WHEELING INVESTORS INCREASE HOLDINGS

Party is Well Pleased With The Gold Coin And Has Acquired Adjoining Claims.

The party of Wheeling capitalists interested in the Gold Coin came in from the property this morning, and returned east on this afternoon's train. The party is composed of the leaing officers of the Citizens' Consoldiated Gold Mining company, of Wheeling. West Virginia, operating in Colorado and also the Cracker Creek district, eastern Oregon. The members are Dr. A. F. Gasmire, president; C. Kalbitzer, vice president, and Major F. H. Norton secretary and treasurer. Dr. Gasmire is accompanied by his wife and daughter, and Major Norton's son, Wheeler, of Pitstubrg, and G. W. Gareis, also of Pittsburg, are in the party.

While here the Rockland Bay claim, an adjoining propery, was purchased of Louie Ostlund, and some other aquisitions made, which are not for publication at this time. The property is fully financed and work will be carried on uninterruptedly his summer under the management of J. M. Doyle, the original owner, who succeeded in interesting the Wheeling investors. These people are among the most substantial busines men of Wheeling, which has the reuputation of being the richest manufacturing city of its size in the United States.

Every member of the party is thoroughly satisfied with the investment, and well pleased with the generl situation in the camp. Dr. Gasmire, voicing the sentiment of the party says:

"While this is our first visit to eastern Oregon, we have been here long enough to form a definite opinion. Most of our time was spent at the Gold Coin with Mr. Doyle, and we are well satisfied with our holdings, and are prepared to carry on development work extensively. However, we found time to visit the big prodcing mines of the Carcker Creek district, which shows what awaits others when development has been sufficiently prosecuted. It is my candid opinion that this is destined to become one of the greatest, if not the greatest, gold camps in the country. So far, comparatively speaking, the ground has scarcely been scratched, and the making of the district is only a question of time and money. We go away well plesaed with our investment."

THIS MAN PLEASED WITH OREGON MINES

"Possibilities of Oregon in the mining world cannot be estimated, and within three years I would not be surprised to see this state rank second in the production of the precious metals," said A. D. McMillan, of Devnver, Colorado, to the Telegram his morning. Mr. McMillan came to Portland on business, and will go to Seattle tonight before he returns home.

"I have just completed a tour of the eastern section of the state, or that section of it that is devoted to mining," said he, "and am surprised at the many improvements being made there and the new machinery that is being installed. I was over that section just a year ago, and became interested in the Greenhorn district, but had no idea that so great an advance would be made in a year's time as I have seen.

"The I. X. L. from a prospect, has become a rich mine, and the Belcher has been paying for some time. The New York Consolidated, I am confident, will be added to the dividend paying list before the season has advanced very far. The resumption of the E. and E. mine after years of idleness has added new life to the town of Bourne, and seven months' work has wrought wonders in the mine and at the mill. The E. and E. was the first big producer in the Sumpter district. Taken all in all, the outlook for the season is of the very best, and I have no doubt there will be many producers added to the district this year.

"The meeting of the American Mining congress in Portland this year means so much to the residents of Portland that they cannot comprehend its value, nor will they until the session is in full blast. Denver is the cradle of the institution, and no doubt will be its permanent home, as that question will be decided at this session of the organization.

"Many Colorado people are becoming interested in the mines of Oregon, and the Greenback mine is controlled by Denver people, headed by Eben Smith."—Telegram.

Another Copper Hardening Process.

It is not very long ago that a story went the rounds of the mining press about a blacksmith (forget the name) in Vermont who discovered the secret of tempering copper to any degree of hardness; also welding it. The story has no doubt outlived its period of usefulness; it no longer adorns the columns of mining journals. We are now told that a jeweler of Denver, Colorado, has also discovered the secret of tempering copper to a "degree only enjoyed by the best steel." The story told in connection with this latter discovery is interesting and would be more so were it not that "hamlet" is left out of the play. The story is that the jeweler sent to a druggist for ordinary borax, which is used to put copper in a condition to fuse with gold or silver. Instead of borax, something similar in appearance but quite different in effect, was sent him, with the result that his copper immediately became surpassingly hard. The experiment was repeated, and, as stated, each time with like success. The interesting omission in all this is: What is the substance that was sent in mistake for borax?—Los Angeles Mining Review.

MINERAL SHOWING BETTER THAN TIMBER

Messrs. Denny, Rector, Ward and others filed a protest against the timber entry of James R. Landreth in section No. 34, which is to say in the Bear Gulch mining district and the hearing was set for Monday, before United States Commissioner Charles H. Chance.

Mr. Landreth, the defendant in the action, however, in the meantime has concluded that the mineral showing on his timber claim is such as to make it impossible for him to make it appear that the land is more valuable for stone or timber than mineral, and has refused to litigate the matter, consequently the hearing has been declared off.

The recent sale of the Golden Chariot, the remarkable showings made at the Yankee Girl, onwned by Messrs. Pierson & Pelkey, and A. J. Denney's claims in the vicinity, on which the timber claim was located, have proven conclusively the mineral wealth of this district, and the timber locater in question concluded that it was inadvisable to enter into a contest.

PRESIDENT DAVISON OF SNOW CREEK HERE

R. J. Davison, of Bath, New York, president of the Oregon Mines Exploration company, operating the Snow Creek in the Greenhorn district, arrived Monday morning to spend some time here in the company's interest.

Fred D. Smith, manager of the company, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, came in from the property yesterday to meet President Davison. Mr. Davison will go out to the mine in a few days on a visit of inspection. The mill is in full commission and general work is proceeding in a most satisfactory manner.

BADGER MINE ON 700-FOOT LEVEL

Teams Are Again on The Road Hauling Rich Ore And Concentrates.

E. P. Kennedy, superintendent of the Badger mine, at Susanville, was a visitor in this city last Saturday, being accompanied by G. S. L. Smith. To the Blue Mountain Eagle, Mr. Kennedy stated that the Badger mine was still in operation, with a large force of men, and that much ore was being put through their large mill and made ready for shipment to the smelter. They are at present working on the 700-foot level, where they find the character of the ore is much the same as that taken from the mine since the present company bought the property.

During the early spring the road to Whitney was in such condition that they found it necessary to suspend the shipment of ore and concentrates for a short time. However, teams are again on the road and will be busy during the present season freighting rich concentrates and ore from their property to the railroad.

The Badger mine has been quite successful under the present management, and is to the Susanville country what the Red Boy mine was at one time to the Granite country. They employ a large force of men and thousands of dollars are paid out each month in wages.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

That New Gem, Kuntzite.

C. F. Brodie has received some of the new gems, kunzite, found a year or two ago in southern California. They are very brilliant, not quite so hard as diamonds and the only lilac colored precious stones ever discovered. Those on exhibition here were cut in Germany and are very beautiful jewels. They retail at $10.50 a karat.

Cave In Caught up.

W. W. Elmer, consulting engineer for the Snow Creek, returned today from the mine. He says that the cave in reported a few days ago has been caught up, and things are going as usual. The mill is in full operation. The cave in was not so bad as was at first represented.

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