



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## MACHINERY FOR THE NEW YORK ARRIVES

### Manager Nepple Went Out Today to Supervise Installation of Hoist And Stamps.

C. C. Nepple, of Baker City, manager of the New York group, in the Greenhorns, went through this morning to superintend the installation of new machinery at the property. This machinery consists of a hoist having a 500 foot depth capacity, two steam stamps, pumps and boilers. A car load, including the last consignment, went over the road to Whitney today. Mr. Nepple has made arrangements to have this transferred at once to the mine. The distance from Whitney is about fifteen miles, but the roads are well broken, and no difficulty will be experienced in making the transfer.

The foundations for the machinery are now under way, and all the buildings are practically completed.

The work of installation will start as soon as the last car arrives. Mr. Nepple thinks that in the course of sixty days, or less time, everything will be in readiness for operations. It is the purpose of the management to go to a depth of 500 feet without cessation. The two stamps will handle from seven to eight tons of ore a day, and it is the policy to add to these as development proceeds and conditions warrant. The additional capacity of the boiler will run forty stamps, and a material increase of stamps is the end in view.

The New York adjoins the I. X. L., and is regarded as one of the most promising of Greenhorn properties. Its location will at once justify such a conclusion.

## BIG INFLUX OF HOMESEEKERS

Dan Norman, of Portland, formerly of Chicago, who is largely interested in the Golconda, arrived here this morning and will spend several days in the city and at the property. He and Manager Howard will go out to the mine either tonight or in the morning.

Mr. Norman was greatly surprised upon arriving to find such fine weather in Sumpter. "Why," said he, "when I left Portland people told me that I should take my heaviest overcoat with me, but I find I do not need it at all. The fact is that very few persons here appear to have any use for this garment. And why should they, for the weather is like spring. It is vastly preferable to the eternal rain of Portland."

Mr. Norman left Chicago in January, and therefore is in close touch with the eastern situation. The thing, however, which strikes him most forcibly is the heavy tide of

homeseekers and investors coming west this spring. He says:

"I am familiar with a good many railroad people and I know that they are expecting the largest immigration this spring to the Pacific states in the history of the country. People are coming to invest in homes, in mines and various lines of activity. Already I have been informed that the cash receipts daily at Irrigon for irrigated land is \$10,000, and this represents only a one-twentieth payment."

### New York Millionaire Here.

Alexander Chandler, of New York City, a millionaire steel magnate, is in Baker City, having arrived from the east last evening. He expects to remain here a week. His mission is connected with mine investment in this region. It is rumored that if pending negotiations are consummated one of the biggest deals in the history of the state will have been pulled off. Being a millionaire Mr. Chandler has long since learned the efficacy of saying nothing. He observes a golden silence with reference to his plans in this part of the world. He excuses himself for not taking

the reading public into his confidence, by saying that he does not desire to meet with the ministrations of the Oregon knocker, about whom he has read a bit and heard a great deal more.—Herald.

### VICTOR COMPRESSOR WILL SOON START.

The Victor compressor plant, it is thought, will be ready for operation by the middle of the month. The buildings are practically completed, and the delay in starting is now mainly due to the foundations. These have not yet dried, and it will require some little time for this to take place.

The Victor plant is a five drill one. Al Geiser, of Geiser & Hendryx, the company having the management of the property, and J. N. Esselstyn, consulting engineer for the firm, went out to the property today to look after the work.

### Strange Elastic Marble.

In one account of Rome an author mentions five or six slabs of elastic marble as being in the possession of Prince Borghese. Being set on end they bend backward and forward. When laid horizontally and raised at end they form a curve. If placed on a table and a piece of wood or any other substance is laid under them they fall into a kind of curve, each end touching the table. The Abbe Fortis was told that they were dug up near the town of Mondragon, in the kingdom of Naples. The grain is like that of fine Carrara marble, or perhaps of the finest Greek. They seem to have suffered some attack of fire. A slab of marble similar in every respect to those described and highly polished has been exhibited for years at the British museum. M. Fleuvian de Belvae succeeded in making common granular quartz completely flexible by exposing it to a certain degree of heat. In Lincoln cathedral, England, there is an arch built of white marble which is quite elastic, yielding to a heavy tread and returning or rebounding to its original position on elastic principles.—Exchange.

### Psyche People Back.

Judge J. P. Breen, of Omaha, accompanied by his brother E. J. Breen, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and George H. Woodhouse, of Esterville, Iowa, who are interested in the Psyche returned from a mining trip to the Greenhorns today. Judge Breen stopped off in Sumpter and the other two went on to Portland.

## STORM KING LEDGE CUT IN GOOD ORE.

### Indications Are That a Vast Ore Body Will be Opened up in this Drift.

A telephone message was received Sunday from the Advance company's properties in Cable Cove which stated that the hanging wall on the Storm King ledge had just been cut, exposing a fine looking body of quartz, similar to the shoot opened up in the drift, 225 feet higher up the mountain. As the crosscut strikes the ledge at least 250 feet to the west of the old workings, the chances are that a vast body of ore will be encountered while drifting under the old tunnel. It is the purpose of the management to double shift on the Storm King until the ore body is opened up in the best possible shape, then the work will be discontinued at this point, owing to the fact that no preparation has been made to care for the ore, and it might as well remain in the mine until such time when the one handling will place it in reduction works.

Manager Costello has had some of this ore just opened on the Storm King assayed, the two assays giving the gratifying result of \$9.26 and \$30.10, in gold and silver, the former predominating. This is at a depth of only fifty feet.

The work in the Honest Dollar drift is progressing very nicely, and with most encouraging result, the ore looking better than ever. This is undoubtedly owing to the fact that greater depth is being rapidly gained. This, in turn, has a tendency to straighten the ledge into place, a slightly wider width becoming more manifest each day, as the work progresses.

The Jessie and Golden Rule are being explored in a limited manner by shaft. At present the shaft is down about twenty feet, with the ore looking better each day. This is a very big ledge; so far as prospected it is more than sixty feet in width. It is highly probable the shaft will be sunk at least fifty feet before the melting snow will cause enough water to flow in to stop the work.

Of all the possessions belonging to the company, of which they are justly proud, the one that they are placing faith in is their magnificent water rights on the John Day river. They have more than enough for future improvements as at present outlined, but as time goes on and they open up the different mines, it is highly probable uses will be found for every inch of water.