

BLACK BUTTE SOON TO PAY DIVIDENDS

Hoist to Be Completed and Mill Started Within the Next Thirty Days.

The Black Butte, in Fox valley, will soon be the scene of extensive mining and milling operations, and more than this, it is likely to be in the dividend paying class in the near future. G. H. Wheeler, of Wheeler & Company, New York, which firm is financing the proposition, and Manager O. C. Wright returned from there last night. Besides the regular development work now going on, a hoist is being installed and sinking will be begun within the next thirty days. And the mill on the property will also be started within this period.

This mill was put in under the former management, and it practically has never been run to any extent worth mentioning. It is a Merrill crusher, capable of treating some fifty tons of Black Butte ore a day. The ore is free milling, extremely soft and easy of treatment. But Mr. Wheeler's plan is to increase the capacity of the plant by the addition of stamps. While the details of this addition have not been perfected, it has been settled that it will be made this fall, and it is probable that in connection with the crusher this will bring the milling capacity of the plant up to 100 tons a day.

Mr. Wheeler is greatly pleased with the way things are going, and does not hesitate to say that the Black Butte will be in the dividend class in a very short time. The ore is exceedingly rich, and will doubtless prove the source of a big income. It is easily mined. This expense is reduced to the minimum, and besides, the company has a vast extent of country adjacent to the mine well adapted to stock and hay. Already a beginning has been made in this direction.

"It's one of the biggest mining propositions in the country," says Mr. Wheeler. It would not be to my interest to overdraw the situation, nor to make promises which we could not fulfill, for observation has taught me that unwarranted statements in regard to a mine's possibilities prove a serious handicap in the end. But we know that we have a property which has produced big sums during its past desultory management, covering a period of thirty years. One of the first stamp mills placed in eastern Oregon was on the Black Butte. This mill is still there, and we may be able to utilize some of its machinery on our other plant. The reason for the exceptionally sanguine view I take of the situation, is the fact that we have an eighty foot ledge of ore, which is unquestionably high grade, and will pay practically from the grass roots. We have surface values going into the thousands, and continuous bodies. The ore can be cheaply mined and cheaply milled. So my statements are conservative and based

on actual facts."

In addition to the quartz property the Black Butte company has a vast placer area fed from this ledge. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wright brought the season's clean-up in with them. While this is not large in comparison with what future clean-ups will be, it would make a handsome little dividend if it were so applied. It was late when work was started on the placers, and there was no time for getting in new equipment. Again, the water supply was scarce, owing to the fact that the ditches could not be completed this year. But considering the improvised methods, the results were very satisfactory. Mr. Wheeler states that next year a ditch giving an abundant supply of water will be completed and improved placer machinery installed.

Messrs. Wheeler and Wright brought in some very fine samples of Black Butte ore. It is full of free gold, and pans easily. Mr. Wheeler went out to the Valley Queen today, which property he is also financing, to spend some time with Superintendent Gray.

PITTSBURGERS LIKE GOLD COIN

Tom Kennerly, superintendent of the Gold Coin, in the Greenhorns, accompanied by J. B. Sipe, S. O. Fraker and H. H. Ashman, investors in the property from Pittsburg passed through the city on this afternoon's train. The Pittsburg people are returning east, and Mr. Kennerly was accompanying them to Baker City.

The members of the party expressed themselves as well pleased with the property and its management. Mr. Kennerly says the compressor is going night and day and good development progress is being made. He expects Mr. Hedges, who is interested in the Gold Coin and other properties here in a few days. Work at the Gold Coin according to Mr. Kennerly is to be carried forward with all possible haste.

STAMP MILL FOR THE BUCKHORN MINE

George J. Barrett who has charge of the development work at the Buckhorn, a Wheeler property, is in town today, to confer with Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Barrett has a large force at work and says that good progress is being made. The veins are well defined and

carry good values.

A mill on the Buckhorn is one of the improvements contemplated in the near future by the Wheeler company. It will probably go in this fall, Mr. Wheeler states. Although details have not been decided upon, it will be a stamp mill of some forty or fifty tons capacity for the treatment of the free milling ore. It is likely that the concentrating ore will be sent to the Blue Bird, a sister property operated by the same people. The Blue Bird plant, as has already been stated, will be completed within the next thirty days.

BLACK BUTTE DIRECTORS TO MEET AT PENDLETON

G. H. Wheeler, of Wheeler & Company, New York, and O. C. Wright, left this afternoon for Pendleton, where a directors' meeting of the Black Butte company will probably be held tomorrow. Mr. Wheeler will return east after the meeting. As stated in yesterday's issue, the clean-up from the Black Butte placers, if so applied, will make a nice little dividend for the stockholders, and this is what may be done with it by the directors, Mr. Wheeler thinks. Messrs. Wheeler and Wright took with them a number of the rich Black Butte samples which they brought in with them the other day from the property. It is fine looking quartz, with lots of free gold in it, plainly visible to the naked eye.

Mr. Wheeler is well pleased with the progress being made at the various properties which he is financing in the district. While here he visited the Black Butte, Valley Queen, Buckhorn, and Blue Bird, and is greatly encouraged by the showing being made at these properties.

PROBABLY START ON IMPERIAL MILL SOON

Captain A. M. Paul, superintendent of the Imperial, came down from the property last night on his way to Baker City, where he has some business to transact.

Captain Paul says that a mill will doubtless be installed on the Imperial this summer. This announcement has been made, before, however, but there are some matters pending settlement which must be adjusted before work on the plant is started. But Captain Paul thinks these things will be straightened out by the middle of July, and he can then go ahead with the improvements.

Chicken Crop Story Again.

The finding of gold nuggets in the crops of fowls is of such frequent occurrence as to scarcely attract attention or excite comment. But here's just one more instance of the kind which, from the size of the nugget, deserves mention. It is reported that George Smith, who lives down the railroad track, the other day killed a spring chicken and found in its crop a nugget worth \$8 and some odd cents. Mr. Smith could not be seen, but reliable persons saw the gold and are ready to vouch for the statement.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.

Jodie Wallick, plaintiff vs. Henry C. Wallick, Defendant.

To Henry C. Wallick, the above named Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 29th day of June, 1904, which is the last day of the publication of the summons as prescribed by the order duly made and filed by the Hon. W. W. Travillion, county judge of Baker County, Oregon, on the 16th day of May, 1904, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint filed herein. And you are further notified by said order so made and filed on the 16th day of May, 1904, ordered that service of summons in this suit be made upon you by publication thereof in the Sumpter Miner, a weekly newspaper of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, and that the date of first publication thereof is May the 18th, 1904, and the date of the last publication thereof June the 29th, 1904.

C. H. McCOLLOCH,
Attorney for plaintiff.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, June 9, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

JOHN C. HILLMAN,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1124, for the purchase of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and lot one (1) of Sec. 30, in T $\frac{1}{2}$ N. 11 S., range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1904.

He names as witnesses: William A. Green, Ralph Mead, Van Rensselaer Mead, Eric P. Bergman, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 1st day of August, 1904.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,
June 18, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Aug. 11, 1904, viz: H. E. No. 12,271.

WILLIAM KELLY,

of Sumpter, Oregon, for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24, T $\frac{1}{2}$ N., R. 18 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Peter J. Swartz, Joseph Ryan, Ed. McNulty, Robert W. Riley, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon,
April 28th, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892.

HARRY K. BUNKER,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1089, for the purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section No. 23 in township No. 9 south, range No. 37 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 10th day of July, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Morris H. Allen, Thomas Moore, Ralph Mead, and Van Rensselaer Mead, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of July, 1904.
E. W. DAVIS Register.

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