

KNOCKERS HAMMERED MORNING MINE DEAL

T. W. Davidson Tells of The Difficulties Encountered by a Mining Promoter.

T. W. Davidson returned yesterday from a two months trip to Atlantic coast cities, where he went to finance the Morning in the interest of the Eastern Oregon Development company. That Mr. Davidson succeeded is evidenced by the fact that there is a fund of \$30,000, or at least it is so understood, in local banks to pay off the indebtedness against the property and start up operations.

But the matter is still somewhat in the air, with indications of a settlement, however. The money which Mr. Davidson raised has been here since the first of the month, and he expected to find the debts paid off and work going on at the mine. He had heard nothing whatever until he got back of the litigation started to enforce his bond, or an attempt having been made by others to sell the property.

"I would willingly," says he, "spend two months with pick and shovel rather than repeat the experience I had while away. The proposition has been knocked, I have been knocked and everybody in connection. There is plenty of money

in the east ready for investment in legitimate mining enterprises, but investors have to be shown. But no sooner would I get them "shown" to their satisfaction than the knocker would get out his hammer and it was all off. All I know now is that the money is here ready to be paid over, but if it is refused, I know of no way of forcing it on anyone. The Morning is not the only property in the district, and if the owners refuse our offer, some other investment will be sought."

Mr. Davidson did not mention the amount, but it is understood to be very much larger than originally reported—\$30,000, it is said, at the least. calculation. It is further learned through other sources that Mr. Davidson's first clients sent a man here to report on the property, but he fell among a band of knockers, and gave an adverse report. He succeeded, however, in interesting others and raising the amount necessary.

It is learned through some of the owners that the litigation is now likely to be declared off, and that negotiations will be closed with Mr. Davidson's company.

SUMPTERITES ARE NOT PLEASED WITH SEWARD

The Miner has received from C. H. Seward, who left here some time ago for Seward, Alaska, the following letter, bearing date of April 29, which will be read with interest by his Sumpter friends, and those contemplating a trip to Seward this summer:

Will write a line to say I arrived here at 6:30 p. m. yesterday on the steamer Bertha. McCord and Isaac arrived at 3 o'clock this a. m. on the Santa Anna. They left Seattle three days ahead of me. The weather is bad and has been for the past month. The ground is still frozen and it is difficult to do much in the way of railroad building. They are unloading the first locomotive here today. There are probably 100 idle men here waiting for work. Wages are from \$2.50 per day for graders to \$5.00 for skilled labor. I like the looks of the country and am satisfied with my move. Will get busy cutting lumber Monday morning. Have got a fairly good mill and just fair lumber. Frank Flannery and brother and Hugh Gillis are here and they are very sore on the place. They say it does not look good to hard rock miners. The town has about 500 people and all the business men are apparently satisfied. It is a good location for a town, a beautiful harbor and I think will be a good

substantial place. Have not looked around enough to be able to pass judgment on the country generally, but as stated above I am quite satisfied. I enclose you a Valdez paper. You will notice quite a friendly feeling exists for Seward.

Everything up here, even the Seattle Post Intelligencer, is from ten to twenty days after date. Would be pleased if you will roll up a few back numbers of The Miner and mail them to me.

Tell any of the boys who inquire that I am happy as a clam in high water and that my address when they write is Seward, Alaska.

PLUNGER HOOLEY BEHIND THE BARS

Ernest Terah Hooley, whose meteoric career and company promoting a few years ago astonished the financial world, was arrested in London Tuesday on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Hooley's colossal bankruptcy and the proceedings arising therefrom were the sensation of 1898. Since then he has been connected with the various promotions, some of which led to court proceedings.

Henry J. Lawson, another company promoter, was also arrested in connection with the Hooley charges.

A receiving order in bankruptcy was issued against Ernest Terah

Hooley June 8, 1898. Hooley at that time was the biggest promoter in Great Britain. He was interested in bicycle and metal extraction concerns and was supposed to be a multimillionaire. He reached the pinnacle of his prominence in 1896, when he promoted a tire company, as the result of which he was supposed to have cleared \$12,000,000. At that time he was living a sort of Count of Monte Cristo existence, buying yachts and race horses and a number of historic country seats.

The announcement of the bankrupt proceedings against Hooley caused a great sensation in London, though in the best informed circles his failure had been expected for some time, owing to his inability to float a Chinese loan. Eventually, Hooley was formally adjudged bankrupt. The capitals of the companies promoted by him up to 1898 aggregated \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000.

August 10 last application was made to a London magistrate for a warrant for the arrest of Hooley on the charge of fraudulently and by false pretenses obtaining signatures to checks and bills of exchange amounting to over \$650,000. The magistrate reserved his decision. August 8 the directors of public prosecutions had been instructed to investigate some of the transactions of Hooley in connection with a sapphire mine situated in Canada.

MILL FOR THE MOUNTAIN VIEW

Dr. Walter Techow, superintendent of the Mountain View, is in town making arrangements for the installation of a five stamp mill with cyanide process and slime tables on the property.

This style of mill has been definitely decided upon. Dr. Techow says, and plans to this end are now in the course of preparation. The order for the machinery has not yet been placed but will be in a few days, and the construction work will be rushed to early completion. Gasoline power will be used, as Dr. Techow concludes that this is cheaper than steam in the locality of the Mountain View. He says that every effort will be bent toward finishing the plant at an early date and hopes to have it running by September 1.

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.

BATTERY SHIPPED

Additional Steam Stamps at The I. X.
L. to Be Installed
Soon.

Fred Kelly, manager of the I. X. L., was on the train this morning returning from Spokane, where he arranged for the shipment of a battery of steam stamps and a sixty-five horse power boiler.

The stamps will be shipped at once and will probably be on the ground in a week. The boiler is expected about June 1.

Relative to a compressor plant, which was mentioned in a late issue of The Miner, Mr. Kelley says that no conclusion was reached, but it is probable this addition will be made later in the season.

The new battery of stamps is to take the place of the one belonging to the New York, which has been in temporary use to the property. The new machinery is to be installed at an early date.

ROY CLARKE IS IN FROM FRANKLIN MINE

Roy Clarke, of Juessen & Clarke, mining engineers formerly of this city, came in from Pine, Idaho, where he is superintendent of the Franklin mine.

The Franklin is equipped with a ten stamp mill, and Mr. Clarke says that from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a month is being taken out in the course of development work. Mr. Clarke left at once for Granite, to look after some mining interests there. He will be in the camp for two or three days.

"Made Wages" Mining.

Clide Hobson who has been working alone on his father's placers in Bear Gulch for a few weeks past, made a partial clean up yesterday. Although this is his first experiment in placer mining and had no one to give him a suggestion, he has made something over five dollars a day. Practically all of the gold taken out is coarse, most of it about the size of a grain of corn. Several nuggets, worth two or three dollars each, were found. The fine gold evidently went to waste.

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