

HALF INTEREST IN MONUMENTAL SOLD

So it is Stated on Apparently Reliable Information, Though Non-Official Authority.

It comes to The Miner through an apparently reliable, though non-official source, that extensive improvements are to be undertaken at the Monumental very shortly. The improvements involve the sale of a half interest in the property, so it is stated, for the consideration that \$60,000 is to be expended in the remodeling to the present milling plant and the installation of additional machinery.

C. J. Allen, of Portland, managing owner of the property, is not in town, and therefore official verification cannot be secured. However, the report states that Mr. Allen has sold a one-half interest in the mine to S. W. Steffner and J. M. Hutchins, both of Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the consideration named. No money changed hands in the transaction, but the new people are to make the expenditure set forth in machinery and

equipment, and in addition are to keep a crew of sixteen men at development work from July 1, 1904 to July 1, 1905.

The report goes on further to state that the Chattanooga capitalists will shortly be on hand to begin work. They are rated as men of means, amply able to make good in the improvements outlined. These things have come to The Miner through what it considers an eminently reliable source, and it, therefore, in the absence of official information, gives them publicity.

The Monumental is an old and well known property, a former producer, opened originally as a silver proposition. It was among the first properties operated in the district. The fact that gold exists in paying quantities as later discoveries indicate, renders the present mill inadequate, and a change in machinery necessary.

RICH GOLD FIND ON GRAYBACK MOUNTAIN

The following story of a rich strike is sent out from Medford, this state, under a recent date:

William Gilmore, just in from Grayback Mountain, twenty miles east of Waldo, brings evidence of the greatest gold strike ever made in southern Oregon. He brought with him rock carrying 46 per cent gold.

The find was made by Harry Briggs, 18 years of age, while hunting deer. He broke a piece of ledge capping and mortared it, getting 700 pieces of gold, that weighed six pounds. C. J. Howard, David Briggs, Henry Briggs and Frank Thompson pounded out \$3,800 on Tuesday with an old-fashioned mortar.

A streak ten inches wide has been proved a distance on the surface of sixty feet, exposing 2,000 square feet of mineral. Miners are leaving for the new camp and there is greater excitement than in the days of Gold Hill.

The scene of the strike is near the California line and on the divide between the Illinois and Klamath rivers, where great placer beds were found in the early days.

Federal Versus State Courts.

It leaked out yesterday afternoon that Sheriff Harvey K. Brown had notified the clerk of the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York, that his duty was to the circuit court of Baker county and that he must carry out the orders of the latter court for the sale of the personal and real property of the Cornucopia Mines, to satisfy attach-

ments. Mr. Brown advised the clerk of the New York court that he would postpone the sale of the personal property until June 27th and the real property until June 30, as a matter of accommodation to the New York creditors.—Democrat.

TO START WORK ON MOUNTAIN VIEW MILL

Dr. Walter Techow, superintendent of the Mountain View, came down from the mine today and left for Baker City. Dr. Techow says work is to be started on the new mill very soon. Part of the machinery is already in Sumpter. This will be hauled out to the property next week. The rest of the equipment is expected to arrive in about three weeks.

The snow is all gone in the vicinity of the mine, Dr. Techow says, and the roads are now in good shape for getting in the stuff. The lumber will be gotten on the ground soon, and construction work will be under way in a short time.

Has Rich Dirt.

William Hussleton is in today from Gold Center, where he is operating some placer claims. He thinks he has something pretty rich. Recently he took 85 or 86 in nuggets and coarse gold from six wheelbarrows of dirt.

Tabor Ore Rich.

The Tabor Fraction people are still getting exceptionally high grade ore, according to all reports. A crosscut has been carried from the 130-foot level a distance of forty feet, and a raise is now being made to the sixty-foot level.

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