

HENNESSEY ROCKS CRACKER CRADLE

Institutes Suit Against Mil- waukee Outfit That Tries to Turn a Trick.

In the court house records, published elsewhere in The Miner today, is the mention of a suit instituted by J. J. Hennessey against the Cracker Cradle Gold Mining company for \$655. A part of this, \$500, was due early in December on the purchase price, and the remainder for services rendered and money advanced. C. P. Murphy is attorney for the plaintiff.

Asked about the suit today, Mr. Hennessey replied: "Oh, that is only the surface indications; I'll have to rock that Cradle considerable before I get through with the case."

It seems that this is an instance in which the alleged usual order of things is being reversed; the eastern syndicate is endeavoring to beat the original owner out of his property.

Last summer, a year ago, Dr. C. C. Wentworth, of Milwaukee, was out here looking for a good thing in the way of a prospect. He liked this group of claims owned by Jack Hennessey, the Dewey, Lost Lode and Molalla, in the Cracker Creek district, and tried to buy the property. Mr. Hennessey didn't want to sell outright, as he believed the claims to be valuable, wishing to retain an interest, and made a very attractive and liberal proposition to deed the claims to a company for only \$1,000 and a portion of the stock, on condition that the Milwaukee people would furnish the money for development. This offer was accepted; \$500 was paid, the Cracker Cradle company was organized, and Mr. Hennessey executed the deed.

But where he failed to protect himself was in not requiring a bond specifying a time limit as to when and what amount of money should be furnished for development work. The result is that the company, of which Wentworth is president, has failed to perform its part of the agreement, expressed both verbally

and in the written contract—in which the important element of time was omitted. Only about enough money to do the annual assessment work has been forth coming, the property has remained undeveloped for nearly two years, and Mr. Hennessey has lost that amount of time.

He says the Milwaukee outfit has been prolific in promises, but has never made good. Last fall, through correspondence, he urged the officers of the company to do something, and notified them that unless the \$500 still due was promptly paid, he would institute suit to annul the whole transaction—his only legal recourse. They, in turn, promptly mortgaged the property to Colburn & Peck for \$900, "a fraud on the face of it," says Mr. Hennessey.

Now, Colburn & Peck also play a part in this story. They are a lumber commission firm of Milwaukee, appointed fiscal agents of the company. People here in Sumpter who have had business dealings with them say they are the jayest loggers, the most penurious "financiers" that ever they got mixed up with; that the only thing they could finance would be a peanut stand or a truck wagon. A mining man from Milwaukee, who was here a couple of weeks since, informed a Miner representative that he knows the outfit and that it is the bluest ever. He says that when they launched themselves on their mining career, the first thing they did was to get out a lot of literature about the Cracker Cradle and have small boys leave it on front porches in the residence districts of Milwaukee. How is that as a pointer for promoters?

J. J. Hennessey has attached the property and he and Attorney Murphy will give these eastern "mining operators" a touch of high legal life, as is sometimes exemplified in the wild west.

THOMPSON'S ACCUSERS

ARRESTED FOR PERJURY

An Associated Press dispatch dated at Pendleton yesterday says that United States District Attorney Hall, with Deputy United States Marshal Probstel, of Portland, today arrested eleven citizens who were connected with the Asa Thompson case, on the charge of perjury and conspiracy to defraud the government of lands.

Warrants were served on Charles Cunningham, the prosecuting witness against Thompson, county Judge G.

A. Hartman, who affixed his seal to the oaths for final proofs, Joe H. Parks, the notary public who filled out the papers, Asa Rayburn, Dallas O'Hara, Glen H. Sailing, Shelly Jones, Mark Shackelford, Kate James, John Doe and Richard Roe, all charged with making false affidavits in the final proofs for homestead entries before Judge Hartman and Leo Moorehouse, clerk for the supreme court. The men were all arrested.

Cunningham, Hartman and Parkes were released under \$2,000 bonds and the others on \$500. The information was filed by Special Land

Inspector A. R. Green.

J. H. Raley, who was attorney for Asa Thompson on his recent trial in the Federal court at Portland, charged with soliciting a bribe, of which charge he was acquitted, is in Sumpter today. When questioned about the facts related above, he admitted that he was aware some such move was on foot, but declined to go into details or to prejudge the merits of the case. He stated, however, that it looks rather serious for some of the accused, without mentioning names. He has received a telephone message from one of the parties since his arrival here, presumably retaining him as counsel.

WILL PROBABLY PUT IN SPUR.

J. Win Wilson, general manager of the Listen Lake, reports that the crosscut from the fifty foot level has entered the vein a distance of twenty-two feet without encountering a wall. Mr. Wilson came in last night from the property.

The width of the vein is not known, but from the cropping it is judged to be between fifty and sixty feet wide. All the ore disclosed so far, Mr. Wilson says, will pay to mill. The values are in gold, copper and silver, with a good per cent of copper.

It is the intention of the company, Mr. Wilson states, later on when the Tipton extension is completed, to put in a spur to the mine, a distance of about four miles. This will give direct transportation to the Sumpter smelter.

EASTERN SITUATION IS FAST IMPROVING

Al Geiser, of the Geiser-Hendryx company, accompanied by Mrs. Geiser, returned this morning from a thirty day visit through the east. While away Mr. and Mrs. Geiser spent some time in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Louis.

Regarding the eastern situation, Mr. Geiser says that the country has recovered from the Wall street flurry and that there is abundant capital for investment in western mines. While, he says, that the stock market is recovering tone and vigor, the majority of investors want mines of their own for development, and are willing to put up the cash when shown the right kind of a proposition.

EQUITY NOT FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

In the contempt proceedings against the Equity Copper and Gold Mining company, on the alleged ground of violating the restraining order issued by the court, which came up at Canyon City Saturday, Judge Clifford decided that while there may have been technical contempt, that it did not appear wilful and no punishment was administered.

The Equity people were admonished to keep off the ground in dispute until the hearing of the injunction case brought at the instance of the Keystone Gold Mining company.

HE IS WELL SATISFIED.

Dr. Blume, of New York Visits The Properties in Which he is Interested.

Well Pleased in Every Respect And Says he Has Been Treated Royally.

Dr. Samuel Blume, of Riverhead, Long Island, who is largely interested in a number of mining properties tributary to Sumpter, has spent some time here making investigations and so far is fully satisfied with his holdings. Dr. Blume says:

"While I do not profess to be a mining man, and cannot speak advisedly from this point of view, yet the general indications to me appear good. I come here as a stockholder in various Sumpter properties, and on behalf of friends who are interested with me. In the first place, soon after my arrival I had a look at the smelter in which I hold some stock. I am well pleased with the plant and I am convinced that it will fill a long felt want in the district. Then, with the Geiser-Hendryx people, I went to the Tabor fraction and the Victor in the Cracker Creek district. These I believe are good propositions, and I am well satisfied as to the investment. I also went to the Golconda, in which I also own some stock. Here I believe is a big mine. You understand I am not talking as an expert on mining matters, but I think the interested observer, even if he is not thoroughly informed on mining matters, can form a pretty fair estimate of the situation.

"With Mr. Bain, I took in the Overland, which I believe holds the promise of becoming a substantial dividend payer with development. While there I went through the California mill, operated by an adjoining company. This seems to me a first class plant. I also paid a visit to the Highland, in the Rock Creek district. Here also I am satisfied with the promises held out. Then with O. C. Wright, I went over to the Blue Bird and Buckhorn, and these, too, appear to be excellent propositions. While in that vicinity I visited the Red Boy and examined the plant. I have some stock there, too, and regret the present entanglements."

Dr. Blume will go out to the Standard, in which he is also interested, tomorrow, with Dr. Ed W. Mueller, general manager of the property.

Speaking of his treatment here by the different operators and his general impressions, he says:

"The mining people here have treated me royally. They have shown me every consideration, and I am not only well satisfied with my investments, but believe this is to be one of the greatest mining districts in the country.

"I neglected to state that Tom C. Gray, superintendent of the Valley Queen, entertained me very pleasantly, and while I was not able to visit his property, I have had very favorable reports from it."