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OREGON MINES
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MEN REPRESENTING MILLIONS ARE HERE

There are now in Baker City capitalists and representatives of eastern capital who can control upwards of \$25,000,000 for investment in eastern Oregon mines this season. The agent who is most prominent in the matter has already commenced a careful investigation of the various mining districts within a radius of a 100 miles of Baker City. He is going to take his time to do it and will do the work on a thorough and scientific basis. His clients want properties that can be turned into producers within a short time and he states that they prefer to purchase properties that are ready for a mill or already have mills installed upon them.

True fissure free gold veins are the kind of properties the syndicate prefers; but have, as a matter of fact, purchased copper and gold bearing properties in the Cornucopia and Seven Devils districts. They will examine the Balsley-Elkhorn, Burnt river, Cracker Creek, Greenhorn and Prairie City districts and expect to make further investigations in the Sparta and Cornucopia districts. When one concern or aggregation of concerns begins operations this early in the spring on so large a scale, it is safe to predict that the mining season of 1904 will be a very large and prosperous one.

Other capitalists are expected here during this month and they also have some bonds on various properties here, are already interested in the camp and will thoroughly investigate other properties which are nearing the stage of becoming producers. Taken all in all, mining men have the right to feel encouraged over the outlook and it is believed by a careful system of everybody hanging together, first for his own interests and then for his neighbors, big results will be obtained.—Democrat.

WAGES REDUCED AND LOGGERS QUIT WORK

Twenty of the thirty odd men employed by the Oregon Lumber company, at logging camp No. 2, near Dean's siding, quit work this morning on account of a reduction of wages.

Grant Geddes was here yesterday conferring with Eugene Brown, manager of the camp, and a cut was decided upon because of the dullness of the lumber market. Most of the men are getting \$2.75 a day, and their wages were reduced in the majority of instances to \$2.50. When Mr. Brown returned yesterday afternoon and informed the men of the decision, twenty of them quit this morning as stated.

Raised Check From \$7 to \$700.

A little incident came to light yesterday which illustrates how the very best of people may sometimes be

taken in. Two or three months ago Ole Didrickson, an old timer and well known resident of Pine Valley, went to Utah on a visit. While in Salt Lake City he employed one of the agencies there to show him the sights of the Mormon capital. He was driven about the city in a hack and visited all the points of interest. When he came to settle his account he owed \$7, and gave a check for the amount on a Baker City bank. The check got into the hands of some tin-horns and was raised to \$700. Mr. Didrickson learned of the matter shortly afterwards and telegraphed the Baker City bank stopping payment of the check. Who lost the \$693 he does not know.—Democrat.

WHEN PAPERS COST A DOLLAR

Frank McBean, the veteran liveryman and old timer, of Canyon City returned from a business trip to Granite this morning and left on the train for his home.

He and Lafe Farmer, old time chums in the early day, had a great powwow before Mr. McBean left, chewing over their early experiences. "McBean used to carry the express," said Mr. Farmer, "from Canyon City to Robinsonville, when it cost a dollar per in winter to get a letter through. And we paid a dollar apiece for newspapers. We got the San Francisco Examiner, but the Police Gazette was a general favorite. Nobody subscribed, but occasionally an enterprising citizen would lay in a supply of back numbers, and we paid a dollar a copy for them without protest. It was high reading, but I believe we enjoyed it more than we do now when papers are so numerous and cheap."

SNOW SLIDE ON ELKHORN MOUNTAIN.

Roy Wenceslaw returned last night from Elkhorn mountain, where he has been working on claims owned by himself and Sumpter associates. Mr. Wenceslaw describes a snow slide of great magnitude which came down the mountain to Dead Horse flats, a short distance from his claim Monday. The snow on top of the range first began to break and move slowly, gathering momentum as it came down. When the avalanche was fully under way it rushed downward with terrific force, carrying rocks and trees which happened to be in its path along with it, and spending its force on the level stretch at the base of the mountain, only a short distance from the cabin. It was a grand spectacle to behold, when the observer felt secure from its danger.

The farmers from Burnt river who were in town yesterday and today, paid to Sumpter merchants nearly \$200 in cash for goods bought this trip, so one of the dealers who received a portion of the trade informs The Miner.

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