

BIG DEAL IN THE COPPEROPOLIS

One-Third Interest Sold and a 100-Ton Plant Will Be Installed Thereon.

A. H. Willett, of Portland; Max. Byck, a capitalist of Savannah, Georgia, and W. P. La Roche, a Savannah attorney, have just concluded negotiations by which one-quarter interest in the Copperopolis Copper company is acquired for \$30,000 from A. W. Dunn, the original locator of the two claims that formed the nucleus of the acreage brought together in the holdings of the company. The price paid for the quarter interest is the par value of the capitalization of the property, being incorporated under the laws of Oregon for \$120,000, and the par value of shares ten cents.

Importance of the transaction to the mining industry in general and to the mining district of Grant county, where the mine is situated, is not confined so much to the purchase as to the fact that the company will immediately proceed with the erection of a concentrating and leaching plant, which will represent an additional investment of \$30,000, which it is proposed to have in operation by January 1 of next year. The equipment already installed is complete and up to date, embracing a compressor plant for operating air drills and steam power, a 100-light electric dynamo, operated by water power; assay office and all of the necessary surface buildings, with modern facilities for accomplishing the best results, and 1200 feet of flume for conveying water to the power plant and buildings.

Ten claims are included, comprising about 200 acres, and the development work done has already in sight ready for the mill 60,000 tons of ore, carrying average values of 4 1/2 per cent copper, with gold values of from \$2.50 to \$40 and from \$2.50 to \$10 silver per ton.

The property is located upon the west fork of Dixie creek, and near the north end of Cougar ridge. The ore body forms two massive croppings and has been opened up by a cross-cut over 800 feet long. During the early winter, while prospecting their great 72-foot vein, the superintendent discovered a fault to exist, but after considerable drifting the main ledge was again located. At present over 1,100 feet of underground work has been consummated, proving one of the largest bodies of copper ore in Oregon. In the first vein, which was faulted down, there was opened up a nine foot body of ore which carries six per cent of copper and some gold and silver values. This shoot extended to the fault line a distance of over 100 feet from discovery, and there is no reason to doubt but what it will be found in place upon picking up the main vein. The management cut through the fault filling, turning so as to cut through the

General Manager W. W. Gibbs, who has had charge of the development work, is a thoroughly practical man, a capable metallurgist and efficient mining superintendent. He is an old British Columbia miner and was the original locator of the mother lode. Mr. Gibbs will remain in charge of the property and there will

be no change in the operating policy; development work will be prosecuted at the same time ore is broken down for the mill. There is no limit to the quantity that can be produced, but the mill to be built will be of 100 tons capacity, which will return at normal conditions \$450 net per day.

The Copperopolis Copper company was organized four years ago, and the wisdom of its incorporators was proven by the development of the property, the stock rapidly advancing and commanding for a long while past a price 20 per cent greater than its face value, the ten cent share, now going at thirty cents. The officers are: A. H. Willett, president; A. C. Lindsey, vice president; W. W. Gibbs, treasurer and general manager, who with Mose Marks, Omaha, Nebraska, and H. W. Prettyman, of this city, constitute the directorate. —Portland Telegram.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the Baker county court house during the week ending May 31, 1904.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS

May 28.—R. T. Langrell and wife to Etta Langrell, 30x94 feet in lots 3 and 4 block 4 McCrary's addition, Baker City; \$1.

May 24.—Agnes Foster and husband to E. C. Macdonald, trustee, 1/2 interest in lots 1 and 2 block 9 Syndicate, 1st addition to Sumpter; \$1.

May 27.—Jas. R. Walker to Eugenia Chance, 160 acres in Secs. 17 and 18 T. 10 R. 36 E.; \$700.

May 27.—Joseph Ludiker from Geo. W. McCarty and wife, 160 acres in Secs. 17 and 20 T. 7 R. 48 E.; \$7,500.

May 27, '03.—Jno. Gossen to Merchants G. M. and D. Co., 160 acres in Secs. 26 and 27 T. 12 R. 39 E.; \$1.

April 2.—W. M. Reynolds and wife to Ida Long, lots 1, 2 and 3, block N. Haines; \$350.

May 16.—A. Welch and wife to Baker City Real Estate and Home company, 50x100 feet in block 11 Atwood's addition to Baker City; \$1,250.

May 31.—State of Oregon to H. C. Elms, 160 acres in Sec. 16 T. 10 R. 37 E.; \$200.

May 27.—Ed G. Bishop to Henry Peterson, lots 13 and 14, block 11 Pacific addition to Baker City; \$210.

April 6.—David Arthur and wife to Hewitt Land company, N. E. 1/4 Sec. 25 T. 11 R. 40 E.; \$1.

April 20.—M. H. Allen and wife to Hewitt Land company, S. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 21 T. 9 R. 37 E.; \$200.

April 18.—Jas. M. Davenport and wife to Hewitt Land company, 160 acres in Sec. 11 T. 10 R. 38 E.; \$10.

April 18.—Melvin Clark and wife to Hewitt Land company, 370 acres in Secs. 5, 8 and 9 T. 11 R. 37 E.; \$20.

Nov. 6.—Alex McDougal and wife to W. Hayhurst, 1/2 acre in S. W. 1/4 N. E. 1/4 Sec. 9 T. 9 R. 40 E.; \$25.

Nov. 11.—A. A. Denney estate to Guly E. Laughlin, lot 3 block 7 Brattain & McCome's addition to Baker City; \$125.

May 2.—Jas. York and wife to W. Hayhurst, 30x51 feet in N. W. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 9 T. 9 R. 40 E.; \$1.

May 31.—F. S. Lack et al to S. E. Correll and G. B. Hawkins, W. 1/2 N. E. 1/4 Sec. 35 T. 8 R. 40 E.;

\$1,000.

May 26.—G. Long and wife to E. Ellertsen, 1-3 interest in Long, Carvert Chanler ditch of Rock creek; \$10.

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS

June 3.—J. H. Eccles and wife to Isaac I. Bowman, 100x150 feet in southwest corner of block B, McCrary's addition to Baker City; \$1,000.

June 2.—Minnie A. Hughes and husband to Isaac I. Bowman, 50x106 feet in west part of block B, McCrary's addition to Baker City; \$900.

June 1.—B. W. Levens and wife to Jas. Powderly, lots 3 to 7, block 21, Levens addition to Baker City; \$400.

Jan. 27.—J. S. Kennerly et al to Jas. B. Sipe, 1/4 interest in Emma W, and three quartz claims, \$1,000.

Jan. 9, '03.—Wm. Sanderson et al to Fred D. Smith, Snow Creek claims; \$1.

May 29.—Samuel May to Merchants G. M. and Dev. Co., First Chanec, Boucher and Moody placer claim of 60 acres; \$1.

March 4.—Oregon Gold Mines company to J. H. Pollock, Rock and 7 other quartz claims; \$7,500.

Jan. 29.—Guy E. Pierson to Ralph McBride, 1-9 interest in Yankee Girl and May Bell quartz claim; \$175.

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