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MINE OWNERS AND MANAGERS ORGANIZE

Quiet Conference in Baker City Last Night To Secure Mutual Protection.

It is understood through reliable sources that the majority of the mine managers and operators of the district met in conference in Baker City last night. It was also understood that the purpose of the meeting was to bind the managers, operators and mine owners together for their mutual advancement, benefit and protection, that the principal mines of the district, having a unanimity of interests may act together to secure any desired end.

Messrs. Emil Melzer, manager of the North Pole, J. A. Howard, manager of the Golconda, Frank S. Baillie, manager of the Columbia, James Wyatt, manager of the Eureka and Excelsior, Albert Geiser, one of the owners of the Tabor Fraction and Midway, J. N. Esselstyn, consulting

engineer of the Geiser-Hendryx properties, H. M. Cake, one of the owners of the Mountain View, and several others, were present.

It is not known if the strike situation came up for discussion or not. Manager Howard, who returned this morning, when questioned as to whether such a meeting was held, smiled in a knowing way and acknowledged having met some of the people mentioned on the streets of Baker, but refused to either confirm or deny the report as to whether any discussion of the strike came up, or what was done. He speedily branched off into a discussion of the relative strength of the Jap and Russian navies, and time was too valuable to give him ear. He may be talking yet.

ACTIVITY IN THE GREENHORN CAMP

The I. X. L., it is understood is preparing to sink from 200 to 300 feet deeper during the coming season. This property has recently shown up some fine ore of exceedingly high quality, and the company feels justified in operating on a more extensive scale.

The capacity of the mill, as has been stated before by The Miner is to be doubled, and other important improvements made at the property.

The general conditions existing in the Greenhorns district are encouraging. Those returning from there say there is a better prospect now than has ever been before at this season of the year and that this year will see more work accomplished than any former year in the history of the camp.

The Virginia mill will be running in a few days. This is a new mill which takes the place of the old

Baker mill which failed to give satisfaction.

Tom Kennerly is back from the east and is making active preparations to carry on extensive work at the Gold Coin group.

Besides these the New York has all the machinery on the ground and is making preparations to install a hoist at once, and various other properties are pushing ahead.

SNOW CREEK STARTED UP ITS SAWMILL.

A report from the Snow Creek states that the sawmill on the property was started up yesterday. The company is getting things in readiness for the installation of its hoist to go in at an early date.

It is stated further that the mill is working right along and giving the best of satisfaction. The management is blocking out a fine lot of stopes, and there is sufficient ore in sight, it is stated, for a long run. In ad-

dition to, his preparations are being made to operate the placers acquired by the company last year.

SINKING PLANT FOR CHATTANOOGA

Susanville, March 21. — Charles Graham, superintendent of the Chattanooga mine, which is controlled by the Dixie Meadows people, reports that he has a new road graded all the way to the mine and also has the shaft building already for the reception of the deep sinking machinery, which he expects to get in as soon as the roads permit.

Simpson & Spaulding are running their thirty ton capacity mill steadily and are now ready to accept ore for custom work; they made a test run of their tailings and it was satisfactory in every way.

James Saunders is here looking after his interests in the Monarch, which is showing up extremely well. He is having his ore treated at Simpson's custom mill.

The Blue Channell Gold Placer Mining company on Big creek has set up its machinery and is now working day and night and expects to be in pay dirt in a few days.

PREPARING TO INSTALL MILLS

P. A. Brady, superintendent of the Belcher and Red Lion, returned today from an extended trip to New York, Montreal and other eastern points, and went on out to the Greenhorns.

Arrangements are being made to install milling machinery at both these properties, and operations will be started just as soon as the weather will permit.

Oregon Ores For St. Louis.

J. A. Howard, who returned from Baker City this forenoon, says that the Oregon ore exhibit for the St. Louis Fair was shipped last night on a special car. It consists of 198 cases and will occupy a car to itself. The exhibit is a good one. It contains fine specimens of all the different ores of the state, and each specimen is properly labeled, showing what it is, where it was found and the name of the mine from which it was taken. A major portion of the exhibit comes from Baker county mines. The whole state however, is well represented in the shipment and will receive benefits according to its mineral wealth. Of course, Baker county is the richest of all and will receive the greatest benefit.

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS MEETING

To prepare for the annual convention of the American Mining congress, to be held at Portland, August 22 and 27, inclusive, Irwin Mahon, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the secretary, is in Portland, and will establish headquarters within a few days. President J. H. Richards, of Boise, and Colonel Thomas Ewing, of Los Angeles, California, members of the executive committee, will arrive in Portland next Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mahon are at the Hotel Portland. It is probable that the headquarters of the congress will be established in the offices of the secretary of the Oregon Miners' Association, in the Oregonian building.

The American Mining congress is the largest organization of the kind in the world and its membership comprises mine owners in both North and South America. Several thousand persons are expected to visit Portland during the convention.

One of the principal questions to be discussed will be permanent headquarters for the congress. Denver and Salt Lake City are on record as aspirants for the honor. Many delegates are said to favor either New York or Chicago. Secretary Mahon says he is not in position to discuss the matter at the present time.

"One thing we desire very much," said the secretary this morning, "is uniformity of mining laws, as far as is practicable. We, as members of the American Mining congress, are endeavoring to promote the interests of mines and mining throughout the world, and with that object in view hold these conventions. We have invited the governors of the various states and territories, the commercial bodies and the mayors of cities and the county commissioners to appoint delegates."

Mr. Mahon met a number of the prominent business men and visited different parts of the city today. He has been in Portland before, but this is Mrs. Mahon's first visit. — Journal.

Tibet a Second California.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that Novosti declares the real secret of the British Tibetan expedition is the discovery of immensely rich gold deposits, Tibet, in fact, being a second California.