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BOND ON SHERRIDEN BY COLONEL TOPPING

Will Develop This Well Known Granite Creek Group at an Early Date.

Late yesterday afternoon Colonel C. S. Topping perfected a bond and lease on the Sherriden group, owned by Captain C. S. Miller, on Granite creek, four miles from the town of Granite. The amount involved in the transaction is not given out.

It is the purpose of Colonel Topping to begin work at an early date in the development of the property. Captain Miller has worked it for a long time with most satisfactory results, and it is the purpose of Colonel Topping to interest outside capital and inaugurate operations on an extensive scale.

There are features about this group of interest to the mining man. There are four distinct veins within a width of twenty-four feet, and each vein carries a quality of ore peculiar to itself, and entirely different from the others. For instance, one has

almost free milling, another carries heavy iron sulphides, the third a clean gray copper, running from 200 to 500 ounces in silver, while the fourth, though not thoroughly explored, has an entirely different variety of ore. All the ore is high grade. Three tons recently shipped to the Sumpter Sampling and Testing works, averaged 881 to the ton, and fifty tons run through the old Monumental mill ten years ago yielded 845 to the ton. As this is an old silver mill, the treatment was imperfect, and much of the value was evidently lost.

Colonel Topping's plan is to sink to the 100-foot level, crosscut the veins and stop. The shaft is now down fifty feet. While the veins are small, averaging from eight to twelve inches, former operations have shown them to be exceedingly rich, and worthy of extended exploration.

SEWER CONTRACT RATIFIED TODAY

At its meeting last night the city council authorized the letting of a sewer contract to Naylor & Norlin, of Lewiston, Idaho. The streets and public property committee, composed of C. K. De Neffe, Dr. Ed W. Mueller and J. P. Baird, unanimously recommended that the city enter into contract with this firm, provided it takes the bond issue at par, or such a part thereof as is necessary to complete the system, and as an evidence of good faith deposit a certified check of \$600. The check was deposited. The recommendation was accepted by a vote of five to two. Hazlewood and Case voting against it. Kitchen was absent. The bid is \$11,795. The matter went through without discussion. One noticeable feature was Mr. Baird's change of sentiment. Hitherto he has been allied with the opposition. He signed the report of

the committee, however, and voted to accept its recommendation.

The committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon with a view to agreeing on the terms of a contract, but this work was not completed, and an adjourned meeting of the council this afternoon at 1:30 was necessary before Mr. Naylor left. Mr. Naylor stated that he will have his foreman here the first of next week and will be ready for business in a short time.

In view of the fact that C. H. Fenner is out of the city, it was necessary to employ an engineer to supervise the construction of the sewer system. The names of three applicants were presented. They were John C. Davies, A. B. Brown and K. O. McEwen. An informal ballot resulted in six votes for Mr. Davies and one for Mr. McEwen. Accordingly Mayor McCulloch appointed Mr. Davies. The salary was fixed at \$150 a month during the sewer construction.

Mayor McCulloch and four councilmen, to-wit: Mueller, De Neffe, Baird and Fontaine, met this afternoon in continued session and ratified the contract with Naylor & Nor-

lin, prepared by the sewer committee.

It is stipulated that the work shall begin on or before July 7, and be completed by October 1. The bond was placed at \$3,000 and a forfeit of \$10 a day provided for any time after October 1 the sewers may remain uncompleted. It is agreed that the firm shall take whatever part of the bond issue as may be necessary to pay for the work if the city elects, or to receive a cash consideration in any sum the council may see fit. The bid of Naylor & Norlin to be exact, is \$11,795.92 with \$2.05 for rock and no hard pan stipulations. This is the second lowest bid.

Mr. Naylor left on this afternoon's train, and his foreman will be here the first of next week to begin work.

DR. GREENLEE'S MINING CLAIMS

Dr. A. C. Greenlee came in yesterday afternoon from his ranch at Boulder, and will spend a few days in the city looking after business interests.

Besides being a professional man, and a rancher of prominence, Dr. Greenlee has taken a few degrees in the mineral industry. The Miner has repeatedly made mention of one Kempf, who has a sylvanite proposition within the environs of Boulder, with fine gold on the side. Now Dr. Greenlee has gazed on this man Kempf's holdings and he saw they were good. Straightway he located four claims abutting on the e. d. lines of this property. He has the same ledge, which measures six feet and over in width, and carries the same good values exploited by Kempf. The doctor calls his claims the Crooked Preacher group, and he thinks beyond peradventure they are better than the name indicates. E. P. Bergman, of this city, is in on the deal.

Besides this, Dr. Greenlee has acquired various other mining interests in the country round about, and it is likely will devote much time in the future their development.

TWENTY STAMP MILL ON TRAVELLERS MINE

Chester C. Robbins, of Spokane, formerly of Sumpter, was here between trains today. Mr. Robbins has lately been identified with the Travellers' Gold Mining company, of Wyoming.

This property, however, he says, has been turned over to the Dexter Mining and Development company, which will erect a twenty stamp mill at once, and look after future operations.

BIDS ON McCULLY PIPE LINE REJECTED

The Sumpter Light and Water company decided this afternoon not to award a contract for bringing the McCully Fork water to its system, but to do the work by day labor. A number of bids were received, but none of them were satisfactory to Engineer Smith.

Superintendent Hall stated to a Miner representative shortly after this decision was reached that they will at once transfer the crew of men that has been at work on the power house pipe line to this work, augment the excavation force to a total of a dozen, employ six more men in laying the pipe and expect to have the connection made within three weeks. The distance is 3,300 feet. It will be a siphon, the pipe ten inches in diameter, made of wood and wound with wire. It will eventually be buried the entire distance, but at present the river crossing will be above ground. As soon as the water gets low enough, that portion will also be placed under ground. The pipe has been shipped from Tacoma and will arrive here in a few days, as soon as it is needed.

The water has been turned on at the power house for several days and the motor operated without a load. This forenoon for a short time a light load was put on and everything worked satisfactorily. Tonight the dynamo will be put in commission, working in conjunction with the one at the steam power house. If every thing runs all right, the old plant will be dismantled, the engine and boilers removed to the new power house, and the old dynamos disposed of.

The new dynamo is the latest thing in electrical devices. It furnishes both light and power; heretofore two separate machines having been necessary for these purposes.

Owns Old Property.

T. J. Conger, of Boulder, and his brother, John W., of Long Creek, are in the city for a short visit. The former has several mining claims around Boulder and in the Greenhorn district near the Morning. The Black Bird and Blue Bird claims, two miles from the Morning, were worked thirty years ago by a Frenchman and it is reported that \$12,000 was taken out in a short time.

Fireworks, Fireworks!

Our Fire Works are in, boys. It will pay you to supply yourself now. The biggest and best stock.

DE NEFFE & MUZZY.