

ROCKEFELLER PLANS BIG MINING MERGER

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A press dispatch from New York, dated the eleventh instant says: Announcement will be made soon of a gigantic new combination of capital in the United States and Europe. It is nothing less than an amalgamation of the valuable mines of America. The man who is to consummate this stupendous transaction is John D. Rockefeller.

Men who have some knowledge of the work now going on in furtherance of this plan say the corporation under which the big mining interests will be merged will have a capital of \$2,500,000,000. It is expected to control absolutely the mineral output of the United States, except possibly that of the Calumet & Hecla copper mine of Michigan.

Within the last ten days Mr. Rockefeller has taken up personally the task which had been left to his brother, W. A. Rockefeller, and to H. H. Rogers, who has been conspicuous with the mineral interests of the Standard Oil company for ten years.

Standard Oil millionaires have been acquiring mines of America through their banking interests. In Colorado David Moffat and Dennis Sullivan, of the First National bank of Denver, have paid out many millions in the last six years for producing mines, and are said to control seventy per cent of the production of gold, silver and lead mines of the middle Rocky mountain district.

Senator W. A. Clark, owner of the United Verde copper mines of Arizona, and with large holdings in many of the Amalgamated Copper company mines in Montana, has been working with Rogers for several years. The extensive placer gold interests of southern California, controlled by southern California banks, are in such condition that they can be taken over at any time.

It is understood that F. A. Heinze, as a condition for turning his Montana mining interests into the big combination, demands that he be made an officer of the company, in order to keep certain promises he has made to labor unions. Heinze will probably be made an officer.

Senator Kearns, when in this city last week, said he had no doubt that by January, 1905, Rockefeller would be in a position to make the final move in his long cherished plan.

Dennis Ryan of St. Paul, one of the best known mining men in the northwest, is in this city at present, and is said to have been the means of selling to Rockefeller within the past week a group of gold and copper mining properties in Washington and southern British Columbia. Ryan declined to talk of his own transactions, but said of Rockefeller's enterprise:

"When he gets the thing in working shape and springs it on the pub-

lic, it will take the people's breath away. When he discloses what he controls in the way of mines that are producing real ore, he will make the mining speculators of the world wonder whether they have been awake or asleep for the last ten years."

VIEWING BURNT RIVER ROAD

Representative Citizens Drive Over the Route This Afternoon.

Mayor McColloch, Messrs. Bergman, Ball, Case, Schwartz, and Doane, left shortly after noon today in two rigs, to drive over the new road to Burnt river.

As all readers of The Miner know, there has of late been considerable hammering of this proposition in general, and this route in particular. F. E. O'Rourke, who has worked early and late for the completion of the road, has been accused by the Morning Knocker, in its usual indirect, cowardly manner, of being actuated by selfish motives; so he induced these half dozen representative citizens to go over the ground, see for themselves and report whether or not the enterprise is feasible, and also testify as to the truth or falsity of the insinuation that he is endeavoring to work a gold brick off on this community and the Burnt river farmers.

If they say it is all right, money will be raised here in Sumpter to complete the road. If they report adversely, the enterprise will be dropped and the ranchers there may resume the old custom of putting in half a week making the trip to Baker City and return. This town is not going to play the sucker by constructing a road for the benefit of Whitney and the injury of its own business.

Mr. Ball went with the party as the representative of R. E. Strahorn, who has always advocated the building of this thoroughfare, has aided it materially with money donations and promises to give more, if the business men of Sumpter will extend the range of vision beyond their noses and join with him in helping themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wright left today for La Grande, to visit friends there for a few days.

SAW AND LATHE MILLS RUNNING FULL BLAST

The Sumpter Lumber company started up its lath mill yesterday, manned by a full crew. The daily capacity of the machine is 15,000.

The purpose of adding this branch of industry to the business was to save large quantities of timber that can not be utilized for lumber of the ordinary dimensions.

It is said to be the most profitable department in a saw mill, in that the material used costs practically nothing, as it would be wasted were it not so used.

The Lumber company's saw mill has been in operation for some weeks past, cutting up the logs now in stock on the ground. The management reports the lumber market very much depressed and the demand at the low tide mark, but output can be produced at present more cheaply than at any other season, so it is considered the wise policy to manufacture a big stock and have it on hand when the demand becomes active.

The Sumpter Lumber company, or at least the same people who control it, now own more timber land in eastern Oregon than any other aggregation operating in this territory.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS.

May 20—Nolan Skiff and wife to Isaac England, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7 Tp. 8 R. 46 E.; \$550.

June 7—T. E. Bennett to Grace G. Bennett, bill of sale to 160 acre timber claim on Elk creek, and 250,000 feet of lumber; \$1.

May 30—Henry Barnes and wife to John Grossen, 160 acres in Secs. 31 and 32 Tp. 10 R. 38 E.; \$2,500.

June 4—John T. Parkinson to A. T. Vedder, lots 5 and 6 block 4, Sunnyside, Smpter; \$200.

May 31—Jesse Hart to Ernest L. Leonig, 93 acres in Sec. 10 Tp. 7 R. 338 E.; \$3,500.

June 6, 1900—U. S. A. to Fred W. Skillings, 160 acres in Sec. 35 Tp. 13 R. 337 E.

March 8—Clara J. Armstrong and husband to J. D. Hixson, 400x400 feet in north part of Sec. 23 Tp. 10 R. 41 E.; \$165.

June 13—Erwin Hommel and wife to Linnie McMurren, 320 acres in Secs. 27 and 34 Tp. 10 R. 41 E.; \$1,500.

Dec. 24—Wm. Pollman and wife to Thos. H. Dunphy, F. W. Gertride and Clark Snyder, north half of lot 4, block 4, Baker City; \$12,000.

June 6—John P. Brown and wife to Orilla Barron, lot 1 block 16, Baker City; \$25.

June 13—O. Barron and husband to Robert Donald, lot 1, block 19, Baker City; \$1.

June 14—Willena Hayhurch to Annie L. Ward, 5 acres in N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9 Tp. 9 R. 40 E.; \$400.

June 11—John Bartlett and Ira Lemmon and wife to Lillie M. Fisk and T. B. Taylor 50x100 feet near Red Lion saloon property in Greenhorn; \$400.

June 14—M. A. Mitchell to Joel and Nancy Hewitt, S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ block 1, Faul's addition to Baker City; \$800.

June 9—Ferdinand Sechtem to M.

Hoff, lot 9 block M, De Roos addition to Baker City; \$160.

June 13—Robert Donald and wife to Baker City, south 40 feet of lot 1 block 16, Baker City; \$150.

June 11—Wm. Sullivan to Clara E. Sullivan, lot 8 block 32, Vinson's addition to Sumpter; \$1.

June 7—Wm. L. Morfit and wife to John S. Tucker, $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in Campbell ditch; \$250.

June 1—Wm. Miles to T. H. Miles, 100 acres in Secs. 34 and 35 Tp. 7 R. 41 E.; \$1.

May 23—John D. Best and wife to John H. Washburn, 160 acres in Sec. 34 Tp. 9 R. 40 E.; \$3,200.

April 3—Pharagus M. Dugger to A. F. Clark, 120 acres in Secs. 15 and 16, Tp. 9 R. 45 E.; \$1,450.

May 24—N. Record and wife to Lewis Flory, 60x60 feet in S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8 Tp. 8 R. 46 \$60.

June 7—Paul Montalbano to David Lee, 1400 sheep; \$1,455.

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS.

June 4—Guy E. Pierson to J. B. Fryer and E. A. Case, one-third interest in Smuggler quartz claim; \$550.

June 10—Jennie Hamilton to Ed Hamilton, one-half interest in Triumph quartz claim; \$1.

May 28—Brazos M. and M. Co., by sheriff to Nat Cooper, Little Chief and Red Chief quartz claims; \$1,153.

June 3—Nat Cooper to A. Geiser and C. W. Adams, same as last above; \$5.

June 13—Wm. H. Mead to D. Mihills, interest in Aurora quartz claim; \$5.

MORTGAGES.

June 9—Ed Whitaker and wife to Jos Whalgormuth, piano and household goods at 303 Spring Garden Avenue, Baker City; \$200.

June 11—Frank Pearce and Jas. M. Peacer and wife to Nancy Chrisman, 28 acres in Secs. 1, 2 and 12 Tp. 11 R. 42 E.; \$59.

June 11—J. E. Gentry Jr. to D. L. Wyatt, block X, McCrary's addition to Baker City; \$700.

June 13—Linnie McMurren and husband to M. A. Hughes, 320 acres in Secs. 27 and 34 Tp. 10 R. 41 E.; \$550.

June 13—J. I. Carson to First National bank, Baker City, 2,345 sheep; \$2,700.

June 14—A. B. Taylor to W. B. Vaughan, one-half interest in 160 acres in Sec. 17 Tp. 9 R. 339 E.; \$150.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bond—June 7—Wm. Coles to Fred S. Jolly, on part of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16 Tp. 8 R. 46 E.; lying west of county road, three years; \$300.

Suit—Minnie Wisdom vs. T. W. Davidson, A. B. Brown and Wm. Gazze, for amount of labor as cook; \$75.

Attachment—C. J. Johns vs. A. J. Denny, amount of notes and goods; \$608.

Attachment—Henry Hewitt Jr., vs A. J. Denny and John Arthur, amount of note; \$475.

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