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MILWAUKEE PEOPLE GO HOME SATISFIED

Stockholders of the Lucy Inspect That Property and Say It's All Right.

G. A. Berglund, Maurice Campbell, W. A. Knowles, F. R. Morris, John Phillips and Charles Scholl, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stockholders and officers of the Greenhorn Gold Mines and Development company, owners of the Lucy group of mines, in the Greenhorn district, passed through Sumpter yesterday afternoon on their way home.

On Saturday they held a stockholders meeting at the mine, and elected these officers for the ensuing year: G. A. Berglund, of Milwaukee, president; Sam R. Stott, vice president; Charles Scholl, secretary; M. P. Keogh, treasurer; Morris Sullivan, assistant secretary; Ed Sullivan, manager; these and F. R. Morris, directors.

Secretary Scholl has sent The Miner the following statement regarding this trip of inspection, the property and the future policy of the company:

The stockholders who visited the property were well pleased with the work that has been done during the past. The tunnel is now in about 400 feet and has cut three ledges, which assay from \$15 to \$60 per ton. The property has been well managed and every one of the stockholders was well satisfied with the future outlook of the company.

Work will be continued until the O. K. ledge has been crosscut, when the company will decide what plant to erect to treat the ores. The working force will be increased during the summer months. The property was recently inspected by an expert mining engineer who made a very satisfactory report to the company. The stockholders of this company are well pleased, not only with the property, but also the way the property has been managed by the officers and directors, as every dollar raised through sale of stock is being spent for the development and improvement of the property. There were no salaried officers and no office rent to pay; no commission allowed for selling the stock.

The company has not sold any treasury stock for some time, and will not place any further stock on the market until the management decides what plant is necessary for the treatment of ores, there being plenty of funds on hand to carry on development work for some time to come.

Word from J. H. Brown.

The Miner is in receipt of a letter from J. H. Brown, who is trying to find that long looked for blind ledge that supplies the gold for placer mines on Burnt river. He says he has no near neighbors and that Mrs. Brown accompanies him to the claim and is "learning to be a hard rock miner." Those who know Brown, however, are of the opinion that the wise lady keeps in sight to be sure that her other, but not better, half keeps digging and seeking. Mr. Brown writes that quartz mining is inactive in that district but that the placer mines are all being worked, with plenty of water and a big cleanup is anticipated. The weather couldn't be improved on and it is a pleasure to be alive there.

W. L. VINSON'S CAREER, PLUNGING PROMOTER

A special from Helena, Montana, to the Butte Inter-Mountain, dated the eleventh instant says: William Vinson, formerly a resident of this city, but no living near Baker City, Oregon, is about to undertake something pretty big in railroad building. He is remembered in this city as a mining promoter of no small energy and an all around hustler, but his latest project throws all his former enterprises into the shade. It is no less than the building of a railway line from Baker City to the Seven Devils country in Idaho.

It is admitted by Mr. Vinson that

the project is a big one, but he is confident of the success of the enterprise.

Last Sunday a party of eastern railroad magnates visited Baker City and were the guests of Mr. Vinson. The party consisted of W. C. Brown, vice president of the New York Central railroad and vice president of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway; H. A. Parker, vice president of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, and James A. Drake, a wealthy New York banker. They arrived in Mr. Brown's private car.

The entire party went over the route of the proposed railway as far as the mouth of Powder river.

The construction of the railway means the development of the agricultural and timber resources of Eagle and Pine valleys, the copper mines of Goose creek and Snake river and the gold mines of the Medical springs, the Sparta and the Cornucopia districts.

William L. Vinson passed his early youth in Helena, grew to manhood in this town and here he began his career as a promoter. He secured a large amount of money from eastern and local people which was invested in developing mines in the McClellan gulch and Warm Springs districts, Jefferson county. The properties did not turn out well, and Mr. Vinson went to Seattle, and from there to the Sumpter mining camp, where he was at one time reported as the biggest operator in that region. Closing out in Sumpter he removed to Baker City, Oregon, and there he has undertaken something on a larger scale than any operator in that region, and seems to be on the top wave of prosperity.

EMINENT MINING ENGINEER HERE

Professor H. H. Nicholson, who occupies the chair of mining in the Nevada State university and registers from Denver, a mining engineer of wide and favorable repute, accompanied by his son, E. E. Nicholson, of Minneapolis, who is also a mining engineer, arrived in Sumpter today.

Professor Nicholson is well known in eastern Oregon, having been here frequently during the past three years, as consulting engineer for the Killen, Warner, Stewart company. He comes here now, however, to remain and take charge of all that company's mining operations. This information was given out by D. L. Killen several days since. To a Miner representative Professor Nicholson said:

"I don't care to make any statement regarding our plans for the future until Mr. Killen returns. He

is now in Portland and will be home in a few days, when we will probably be in position to outline the work to be accomplished here during this season and in the future. Yes, my son will remain and work with me."

It is known that the Killen, Warner, Stewart company has arranged to prosecute development work on its various properties on an extensive scale, though no detailed statement has yet been made public. It is reported that work will soon be resumed on the Oregon Monarch and that property crowded into the producing class.

ANNUAL PESTS "IN OUR MIDST".

Miners Discussing Plans for Driving Out Sheep and Their Herders.

Numerous parties went out into the hills from Sumpter Sunday, fishing and picnicing. Several of them report that they saw bands of sheep in various districts. E. L. Manning says that a tremendously big bunch was grazing in the Deer creek section.

This complaint is of annual occurrence in this section and has become quite a decomposed chestnut; but the evil has not decreased, notwithstanding repeated protests. It is a fact that the mountain grass has been almost entirely destroyed, the water supply materially lessened and polluted, to the great injury and inconvenience of the mining industry.

Verbal protests and kicks are of no avail to remedy the nuisance, and unless the miners unite in force to drive out the sheep and their herders this calamity will be repeated every year. Occasionally some exasperated miner will kill a lot of them; but the sheep men expect this and are willing to pay so small a price for the grazing privilege.

It is said that saltpetre spread on the range will kill sheep, but no other animal, and this method of retaliation is being seriously discussed. It should not be adopted, for it is a cowardly proposition. Rifles would serve the purpose better. But the best plan would be for miners to organize and force the herders to drive their flocks elsewhere. This can be done.

You Are Invited

To try a cup of Crescent Cream Coffee served free at our store. E. P. BERGMAN.