

## NAPOLEONS OF MINING WORLD

### One Plunger Worth More to a Camp Than a Score of Peanut Operators.

Great personalities have been known to carry epochs upon their shoulders metaphorically speaking, and to bring obscure states into places of historical prominence by the sheer force of their characters. It is not mere fortuitous circumstance that achieves for a man like Cecil Rhodes the title of empire builder. His words in the face of death are the most tragic ever uttered at such a time: "So much to do; so little done"—the last lament of a man of deeds, whose time and place in the world are marked forever by the print of his active existence.

On a lesser scale, it is possible to point a similar moral for mining camps, and to adorn a tale with the experience of those so fortunate as to boast the possession of an operator of commanding influence at home and abroad. One great personality, devoted to the fruition of broad plans can do more to advertise and extend the power of a camp than a score of men working in contracted channels. It is a good sign when a big man goes into a district and sets about to accomplish something in keeping with his standard of character. Gigantic mining enterprises are sublime to behold, but they are all the more admired when the district feels that they are the expression of an individual mind. It adds force to the spectacle. The world likes a touch of "human interest" mingled with its achievements.

There are few mining camps but what possess the material foundation for large conceptions. In some instances the aggregate of small operators can cope with the physical conditions and keep the production of their camps up to a desirable figure, but on the other hand, some districts require great efforts, great outlay and broad plans, and they may be held back by the want of the commanding personality which can supply these requisites. In any case it should be the ambition of a camp to boast a leader, a mining Napoleon, or a group of them, for when it does it is sure to achieve a greater measure of success and great and small will participate therein. It is pleasing to see a mining district doing things on a grand scale.

A prominent instance of what one big operator can do for a state is to be found in the activities of Samuel Newhouse in Utah. His latest project at the Cactus mine, which involves the construction of immense reduction works, the building of a railroad, the extensive development of his mining property and the foundation of a town, of which his employes will be the citizens, is one of tremendous importance to the camp and surrounding regions. It will not only add greatly to the mineral output, but it will rebound to the prestige of the state and give it a prominence that is not expressed wholly in production statistics. Deeds in themselves are a pro-

duct of which a community can be proud. They breed activity in others. Utah is noted for its big enterprises, and it is not an uncongenial atmosphere for a man of Mr. Newhouse's caliber of labor in.

Moral: Don't be content to be little, when you can just as well be big.—Daily Mining Record.

### WILL RESUME WORK ON THE ALAMO SOON

"We shall resume work on the Alamo, in Sumpter camp, just as soon as we can get supplies and men into the country," said John R. Cassin yesterday afternoon.

"We closed down last February after running our new ten stamp mill for thirty days. The trouble was that we could not save a big enough percentage of the values in our ore. We have had three competent men at the mine since the mill was closed and shall make some further tests.

"If we find it necessary we shall add a cyanide equipment to the mill, but unless this is necessary we shall operate with our present machinery. We have a well equipped mine, with water power, electric lights and all conveniences, and we can get the money necessary for new equipment if it is necessary."—Spokesman-Review.

### CRACKER-HIGHLAND ELECTED OFFICERS

At a meeting of the directors of the Cracker Highland Gold Mining company held last night the following officers were elected:

Henry Cummings, of Milwaukee, president; W. G. Perkins, of Portland, secretary; A. P. Goss, of Sumpter, treasurer; M. F. Muzzy, of Sumpter, general manager. The office of vice president was not filled.

It was decided to move the head office from Sumpter to Portland to accommodate the new secretary, Mr. Perkins, formerly vice president. John C. Davies, the old secretary, resigned the place on account of other duties, and the change necessitated the removal of the office.

### Peck Measure Full of Diamonds.

Possibly once in the history of the world has the question of how many diamonds there were in a peck of diamonds been solved. It is said that out of curiosity a few years ago there was counted a peck of run-of-mine diamonds from the De Beers mine, of South Africa. One authority places the number of stones counted at 6,312 but the company never officially gave out the result of its experiment. As the South African diamond mines have yielded to date upwards of \$500,000,000 worth of gems in the rough, one can imagine how many pecks of stones have been turned out to produce this vast wealth. A rough diamond, of fine brilliancy, can be bought at from \$15 to \$30 per karat.—Mining World.

### 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.

### BONANZA PEOPLE VISIT THE PROPERTY

W. A. Thatcher, superintendent of the Bonanza, Frank Moore, of Pittsburgh, who is interested in the property, and another man whose name is supposed to be Moore, of St. Louis, arrived on the morning train, and left straightway for the mine. Mr. Moore, when approached by a Miner man and asked if there was anything for publication, said, "There is nothing to give out". He used these very words. When asked who the other man was, who had just driven away with Mr. Thatcher, he intimated that his identity is a matter of profound secrecy, that the cognomen of the gentleman was not to be mentioned even at low breath.

From other sources, however, it was learned that the name of the mysterious person is also Moore and that he hails from St. Louis, but what his mission is, or that of Frank Moore is only a matter of the wildest conjecture. There is a rumor current that Mr. Thatcher is going to resign the management of the Bonanza, but whether there is any truth in it or not, The Miner does not know.

### NEW YORK IS A "DEAD EASY" TOWN FOR CROOKS

A dispatch from New York says: By representing himself as Colonel John D. Hewitt, president of the Buckeye Coal company of Bramwell, Virginia, a swindler has been operating in New York for two months, having drafts on Colonel Hewitt's bank cashed and passed by that institution through New York bankers. Colonel Hewitt died more than six months ago. The papers whereby the impostor was able to open an account for \$10,000 with a large stock exchange house, negotiate for the purchase of a \$50,000 residence in Brooklyn, live in a first class hotel and enjoy himself generally, were stolen by the man from Colonel Hewitt at Atlantic City, where the West Virginian was endeavoring to recover his health.

When the swindler began to use his documents here he first visited the brokers and showed them a letter of credit on a Philadelphia bank, made out to Colonel Hewitt. They reported it all right and cashed a draft for \$10,000, which was placed to the impostor's credit. He did not operate in stocks, however, and only drew occasionally on the account for a few dollars. Several weeks passed and the man continued about town, negotiating for yachts, houses, etc., but spending little money. Suddenly the Philadelphia bank discovered its error through Colonel Hewitt's son. The stranger quickly disappeared and the bank recovered its money. The impostor is said to have employed the same means elsewhere, but whether he failed to take full advantage of the opportunity, as he did here, is not known.

### Water in Shaft.

R. J. Eakman, superintendent of the Midway, came down from the mine today and went to Baker on this afternoon's train to attend to some mining business. Mr. Eakman says there is lots of water in the shaft. Lately he has been overhauling the machinery and getting ready for extensive work.

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