockets of J. Pierpont Morgan."

## THOUGHT HE WAS BEING HELD UP.

The average stranger who visits Sumpter on other business than that connected with the mineral industry, comes with the idea that he is going to be held up, have sundry blocks of mining stock unloaded on him, regardless of his wishes in the matter. So strong is this impression among a great many that the very mention of the words miner or mining is taken for a signal to stand and deliver. This was illustrated a day or so ago when a Miner representative approached a clerical looking stranger whose presence and appearance were suggestive of a "story."

After due introduction, in which the stranger evidently caught only the word "Miner," he visibly paled, and gesticulating in an excited manner said:

"No, no, you can't sell me any mining stock! Not a pound of it—not an ounce! I am not here for that purpose."

He was told to keep his shirt on momentarily, and explanations set him at ease. He seemed greatly relieved and was the pink of affability when he found out that there was no intention to sell him mining stock.

## MIDWAY PEOPLE ARRIVED THIS MORNING

A party of Midway people from Iowa and North Dakota arrived this morning and left at once to inspect the property. They were L. Van Hecke, of Sioux Falls, a director in the company, H. J. Roan, Iowa, and W. H. Rogers, North Dakota, stockholders. G. M. Anderson, of Inwood, Iowa, is coming by another route, and is expected in another week.

The party went out to the mine with Harry Hendryx to make an inspection. They will remain in the city for several days.

### Rich Strike in The Cougar.

Last Friday, Net Babcock, while working in the Kid tunnel of the Cougar group, in an uprising drifting north on an intermediate level, struck four inches of high grade free gold ore, which is very rich, just speckled with coarse gold. This property, the Cougar group, is situated on Cougar ridge, at Quartzburg, and is owned by Marsh Howell, of this city, and George Shearer, of Portland. The property has been lying idle for over a year, but a few months ago the owners gave Net Babcock and Bert Roberts a lease thereon. These boys have been working steadily on the property ever since, and are meeting with success, as they have been opening up some good veins of rich ore, of which the latest is the most valuable.—Prairie City Miner.

#### FOR SALE.

One Munday 12x16 hoist engine with Link motion, horizontal boiler, good condition. Engine has two drums. Cheap. Write or telegraph A. J. McCabe, Tacoma, Wash.

## DEVELOPMENT AT THE ALPINE

Dick Addoms, superintendent of the Alpine, came in last night. Since the suspension of mill construction on account of the snow, Mr. Addoms has been concentrating his energy toward development work. The Alarm drift, Mr. Addoms states, is now in 350 feet. A fault recently occurred, but this has been straightened out and the drift is proceeding. The width of the vein has not yet been determined, but Mr. Addoms thinks it vast in extent.

A nice bunch of ore is being opened up. At the same time a crosscut is being driven for the Alarm vein further down the mountain. Mr. Addoms will continue development operations and resume work on the mill in the spring.

## ALMO MILL TO START MONDAY

The Alamo mill will be started Monday. E. D. Trenholm and W. R. Eisenhour, stockholders, returned today and made this report. J. R. Cassin will remain at the property, until the mill is going. The flumes were frozen up or operations would have begun sooner. This caused the delay. Mr. Eisenhour is now on his way east in the interest of the Alamo and Big Producer, the latter of which he is general manager. Mr. Trenholm is going back to Spokane.

## J. NAT'S LOST PLUG UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

J. Nat Hudson came up from his broad acres, which lie over against Baker City, this morning, armed with a can of milk given down by his ladylike cows, and sundry other articles of food and drink, to tie himself to the Lost Horse, and there engage in developing this world famous property.

J. Nat has a force of men at work, but he doesn't work much himself. He occupies his time very largely in assembling supplies at the farm, and delivering them at the mine. By making frequent trips with his handbag, he cuts out freight charges.

## HAS ORE IN TWO PLACES

Matt Kane took a load of provisions out to the Umpqua group, in the Ibe district, to continue work. He has a force of five men engaged, and has ore in two places at the property. Both crosscuts have encountered a satisfactory quantity of ore.

#### Sold at Auction.

A horse formerly belonging to Ed Young was sold at public auction this morning at Tom Taylor's stables, under foreclosure of an over due chattel mortgage held by A. P. Goss, for \$33 to Ike Williamson.

To Rent—Large house on High street. Low rate to the right party. Apply to F. O. BUCKNUM.