

# MILL FOR RED LION AT AN EARLY DATE

## Manager Jackson Now on The Ground to Superintend Installation of Machinery.

Dr. R. N. Jackson, of Spokane, manager of the Fortune Mining company, operating the Red Lion, Humboldt and Forty-Nine Jimmie, accompanied by Mrs. E. P. O'Brien and children, passed through the city this morning going to Greenhorn. Mrs. O'Brien is the wife of the company's consulting engineer, and was going to join her husband. Mr. O'Brien came from Minnesota some months ago to assume the position mentioned, and his wife has been residing in Spokane until comfortable quarters could be arranged for her at the mine.

Shortly after the first of the year Dr. Jackson became manager of the Fortune company. He is also largely interested in the Daines Mining and Milling company, operating the Belcher and other Greenhorn properties, of which G. W. Daines, of Tacoma, is the general manager. The managerial work of the two companies has been segregated and Dr. Jackson is now on the ground to devote his entire time to the operation of the properties.

The immediate improvements will be a twenty-five to thirty-ton mill on the Red Lion, sinking on the Humboldt, with a view to developing this property, and the Forty-Nine Jimmie through its shaft, and the installation of a sawmill to cut the lumber for the buildings needed, all of which have been mentioned by The Miner. As previously stated, the mill to be installed on the Red Lion will be a rapid drop, quadruple discharge Merrill, with three stamps each capable of handling from seven to ten tons of quartz a day. The order for the machinery has been placed and is being held in readiness for shipment just as soon as the management has made preliminary arrangements. This will be almost immediately. At the Humboldt the shaft will be sunk down to the 100-foot level, and a crosscut carried to the Forty-Nine Jimmie and this property developed through the Humboldt shaft. The latter property was acquired by the Fortune company about a month ago.

Dr. Jackson has arranged to largely increase his working force, and has purchased a large amount of supplies and is ready for continuous operation. An innovation which he proposes introducing is to furnish lumber for the erection of cabins, and to encourage miners with families to work for him. He is entering on a campaign which means the rapid development of the properties.

### Big Diamonds of the World.

The largest and finest diamonds known to the world are: The Kohinoor, valued at a million or more dollars, which at one time weighed

upwards of 1,000 carats, and which in the final cutting was reduced to 106 carats; is owned in England. The Regent, or Pitt, diamond, which at one time was pledged by Napoleon to the Dutch government for \$2,500,000, to secure a loan, weighed upward of 800 carats, but was cut to 136 3/4 carats; is owned in France. The Orloff diamond, owned by Russia, now weighs 193 carats. The Great Mogul diamond, one of the largest diamonds ever known, being said to have weighed originally 787 carats, and of Hindostan origin, and which several hundred years ago created much excitement, has entirely disappeared, its whereabouts not being known, and thus furnishing one of the world's greatest mysteries. The celebrated Florentine diamond, owned in Austria, weighs 193 1/2 carats, and the famous Sancy diamond, of Indian origin, weighing at the present time about 45 carats, is owned in India. — Exchange.

## MAY TAKE OVER MERCER CLAIM

Rev. W. J. Hughes, of Baker City, managing owner of the Equity, in the Quartzburg district, and J. O. Hayes, of San Jose, California, passed through Sumpter this morning en route to the Greenhorn. Mr. Hayes and San Jose associates have a bond on the Mercer claim, in the Greenhorn district, and his business here at this time is to investigate the property, with a view to taking up the bond and starting operations.

Mr. Hayes is one of the owners of a couple of newspapers in San Jose. He will remain in the district several days.

Regarding the Equity, Mr. Hughes says work is moving steadily ahead, and that ore is now being shipped from the property to the Sumpter smelter.

### Virtue May Resume.

There is good authority for the statement that operations on a large scale will soon begin again at the old Virtue mine seven miles east of Baker City. Manager Arthur Buckbee has been stirring around the last few days and while he has repeatedly said there was nothing to tell just now it is pretty well known that work on a large scale will be carried on at the Virtue this season. This property lying at the very doors of Baker City is the mine that made the camp famous and it means much

whether it is idle or running a full force of men. The rumor last night caused much good feeling in the city and it is expected the camp will be opened this week. Mr. Buckbee is expected in the city in a day or two and will doubtless make an official statement. — Democrat.

### Legitimate Mining vs. Fake Schemes.

Mining conducted as it should be is the most profitable business in the world. The great amount of talk heard about losses made in mining and mining stocks would, in the majority of cases, if traced to its source, be found to have been caused by some purchaser of stock in one of many widely advertised so-called mining companies having a hole in the ground somewhere. Stock was offered for sale and dividends for a time were paid of from twelve per cent to sixty per cent per annum, as long as the company could sell stock enough to raise the money to do so. When stock sales fell off and dividends stopped, then came the cry of money lost in mining. It is not money lost in mining, but money lost by the absurd foolishness of the investor in buying something he knew nothing about, on the strength of promises made by irresponsible promoters. Of course, there are failures in mining, due to lack of capital, poor judgment in selecting properties, mismanagement and many other causes, but indisputable statistics prove that mining does pay. — Industrial Record.

### Cornucopia May Resume.

Robert N. Jones, of New York, Treasurer of the Cornucopia Mines of Oregon company, arrived in Baker City last evening and is quartered at the Geiser Grand. His arrival at this time is believed to be an important step toward a settlement of all claims against the celebrated Searles property and an early resumption of work thereon. For two years Mr. Jones was the Oregon representative of John R. Searles, the "sugar baron" who, until the organization of a five million dollar consolidated corporation last year, was sole owner of the Cornucopia. It was under Mr. Jones' management that the property was equipped with a costly electric power plant. Mr. Jones was named by Receiver Beattys as Oregon representative of the receivership, and his arrival last evening is another step toward a settlement of all difficulties. Fear is expressed that this settlement will take a long time. This may or may not be true. Receiver Beatty's power is practically unlimited. He may operate the mine or may sell it, as he did before. — Herald.

### May Resume Work.

Mat Kane came up from Baker City today and went out to the Umpqua group, of which he is part owner. Nothing has been done at the property since last winter, when the bunk houses and other cabins were accidentally burned. It is probable, Mr. Kane says, that work will be resumed in a short time.

### Tipton Extension.

J. A. West, chief engineer of the Sumter Valley railroad, was on the train this afternoon, returning from Tipton and a trip to the John Day country. He says that work on the Tipton extension is well under way and he thinks will be open to travel within two weeks.

## MINING AND DEMOCRACY

### More Than Any Other Industry Mining Promotes the Idea of Equality.

Equality of economic opportunity promotes equality of civic privileges and social rank. A new country whose physical resources are still untouched offers a promising soil for the establishment of a democracy, and in this respect the fundamental ideas of American institutions could not have been planted upon more favorable ground. The western hemisphere, unknown through so many centuries to the higher civilization of Europe, seems almost to have been reserved by providential decree as a stage of action or the developed character of the old world to step out upon and lay the foundations for a new social structure, free from ancient mistakes. In this experiment the civilization of the western hemisphere has been aided in a marked degree by the country's unexploited wealth.

The vast expanse of fruitful territory possessed by citizens of the United States has offered seemingly limitless opportunities of individual enterprise and thus leveled the barriers of social station which somehow naturally arise within the realm of more restricted peoples. Thus has the country come to be a great commercial nation, based upon democracy and equality. Commercial opportunity and equality of rights in seizing upon the same have prospered mutually, the one developing the other.

Mining more than any other industry is suited to promote the idea of equality, when this is once established. In the United States, where such a thing as special mining concessions on an extensive scale is unknown, the opportunity to gain the rewards of mining is not restricted by government privilege to a few, but is open to all alike, and it yet remains for men to discover within themselves any special gift by which to place their stake upon all the mineral deposits in the mountain regions. Mineral discoveries demand effort, and effort is the heritage of all if they wish to profit by it. The rewards of successful mining exceed those of any other line of industrial endeavor, and as a consequence this industry has presented to the world many examples of men who sprang from poverty to affluence almost in a day. One never knows who the next one will be, and social rank or prior condition of employment does not enter into the creation of millionaires among the mines. Democracy has been the gainer by the development of the mineral wealth of the west, and it will continue to thrive upon this industry for many years to come. — Daily Mining Record.

### Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.