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SMELTER COMPANY'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Now Ready to Buy Ore for Cash and
Will Treat Everybody
White.

The following is the official announcement of the recent meeting of the smelter directors, the officers and directors of the company then elected and the policy adopted:

At a special meeting of the directors of the Oregon Smelting and Refining company, held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 16, 1904, the members of the temporary directorate, who had governed while the plant was under construction, resigned to give place to a permanent board, the majority of whom were selected from among the eastern stockholders, with reference to holding future directors' meetings regularly. Heretofore, on account of the distance apart of the members, it was found impossible to do so.

The board is constituted as follows: Walter E. Lindsay, president; Walter A. Wood, Jr., first vice president; William Coverly, second vice president; Scott German, secretary; E. J. Lindsay, treasurer; Fred D. Fuller, general manager.

The directors are Walter E. Lindsay, William Coverly, Robert Wier, John S. Gray, Walter A. Wood, Jr., J. O. Milligan, William S. Nicholls, E. J. Lindsay, D. L. Killen, Scott German, G. F. Holmes.

The executive committee consists of Walter E. Lindsay, G. F. Holmes,

Walter A. Wood, Jr., Scott German, William Coverly.

Mr. Fuller was sent out in the interests of the smelter company in February of this year, to independently cross check the test run, and report as to the present conditions surrounding the enterprise.

In this report he says: The test run was successful, and that he found most favorable conditions for the successful operation of the Oregon Smelting and Refining plant.

An ample ore purchasing fund was provided, and Mr. Fuller was instructed to proceed at once to Sumpter and commence active operations.

Mr. Fuller announces the appointment of Charles Kirchen, a metallurgist of wide experience, both in the United States and other countries, as superintendent.

He further states that it will be the policy of the company to build up its business along the lines of conservatism, and expects that by guarding its reputation for fair dealing, making prompt cash payments, and offering attractive terms, to merit the support of the mine owners and operators of eastern Oregon.

He further announces that the smelter is ready to receive the products of the mine.

Some of the principal stockholders in Spokane are D. R. Evans, A. B. Railton, Senator H. D. Crow and the estate of L. P. Hole. The company has four claims, two of which are patented. —Spokesman Review.

More Michigan Money.

The Merchants Gold Mining company, operating the Pine Creek placers, is steadily adding more territory to its holdings along the auriferous gravel channel of that rich region. The big mining pump, which will force water from Burnt river to a reservoir above the highest

sluice-box, has been installed and steam will be turned in on the 10th of Jun. E. F. Zinns, of Houghton, Michigan, is general manager of the company. He likes eastern Oregon, and is understood to have recently shown his faith in the mineral richness of this region by taking a \$125,000 bond on a group of claims near the mother lode.

ROSY DREAMS OF W. L. VINSON

The rosy dreams of Baker City merchants regarding a railway line from that point toward the Seven Devils country, via Pine and Eagle valleys, are approaching realization. W. L. Vinson, formerly of Sumpter, is the promoter and after a whole lot of wire pulling has prevailed upon a party of New York Central and Rock Island railroad officials to come west and look over the proposed route. The party arrived in Baker City Sunday night in the private car of W. C. Brown, who is vice president of the New York Central. They were loaded into rigs and are now among the sagebrush of the lower Powder country, seeing what they can see.

The decision of these eastern railway magnates to assist in a consummation of Mr. Vinson's project is conceded to be predicated upon a settlement of the litigation which now involves the Cornucopia and Iron Dyke mines, as without the traffic resultant from steady operation of these two properties, the Vinson railroad would be impossible.

Statesman-Miner.

Hon. George J. Barret, ex-member of the state legislature from Grant county, came in from Granite today and departed this afternoon for Baker City. Mr. Barret has withdrawn from statesmanship and is devoting his time and talents to mining. He is too much of a politician, however, not to feel an interest in an election, and today in conversation with a Miner representative he told how Congressman Williamson carried Grant county by 400 majority.

Snow at the Alpine.

Dick Addoms, superintendent of the Alpine, is in town.

"The snow hangs on like grim death in Cable Cove," he said. "By July I expect it will be entirely gone, and then we will at once proceed with the erection of the 20-stamp mill at the Alpine. The machinery is all on the ground and when completed the plant will be one of the best equipped for amalgamation and concentration in the entire district."

REVIVIFICATION OF THE VIRTUE MINE

Four Million Dollar Corporation Will Complete Gigantic Plans.

Baker City advices today state that something good is pending with relation to the celebrated old Virtue mine. C. E. Galet, of Montreal, head of the Canadian company which successfully operated the property for two years, has arrived on the ground and is perfecting the final details of a transfer of title to a four million dollar reorganized company, incorporated last fall by Baker City men, led by Arthur Buckbee. When all the titular holdings of the Canadians are transferred to the new company, the plans inaugurated last year by General Manager Buckbee and suspended an account of a depleted treasury, will be taken up again and carried to completion. These plans include the sinking of a three-compartment shaft of a depth of 1000 feet and the running of crosscuts from stated levels to tap the eight known veins in the Virtue group. This big shaft is already down 200 feet and is equipped with one of the finest deep sinking plants in the state. The machinery was formerly use at the Cumberland mine, in Idaho, and cost \$100,000.

In the summer of 1891 a chimney of ore in the Chicago claim of the Virtue group yielded \$11,500. From one specimen of ore, weighing 92 pounds, General Manager Buckbee melted a \$1,400 gold button. When the deep shaft was started the Canadian owners promised Buckbee a free hand and all needed funds. Later they developed a pronounced case of "cold feet" and cut off the manager's supply of coin. A merger company of four million dollars capital was incorporated, in order to bring the Salt Lake stockholders in the old Virtue Consolidated company into a participation of expense.

The Virtue, according to United States government mint reports, has produced more than two and three quarter millions of dollars in gold.

WANTED—on Salary.—A man with light rig, who is well acquainted in Baker and Grant counties, to handle a standard article. Fall and winter Job for the Right party, must give reference. Address Box 71, Union, Ore.,