

MONUMENTAL DEAL CONFIRMED BY OWNER

G. J. Allen Says Tennessee Capital Will Rejuvenate this Old Mine.

C. J. Allen, of Portland, managing owner of the Monumental, accompanied by his little son, arrived here this morning and left for the mine soon after noon. To a Miner representative Mr. Allen confirmed the report of the sale of a one-half interest in this property to E. J. Hutchison and S. W. Steffner, of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The conditions of the sale, as previously stated, stipulate the provision of an adequate development fund, and the remodeling of the present twenty-stamp mill. A small force of men is now at work, but the plan is to largely increase this in about thirty days. The first work contemplated is sinking 200 feet drifting, and raising 400 feet to the surface. Just as many men will be employed as can be used to advantage. A systematic development of the mine is the first thing to be undertaken, before any attempt is made to operate the mill. Enough ore is probably being taken

out now to pay expenses. The object, however, is to create large reserves along more extensive lines later on.

With reference to the mill Mr. Allen says the improvements will consist of new mortars, bumping tables, plates and a cyanide plant. But it may be twelve months, he thinks, or more before these improvements are undertaken. The Monumental mill was originally designed for the treatment of silver ore, and is regarded as one of the best plants in the district. Only slight remodeling and these additions are necessary to put it in shape to meet the present requirements. The property itself is one of the old producers of the camp, and will doubtless soon be back into this same class again. The Chattanooga capitalists have provided the development and improvement fund named in the conditions of the sale, and will be ready, as stated, to inaugurate work under this agreement in about thirty days.

NEW MILL MAN AT E. & E, MINE

Charles F. Raht, of Baker City, well known as an assayer and all around mining man, and formerly a resident here, will take charge of the E. and E. mill in a few days. The arrangement was perfected yesterday, and Mr. Raht left this afternoon for Baker City to return in a couple of days and begin his services for the company. His family will probably remain in Baker City for a time, but will later move either to Sumpter or Bourne.

Mr. Raht formerly had an assay office here located on Center street. He left here and went to Mexico, where of eighteen months he had charge of the Sam Martin mine. It is only recently that he returned from Mexico. Mr. Raht's many friends rejoiced again to see him located in this district.

More Litigation for Balliet.

A dispatch from San Francisco dated the 28th instant, says: Letson Balliet, the mining stock promoter, is again called into the courts in connection with the shares of a company in which he was interested as an officer. The White Star company, limited, today filed a complaint in the upper court against Balliet, alleging that he was an organizer of the stock company and a subscriber for 275,000 shares of the its stock, for which he had never paid. The company asks the court to restrain Balliet from disposing of them.

MINING LIFE UPS AND DOWNS

The Eureka mine was located by some Frenchmen, and after long prospecting they became discouraged, and one of them, Lamar, sold his interest to his companion, Jules Fricot, for \$7,000, "Fricot, the Emperor," as he was afterward called.

Fricot continued to work and was at last at the end of his funds. One pay-day, on Saturday, he called his men to him and said: "There is no more money than just enough to last until Thursday; if you can get work elsewhere you had better do so, as I cannot employ you after that." Some of the men found other employment, while a few came back to Fricot, and the work continued until Fricot himself was in despair, as he was at the end of his money and the vein had not been struck. Said he, "Boys, put in one more shot." It was done, and lo! the sought for vein was opened up richer than even the liveliest fancy could predict. Fricot became emperor after that.

Michael Brennan was an Irishman, Dublin born. Contrary to the wishes of his relatives, he married and ran away, bringing his wife to New York. He attained some prominence there and in 1857 organized a company to work the Rock Bar at Grass Valley, coming out here himself to superintend the work, and bringing with him his wife and family of three children. Work went well but yet the pay shoot was not struck. Brennan saw the funds of the company gradually disappear and no returns.

He was naturally excitable and warm blooded. One Saturday, pay-day, he counted up his funds and saw that less than two thousand dollars were remaining; he was in despair, for this would not carry the work through another month. He took a different course than did Fricot. He did not go to his men and explain the state of affairs. On Sunday morning he seemed in fine spirits; invited a friend to take dinner with him; told him to be sure to come and the friend promised. He waited until the servants, one of them was a trusted Irish girl, who had come from Dublin with his wife, had gone to church, and, going into the house, locked all the doors and fastened the windows, and then poisoned his wife, his children and himself, first tempting the little ones with pieces of sugar tipped with prussic acid. When the Irish girl came back from church she could not get into the house and became alarmed and ran for help.

When the house was broken into the wife was found dead on a lounge. Brennan lay on the floor, near by, holding her hand, with his babe between his feet; in the adjoining rooms were the other two children, all dead. A letter was found containing this message; "I cannot leave my beloved wife and children to the cold charities of this world, and hence I take them with me." The sequel to this story is this: The men who took the mine after him put one shot into the tunnel and discovered the vein, out of which several men have been made millionaires.—Mining and Engineering Review.

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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