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## EXPERIMENTAL DREDGE PROVES A SUCCESS

One Installed at Crane Flat Placers by  
Burch & Burbridge Will do  
The Work.

A. Burch, of Burch & Burbridge, Spokane, operating the Crane Flat placers, was in town today for a short time on business and returned to the property.

The experimental dredge and elevator recently installed, Mr. Burch says, is giving entire satisfaction, which proves that a larger machine built on the same lines can be profitably worked on the ground. This dredge is something of a departure from the usual machines employed for this purpose, in that it has the elevator attachment and some other novel features. Speaking of the

matter Mr. Burch says:

"The present dredge was only an experiment. We got together a lot of old machinery and set it up along lines which we believed would prove successful. It has met our most sanguine expectations, proving beyond any reasonable doubt that a larger machine constructed on the same principle will do the work. We have now made a thorough test of the plan and are well satisfied with the results."

What the further purpose of the company is in this direction, Mr. Burch did not care to make public.

## AMALGAMATED HEINZE FEUD

Again The Report is Current That a Settlement is Pending.

There are some evidences that the feud of long standing between Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper company is not now as bitter as it was formerly, and that self-interest is becoming a potent factor in bringing about some arrangement for the establishment of harmonious relations. It is asserted in some quarters that the differences between the interests are now well along toward complete extinction, and they cite the recent rearrangement of the managerial personnel of the Amalgamated Copper company at the mines as a point of much significance in indicating an approaching settlement. The same holds true of the abandonment of the Montana political field by the Amalgamated interests. Such a move on the part of the Standard Oil interests is open to one of two constructions—either they have abandoned their campaign against Heinze or the way is being cleared for a settlement.

But as it is not in the nature of the Standard Oil company men to give up a fight, the only inference to be drawn seems to be that a basis of a settlement has been reached. Those with whom we have talked and

who believe in the talk of a settlement, admit that the settlement talk has been done to death in the past few years, and that the countless rumors of settlement which have circulated freely have not in the past been as well founded. They claim, however, that future developments will bear out the assertion that a settlement is pending.

The basis for a settlement of the many controversies between Heinze and the Amalgamated interests is known to only a few men, if, indeed, one exists, but it would appear from the character of the litigation and of the laws of Montana that the purchase of the Heinze properties is the only solution outside of the submission of the whole controversy to an arbitration board to be selected by the two parties to the controversy. The latter method has been offered and rejected, inasmuch as the Amalgamated interests have never admitted any basis whatever for most of the Heinze claims.

Those who believe in the reports of a pending settlement, however, place themselves upon safe ground by stating that before the Heinze properties are acquired there is much to be done in the way of arranging details, and that a delay of a certain number of months was indeed part of the bargain to enable certain parties to the controversy to adjust themselves to the new order of things and to close up matters of a semi-private nature. It is asserted that a contingent agreement has been arrived at which gives the Heinze interests more than the sum originally offered, but very much less than the sum first demanded for the purchase of the property.

The latest rumors regarding a settlement are the most circumstantial of any of those which have been cir-

culated, and it must be confessed that common sense would indicate a compromise settlement sooner or later, that is that the Amalgamated interests should eventually purchase the properties to which Mr. Heinze and his companies hold undisputed title. In the meanwhile, the Standard Oil interests are devoting themselves to the development of the business as the copper producing and selling proposition and have gradually withdrawn the company from all complications, either political or otherwise.

The policy of developing the property from the inside and on business principles which followed the vain attempt to hold the price of the metal at 17 cents has interfered somewhat with the operations of those who made a speculative football of the stock. While the company has not seen fit to render a report to the stockholders, the management has refrained from surrounding the company with rumors and reports calculated to mislead the shareholder, although others have kept the company's affairs in the newspapers to such an extent that public opinion is, to say the least, greatly confused.—Statist.

### Special Excursion to The World's Fair.

The Denver and Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June. These excursions will be run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points en route. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Baker City will be \$60 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

### D. R. & N. SUMMER BOOK.

The handsome 1904 summer book, "Restful Recreation Resorts," issued by the passenger department of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, is just out. It tells all about the summering places of the Columbia river valley—a brief description of the trips up and down the Columbia river, to the mountains, beaches, inland resorts and fountains of healing, where they are and how to reach them. The book has a special designed front cover, printed in two colors, and the inside pages are splendidly illustrated by costly and beautiful half-tones. A copy of this publication may be obtained by sending two cents in stamps to A. L. Craig, general Passenger agent of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, Portland.

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