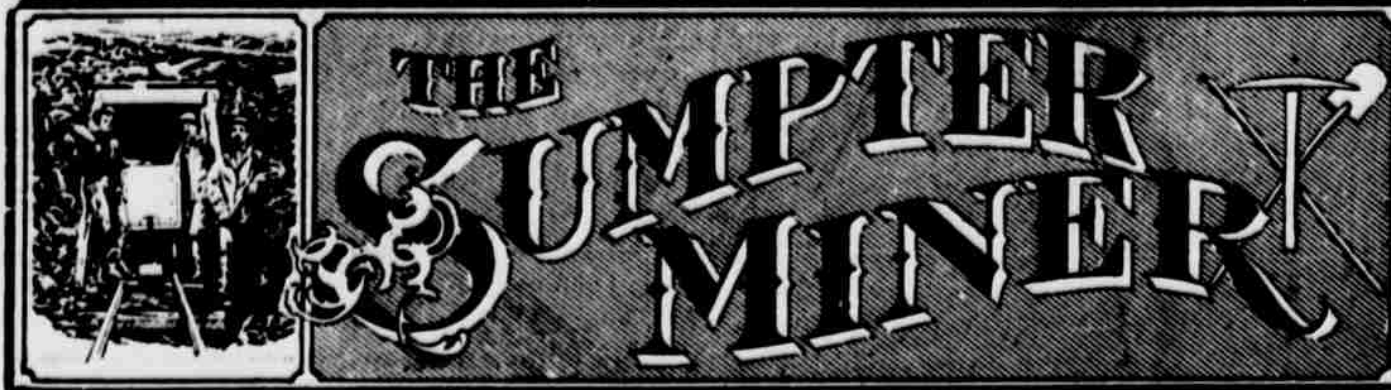


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SOMETHING IS DOING RELATIVE TO RED BOY

Court Will Probably Confirm Receiver's Sale of that Property at an Early Day.

Something big is scheduled to occur in the case of the Red Boy mine today.

There is a gathering of clans in Baker City.

From east and west, north and south the men are coming and have come who hold the fate of the Red Boy in their hands.

Alexander Prussing, of Chicago, is here. Also E. J. Godfrey, of Portland; also J. G. English, of Danville, Illinois, also John Thomsen, of Granite, Oregon. Prussing is the trustee of the syndicate of stockholders who recently purchased the property at the receiver's sale and who are engaged in the big task of perfecting a thorough reorganization of the corporation. Godfrey was formerly general manager or managing director of the Red Boy, before financial troubles resulted in the throwing of the mine into the hands of a receiver. J. G. English is one of the heaviest stockholders in the company, and John Thomsen is the receiver appointed by the court, who holds his job until a sale of the mine is ratified by Judge Eakin.

It will be remembered that shortly after a consolidation of the Red Boy and the Concord mine, and the formation of a three million dollar merger corporation, trouble began to brew for the men who were instrumental in promoting the merger. Somebody with a big chunk of promoter's stock threw it on the market at a price below the company's quotations, and things occurred. The company had begun the carrying out of some big plans, involving the expenditure of big sums of money, which was expected to come from stockholders. When the market became disrupted as aforesaid, trouble started. Then in butted a gentleman from Portland who held a block of the merger stock, and petitioned for the appointment of a receiver, declaring that the corporation was absolutely insolvent. Judge Eakin, before whom the petition came, named John Thomsen, president of the May Queen mine, as receiver, and the mine was shut down. Thereafter the receiver petitioned the court for permission to sell the mine, to satisfy outstanding obligations and an order to that effect was issued by Judge Eakin.

Finally a syndicate was organized among the little fellows by Alexander Prussing, of Chicago, assisted by

former Manager Godfrey, and at the public sale of the mine this syndicate was the only bidder. The price bid was \$80,000. The money has not yet been paid into the hands of a receiver, but today it is expected that the final moves will be made. The payment of the money is, of course, contingent upon the Circuit Judge ratifying the sale, but this is confidently expected to be brought about today.

Mr. Prussing, who is accompanied by his wife, is at the Hotel Elk today, as is also Messrs. English and Godfrey. When seen today by a representative of the Evening Herald, Mr. Prussing, who is the directing head of the pending negotiations for a revivification of the Red Boy, said: "I think all the kinks of the Red Boy's affairs at last have been straightened out. We will shortly open the mine and carry out the old plans of development."—Herald.

There seems to be something doing in Red Boy circles, but just what, it is difficult to learn. Alexander Prussing, of Chicago, the trustee of the purchasing stockholders, recently made of the Red Boy property by the sheriff, arrived in the city yesterday, as also did John G. English, of Danville, Illinois, one of the purchasing committee at the sale, E. J. Godfrey and Clark Taber. None of the gentlemen cared to talk about their plans as yet, but it seems that the property is about to be put on its feet again and opened up. Just who will be in control, and who will be manager cannot be said. There are several rumors floating about town, one to the effect that Mr. English has secured entire control of the property and another to the effect that Mr. Godfrey will be found in control. No orders have as yet been entered in the circuit court confirming the sale of the property. Baker City people will be glad to see this celebrated property taken out of the hands of the court and put in operation again.—Democrat.

U. 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.

DRILLED IN HARD ROCK 45 INCHES

Made a Close Call on Breaking the World's Two Men Record.

The most remarkable feature of Monday's celebration was the all but world beating double drilling record made by Joe Johns and Dan Dunn, the E. and E. team, with Tom Bessler as coach, and Charles Butler as water man. The first unofficial announcement of the judges was that the team drilled 46 3/8 inches in the hard granite, but owing to the fact that the hole was sent through the rock, it was necessary to turn over the boulder to determine more accurately. This reduced the record to 45 inches flat. It is altogether probable had the rock been sufficiently large, rendering it unnecessary to start a second hole, the world's record would have been beaten. It is claimed that Bisbee, Arizona, holds the highest score, 46 3-8, for this class of hard rock drilling. It was made in Gunnison granite last Fourth of July. The record made yesterday, however, surpasses any ever made previously in Sumpter or in the Northwest, and it was unfortunate that the rock was not of sufficient size. Johns and Dunn are the old prize winners of the district, and their coach, Tom Bessler also falls easily into this class. It was he who sharpened the steel for this contest, and a miner knows how much depends on this, not to mention his services to the team as coach. Joe Johns was on the winning team last year, when he and Roy Watters took first money with a record of 41 3/8.

This feature of the celebration attracted perhaps more attention than any other, and it was undoubtedly the finest drilling match ever seen in Sumpter. The other teams were Zeb Ray and Roy Watters, from the Highland, both of whom are former prizetakers, and men of exceptional skill. Their record was 42 3/4. Arch Gaddy and W. McAlpine, also of the Highland, made 34 7/8. The judges were Jack Hazlewood, Harry Hendryx, and Clark Snyder. Official time keeper Bob Henry. Chester Pray made the announcements. The prizes were, first \$360, second \$50.

The single drilling contest was pulled

off on Granite and Mill streets. M. D. McLeod, of the Overland, walked away with the purse, \$75. He drilled 21 1/2 inches in the allotted fifteen minutes. The records of the other four contestants were as follows: Joe Johns, E. and E., 20 3/4; J. N. Gamba, North Pole, 20 1/2, W. McAlpine, Highland, 16; Roy Watters, Highland, 14 1/2. Joe Johns had second money, a purse of \$25.

Watters, however, started his drill slantingly and drilled into another hole when he had worked ten minutes and forty seconds. At the rate he was going he would probably have run Johns close for second place. The judges and time keeper were the same as in the double contest Monday.

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