

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED MONDAY

Uncle Sam Company Getting in Shape to Resume Operations.

The stockholders of the Uncle Sam Gold Mining company held a meeting in the office of City Recorder Start this afternoon and elected the following officers and directors: R. W. Hawley, of Detroit, Michigan, president; E. F. Hawley, of Sumpter vice president and general manager; E. P. Bergman, treasurer; S. S. Start, secretary; the directors are the above officers and, George Stroh, and D. Thorp, of Detroit, and H. J. Lyon, of Sumpter.

The Uncle Sam property is located on the southwestern slope of Bald Mountain, a short distance from the well known Bald Mountain mine. Work is to be resumed just as soon as the snow gets out of the way. Already considerable development work has been performed at the property. This represents over 800 feet in tunnels and shafts. It will probably be operated on a larger scale than ever this summer.

ROADS IMPASSABLE, BUSINESS STAGNANT

Claud Basche, manager of the Basche-Sage Hardware company's big store here, says that the poor condition of roads at this particular time interferes with business in his line as much as, if not more than, any other, on account of the great weight of the goods handled. Notwithstanding this fact, he is very optimistic regarding the immediate future.

He bases his hopeful views on the fact that the mining companies operating in districts tributary to Sumpter are much stronger financially than they have ever been before, and are operating on a larger scale, contracting for very much greater quantities of goods than heretofore.

The most gratifying phase of the situation is found in the fact that this does not apply only to the new companies that have begun operations here during the past few months, or are about to inaugurate work on recently acquired properties; but to the older companies also. Some of these that have struggled through months and years, handicapped for lack of funds, have stayed with the game, are now adequately financed and will now open up their prospective properties on a large scale, rushing them to the stage of production.

These are facts that a business man learns from his dealings direct with the mining companies, and is of importance because of its authoritative nature. It constitutes a cheerful prospect for contemplation.

Coal in Northern Grant.

The Long Creek papers report the existence of coal on Cottonwood creek near the town of Hamilton, in northern Grant county. As it has gen-

really been thought that the deposits in this section along the John Day river are extensions of the Heppner coal measures, the announcement of any coal discovery in the region lying between the two places, will occasion no surprise. In fact, the only wonder is that there is so little interest in the matter, which promises such highly important things in the way of developing the resources of the district. The news of the recent find was carried to Long Creek by Miles Harper. He stated that the find was on the ranch of Dillard Sterritt, where a force of men are now at work sinking a shaft on the prospect. The croppings found were of fair thickness and good quality, and are thought to be the outcroppings of larger bodies lying beneath.

TO RESUME WORK AT THE ADELENE

C. M. McLaren, manager of the Adelene, in the Rock Creek district, was here between trains Monday. He arrived Saturday at Baker City from New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he spent the winter.

Mr. McLaren expects to resume work at the Adelene just as soon as conditions will permit. Snow now covers the property, but as soon as it has sufficiently disappeared, operations are to be started up again, and vigorously prosecuted during the summer. Mr. McLaren's family will arrive from the east about June 1, and he will make his headquarters in Baker City.

WILL OPERATE PROPERTIES SOON

E. M. Smith, who has been working at the California Gulch placers for A. J. Dentey, returned this morning and will look after his own mining interests.

Mr. Smith has the Black Cat quartz property, on Union creek on which property he proposes to start work at once. Besides this he has taken a lease on the Gleason placers near Bourne which he will operate as soon as the snow will permit.

LOSS IN LIVE STOCK WAS HEAVY THIS YEAR

C. J. Millis, of Portland, live stock agent for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, was on the train this afternoon returning from a two weeks' trip through Grant, Harney, Crook and Malheur counties looking up the stock situation. There was a greater loss on account of the feed shortage last winter in this section than he has ever known before. To a Miner representative he said:

"The cattle loss amounts to about twenty per cent, the horse to twenty-five while the sheep loss is comparatively light. The sheep, it seems, were able to hustle for themselves and very few in the counties I visited perished for want of food. The ranges are now in good condition, and while stock is exceedingly weak, the new grass is furnishing ample nourishment. There will be no further loss.

"A large number of cattle and sheep from this section of the state will be marketed this year. The market, however, is just a little wobbly at present, but I expect it to regain strength and vigor before the season advances much further.

IS "RADIUMITE" ANOTHER METAL

Has Rheumatism Rings Buckeyes And Raw Potatoes Faded to a Finish.

Dr. Bryant did not discover "radiumite," neither has he any to sell, but it was all owing to the physician's curiosity concerning a certain mineral discovered in Butte which has made his name worldwide and famous, and if he lives through the deluge of correspondence he will have enjoyed a pleasant notoriety of which many might be proud.

Some months ago Dr. Bryant's attention was called by miners to a formation discovered in the mines of Butte in small quantities which they claim has curative powers far beyond the ken of the average physician. Several samples were produced, and the owners thereof were willing to stake their lives that a "rheumatism ring," buckeye or raw potato in the pocket fades into insignificance beside this new discovery, which is good for anything but curing one of the money-spending habit.

So great is the confidence in the new charm, or talisman, that those who possess it will not deal with a physician, no matter what the ill.

The peculiar metal is found in connection with zinc blende, and when rubbed with a metallic substance emits sparks or rays of light similar to the supposed radium ore of Mariposa county, California.

When a specimen was exhibited to chemists in this city they were unable to analyze it, and for this reason Dr. Bryant sent a sample to Paris to have an analysis made, and is now awaiting the result of this test.

It was this fact that caused Dr. Bryant's name to be spread broadcast throughout the land and called forth the inquires as to the new substance.

Some of the letters come from chemists, while others come from those who have faith in "hoodoos" or other charms. Some of these letters have been received from high army officials and persons of prominence throughout the country, one of the latest being from the North

German Lloyd Steamship company offices in Baltimore, asking that samples be forwarded provided the cost is not too high. "I have known of many who carry the mineral in their pockets," said Dr. Bryant today, "and their faith in its merits is so great that I decided to ascertain what the stuff contained, so I submitted it to several local chemists and mineralogists, and when they could not analyze it, just for curiosity, I forwarded a sample to Paris for the same purpose and was surprised to learn of the notoriety it had caused. Some of those who carry the stuff for warding off disease swear by its virtues, and I know of a number who declare they have been cured of nervousness and stomach troubles through its agency. They have the same faith in the mineral that many have in the rheumatism ring and the buckeye, and other such agencies.

"When I first examined the stuff I gave it the name of 'radiumite,' for the lack of a better one. It is also claimed for it that rheumatism, is readily cured by simply carrying the mineral in one's pocket."

It is a well known fact that many eminent French chemists carry radium in their pockets and have great faith in its curative properties.— Butte Inter Mountain.

BAGGED BRUIN AND FOUND GOLD

A late dispatch from Helena, Montana, says: J. H. Dingley, of Coeur d'Alene, arrived in Missoula with \$7,000 in gold, which he deposited in a local bank.

Last year Dingley says he and a companion were hunting in Shoshone county, Idaho, when his dog started a bear, which ran into a cave. Dingley crawled into the hole and killed the bear.

An inspection of the cave revealed that it was over the mouth of an old mine shaft, and in the shaft was the skeleton of a man, who had evidently been killed by a falling rock.

Dingley and his partner relocated the mine, and last week sold it to R. H. Kingsberry, of Spokane, for \$14,000. Dingley received as his share half of the sum.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

WORTH READING

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