

ALAMO MILL STARTED.

Full Complement of Stamps Went
Into Commission Yesterday.

Company Has Ore Sufficient
Blocked For a Five Year
Run.

John R. Cassin, of Spokane, secretary and treasurer of the Alamo Mining company, returned Saturday morning from the property, and reports the going into commission of the full ten stamps of the recently completed mill, yesterday. A couple of days ago five stamps were started, but the entire complement began dropping yesterday. The daily capacity of the plant is about forty tons, depending, of course, on the ore.

The delay in starting was occasioned by the freezing of the water in the flume. When Mr. Cassin went out he expected to start the mill at once, but the water was found frozen, entailing considerable extra work. The new mill man, Mr. Cassin says, has the work well in hand, and is giving entire satisfaction. The Alamo has a sufficient amount of ore in sight to supply the mill for the next five or six years. The development period has continued during the last five years, and it has been the policy of the company to get good and ready before installing a plant. Regarding this Mr. Cassin says:

"I am not in favor of rushing into mills, and it has been our policy to put ore in sight before considering the proposition of installing machinery. Through the five years of Alamo development, the ore bodies have been well explored, and we have now in the bins and blocked out a sufficient amount of ore to keep u running with the present equipment for five or six years. This has been our policy from the start, and I believe it is the correct one."

Mr. Cassin left this afternoon for Spokane

ALPINE PEOPLE WELL PLEASED

Thomas Lee, of Cincinnati, president of the Alpine company, and John F. Deitz, one of the leading stockholders, also of Cincinnati, accompanied by Superintendent Addoms, returned from the mine Saturday night. Messrs. Lee and Deitz left yesterday afternoon for the east. The illness of Colonel Grayson, general manager of the company, has made it necessary for President Lee to temporarily assume charge of business matters. Mr. Deitz is a member of the firm of J. F. Deitz & Company, prominent desk manufacturers of Cincinnati. This was his first visit to Sumpter. He is well pleased with the Alpine and the systematic policy being carried out by Superintendent Addoms. He said:

"It is our purpose to push development work at the mine while

the snow prevents our construction of the mill. We have all the material and machinery for the mill, however, on the ground, and will start on it as soon as winter weather lets up. I visited the Last Chance and some neighboring properties, and from what little I saw, I am well pleased with the outlook of the district."

Regarding business conditions in the east, both President Lee and Mr. Deitz say that there are unmistakable signs of improvement and a very material change for the better, as far as mining securities are concerned.

Superintendent Addoms reports three feet of good milling ore in the face of the Alarm drift at the Alpine. He is also crosscutting for this vein to give additional depth, and working night and day shifts.

EXPLOSION AT THE VIRGINIA.

An explosion, due to a missed hole, occurred at the Virginia mine at 9:30 Monday, resulting in the serious and perhaps fatal injury of John Reiss and James Weedman. The men were not found until noon. Reiss had his right leg broken, was badly bruised about chest and head, and it is also thought he sustained internal injuries. His condition is the more serious of the two. A telephone message to The Miner from Greenhorn stated that he had been bleeding badly, though at the time of the message the flow had ceased, but his recovery was doubted.

Weedman had his right leg broken and received a number of bad cuts and bruises, but his wounds are not necessarily regarded as fatal.

As soon as discovered both men were taken to Greenhorn as quickly as possible, arriving there about 1 o'clock this afternoon, and a telephone message was sent, summoning the attendance of Drs. Pearce and Anderson. The former could not leave, and Dr. Anderson made haste to depart. The message stated that Reiss was still bleeding badly, and it was feared that death would result in a short time, if something could not be done at once to stop the flow of blood. Dr. Anderson telephoned instructions relative to stopping the blood before his arrival, which it seems were effective, as the later message to The Miner would indicate. Further details regarding the accident are meager. Reiss died at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

HENRY CABLE PIONEER MINER DIES OF DROPSY IN CALIFORNIA

Henry Cable a well known San Josean and pioneer mining man, died on Friday, January 12, at Burks, Sonoma county, from an attack of dropsy, from which he had suffered for the past year and a half.

He was born on the ranch now owned by Alfred Woodman Home,stead road, Santa Clara, on September 8, 1852, and moved with his family to Sonoma county in 1856. In 1859 he moved to Del Norte county and thence in 1865 to eastern Oregon, where he ran a pack train until 1873. During this latter period, in company with his brothers, Mr. Cable had several severe fights with Indians.—San Jose Mercury.

Henry Cable was one of the pioneer miners of Baker county; discovered the Columbia, California and other famous mines in this district. He was one of several brothers. Warren still lives here. No men are better known in this county.

GOLGONDA WILL CONTINUE WORK.

Telephone advices last night from James A. Howard, general manager of the Golconda, who is now in Pendleton, to Roy H. Miller, cashier of the First National bank, stated that the Golconda had been adequately financed, and that the contemplated close down would not take place. Mr. Howard asked Mr. Miller to transmit the information to the mine, with instructions to continue operations.

Owing to the financial entanglements of C. B. Wade, late president of the Golconda company, the proposition of closing down the mine on January 20 was seriously contemplated, but matters have been adjusted and this well known producer will continue operations.

Regarding the meeting of the stockholders in Pendleton, the Tribune of Thursday says:

"The meeting of the stockholders yesterday was very harmonious. An entirely new board of directors was chosen and new officers. The newly elected officers were: President, T. G. Halley; vice president, E. J. Sommerville; secretary, F. B. Clopton; treasurer, William Jones. The board of directors is composed of the above named officers and C. S. Jackson. The biggest stockholder is Mr. Jackson, who has about 50,000 shares. Mr. Halley owns 20,000 shares, Mr. Sommerville about 40,000, and M. Clopton, so it is reported, one share, which he purchased for 6½ cents. The newly elected board realizes that the indiscriminate manipulation of the stock during the past year has militated greatly against the corporation, and has to some extent, prejudiced people against the mine, but they are firmly confident that under the new management it will show a profit at the end of the year.

"Superintendent Howard, of for \$10 per week and up.

Sumpter, was present and made his annual report. There are at present forty men working in the mine, with good results, and the newly elected management ordered Mr. Howard to continue the work without any alterations whatever. It is the intention to keep the mine going, and by paying careful attention to the management, make it pay bigger dividends than ever before.

"The retiring board of directors of the Golconda company, are: President, C. B. Wade, with more than a million shares; vice president, T. C. Taylor, several thousand shares; C. S. Jackson, 50,000 shares; J. H. Raly, who owned a large block of stock last year, but let go this summer; and J. H. Robbins, who disposed of his entire interests and resigned from the board of directors."

Mr. Howard is expected back in Sumpter in two or three days.

ROBERTS APPOINTED RECEIVER AT LA GRANDE

An Associated press dispatch from Washington, dated yesterday, says that the senate in executive session had confirmed the nomination of Albert A. Roberts, to be receiver of public moneys at the La Grande land office.

This is the first news that the people of eastern Oregon have had that he had been nominated for the position. The last information was to the effect that the delegation had united in recommending him for the place, which was contained in a press despatch of last Friday.

The land office will now doubtless resume business, and it will require many weeks to remove the great mass that has accumulated. It is now about fourteen weeks since ex-Receiver Thompson was suspended, and the office practically closed, except for final proofs.

Room and board at Sumpter Hotel

His First Complaint

"The writer regrets the necessity of lodging complaint concerning your usual excellent service, but in a friendly spirit begs to submit the following: Yesterday you sold me lower nine, car three, on The Pioneer Limited. But you neglected to advise me that it would be necessary to have the porter wake me in the morning, and as there was so little motion to the car, I overslept. I have covered a large area on some of the famous trains of the United States and this is the first complaint of this character I have made. I trust you will see to it in the future that passengers are advised."

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