

JUMPED THEIR BUCKEYE GROUP

Doane and Gleason Bring Actions
Against The Baisleys and
Paytons.

J. N. Doane and W. H. Gleason have filed actions against Jerry C. Baisley and M. A. Baisley for the possession and ownership of the Buckeye and Dixie Queen quartz claims, located on the divide between Rock and Little Cracker creeks, and the recovery of damages for unlawful entry to the extent of \$5,000; and also, against J. C. Baisley and E. M. Payton, under the same head, and for the recovery of the same amount of damages.

The complaint sets forth "that defendants herein are closely related to each other by marriage and have been so related at all times hereinafter mentioned," and then goes on to state that on or about the month of June, 1902, plaintiffs were negotiating for the sale of the property for the sum of \$65,000 to responsible purchasers, and were ready to give a good and sufficient deed.

While these negotiations were pending, the said Jerry C. Baisley, for the purpose of clouding title and fraudulently compelling plaintiffs by blackmail, etc., and during the temporary absence of plaintiffs staked and claimed the ground in question. It is also claimed that there was collusion between the defendants and that Jerry C. Baisley should act as an agent or employe of his co-defendant.

Then follows an allegation which is quoted:

"That said defendant, J. C. Baisley, has repeatedly committed the same fraud on others, and has for years last past, habitually made it his disreputable business to cloud mining titles by jumping the lawful mining locations of others for blackmailing purposes, as in this instance."

The locations in question are known as the Buckeye group, including the Buckeye, Crown, Crescent and Dixie Queen quartz claims. It was on the Buckeye that a rich strike was made last summer, attracting much attention.

The reason alleged for relocation is that the assessment work has not been completed according to law, and that in one instance too much ground is claimed. Mr. Gleason is now in Baker City, but Mr. Doane, the other plaintiff, states that not only has the assessment work been done, but that in the instance where Baisley claims too much ground is included, it falls 149 feet short of being enough. Mr. Doane says:

"This man Baisley is a chronic claim jumper. He does his dirty work in the name of M. A. Baisley, his wife, and E. M. Payton, his sister-in-law. He has now sixty-two locations that I know of adjacent to our property, he is trying to hold. In the summer of 1902 he located a tunnel site on our Buckeye claim. We informed him that he was on our ground, and he moved farther down, but still within our lines. We notified him to get off, and it was then he set up the excuse that we had too much ground. We had the claim surveyed and found it was 149 feet too short.

"Later he went and located the

Diamond fraction and the Treasure Vault, on Dixie Queen ground, belonging to the same group. Last fall, after we had completed our assessment work, he was there making a show at doing his. He is a chronic disturber."

HOIST STARTED AT MYERS GROUP

Elmer Cleaver is here today. He is just back from the Myers group, near Medical Lake, operated by the Indiana Mining company, in which he is interested.

The new hoist, recently installed on the property, was started up last Friday, and Mr. Cleaver says is doing good work. Pumps were also installed. The hoist has a depth capacity of 500 feet. The shaft was sunk eighty feet by hand on the ore body before the machinery was put in. It is the present purpose to continue sinking. J. W. Messner is general manager of the company, and also of the Prairie Diggings, operated by practically the same people.

MIDWAY PEOPLE WELL PLEASED

L. Van Hecke, of Solix Falls, South Dakota, a director in the Midway company, and W. H. Rogers, one of the stockholders, were out yesterday at the property with Harry Hendryx. They are both highly pleased with the management and with the mine itself. The crosscut from the 150 foot station in the shaft, cut into the foot wall of the vein while the party was there yesterday. The distance driven to reach the vein was forty-eight feet. Both Mr. Van Hecke and Mr. Rogers visited several of the neighboring properties, and are well satisfied with the general outlook. Mr. Van Hecke says:

"I am extensively interested in mining property in both California and Utah, in fact more so than I am here, but I pin my faith on my Sumpter holdings more than I do on those in either of the other states. I was here a year ago in February, and the progress of the district has vastly exceeded my calculations. With good management and proper development, in my opinion Sumpter in a few years will be one of the leading gold centers of the country."

PRESIDENT OF KEYSTONE COMPANY ARRIVED THIS MORNING

G. M. Anderson, of Inwood, Iowa, president of the Keystone Mining company, operating in the Quartzburg district arrived here this morning and will remain several days. The Keystone, it will be remembered, was taken over by the Geiser-Hendryx company last summer. Mr. Anderson intends spending some time at the property before returning.

Have Gone East.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Killen and children departed for the east this afternoon. Mrs. Killen will visit her old home in Nebraska while Mr. Killen goes further east to visit the various branch offices of the company. They will probably be gone a couple of months.

MORNING DEAL CLOSED SHORTLY

H. H. Ames, one of the owners of the Morning mine, in the Greenhorn district, came in yesterday afternoon.

The deal for the transfer of the Morning property to eastern people, Mr. Ames states, has not been completed, but he thinks it will be within the next few days. As stated some time ago, the papers are in escrow, and all the details of the transaction have been arranged, but the papers have not yet passed.

ALAMO MILL TO START TOMORROW

A report from the Alamo today states that the mill will begin operation tomorrow. The matter has been delayed on account of the water freezing in the flume. When J. R. Cassin and his party went out some days ago, it was expected to begin at once, but the flume was frozen tight and the delay was due to this fact.

The report states, however, that the water is now through the flume and everything in readiness to start tomorrow.

GENERAL WARREN ON BUTTE MATTERS

"Butte mines produced \$35,000,000 this last year and will produce \$60,000,000 this year," said General Charles S. Warren, of the Montana metropolis, yesterday. General Warren has been a pioneer in most of the western mining camps, back almost to the time "when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." His experiences have included most of the vicissitudes of western mining life. Despite his gray hairs he retains a cheery optimism and bubbling enthusiasm rarely equalled. He can make as hopeful guesses on output as anybody. He added:

"Take the Pacific ocean as a western boundary, Mexico as the southern line and draw a line north, 400 miles east from the ocean to the north pole, and the little territory within three miles of the coast house at Butte last year produced more than half of the mineral wealth of that vast section.

"Today there are 9,500 men employed underground in the mines of Butte. By May 1 this number will be swelled to 12,000. All the ground that Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper Mining company are fighting over could be forgotten without interfering with this output. Heinze in the Cora has \$50,000,000 ore in sight. The Amalgamated has \$100,000,000 in sight in ground that is not in litigation.

"Should some third person get all the properties that the two interests are fighting over, it would be the best possible thing for Heinze and the Amalgamated and the camp. Then they would have to treat their own ores and not spend so much time trying to see how much of the other fellow's ore they can corral. Neither of them are saints. I am a Heinze man. I know that the A. C. M. company is no saint and I have a suspicion that Heinze is not one, either."

Responding to the question of a

market for such increased output, in view of recent reports of overproduction of copper, General Warren said: "There is plenty of market. Copper is about 12 3/4 cents now, isn't it? Well, they can produce copper for 7 cents in Butte."—Spokesman Review.

PREVALENT DELUSION ON RUIN OF SMALL DEALERS

Bradstreet's makes the interesting statement that of the number of persons in business in this country in 1903, only seventy-six one-hundredths of one per cent failed, this being the smallest percentage recorded in twenty-two years.

This ought to put a quietus on the notion that has prevailed in some quarters that the consolidation of industries and growth of department stores, which has been going on in recent years, were bringing ruin to multitudes of small business concerns.

It is noteworthy, too, that 1903 was a year in which business in many lines fell off materially. It was marked not only by curtailment of production in many branches of manufacturing, but by the laying off of many railway employes and by an epidemic of strikes in nearly every part of the country.

It is further significant, as Bradstreet's points out, that while there was some increase in the total liabilities of insolvents in 1903 over those of 1902, this increase was due chiefly to the suspensions of financial institutions and heavy manufacturing concerns."

These facts are commended to the prayerful consideration of those politicians who have been making a great hue and cry over the cruel and crushing effects of the "trusts" on small tradesmen and shopkeepers.—New York Commercial.

PROSPECT WORK AT THE GOLDEN FLEECE

G. W. Boggs came in from the Golden Fleece this morning, where he has been looking after the work now under way at the property. The Golden Fleece, also known as the Anderson claims, it will be remembered, was turned over a short time ago by Mr. Boggs to Tacoma people.

The operations at present, Mr. Boggs states, are confined largely to prospecting with a view to getting everything in readiness for inaugurating extensive development work in the near future.

Mr. Boggs went to Baker City this afternoon, but will return in a few days.

DEVELOPMENT AT THE YANKEE GIRL

S. A. Pelkey and Guy E. Pearson, owners of the Yankee Girl, near Bear Gulch, came in today from the property.

They have been cutting the vein, and are now in ten feet without reaching the wall. So far the ledge shows a good quality of milling ore. High values, however, are expected on the foot wall, as indicated by the surface showing. Work is to be continued.

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