

CALIFORNIA TO RESUME WITHIN NEXT 30 DAYS

**Dr. Moulton Treasurer of Company Here
to Superintend Preliminary Work
at This End.**

Dr. S. M. Moulton, treasurer of the Turnagain Arm company operating the California, arrived here yesterday to look after the early starting up of this property. Dr. Moulton went out to the property yesterday, returning this afternoon. He says:

"The California will resume within the next sixty days. Things are now rapidly being gotten in shape to this end. We labored under a great many difficulties on account of the heavy snows and the hindrances to transportation, but the season has now opened, the roads are in good shape and the plan is to get in supplies for early operation."

General Manager Bellman is now in Alaska looking after the Turnagain Arm interest on the Copper River, but is expected to return within the next thirty days. In the meantime Dr. Moulton will look after the property, and make the necessary arrangements for operating it. The mill and the mine both are to be started, on the basis of continuous operation. The mine has already a large amount of ore ready for milling. Men will be put to work at once going through the tunnels making the preliminary preparations for the resumption. Dr. Moulton will remain here for some time looking after the work.

OPERATIONS AT THE GEM MINE

Harry Hendryx, of the Geisler-Hendryx company went to Baker yesterday to arrange for starting up the Gem in the Sparta district, which was recently acquired by the company for eastern capitalists. The deal has been closed, though no price is mentioned, and work is to be started in a few days.

C. S. McLain, brother of B. L., the millwright left, this afternoon to take charge of the machinery. A force of men was sent in today.

Mr. McLain will pump out the shaft and take general charge of the machinery. Mr. McLain is an old mechanic in the district, and a mining man in this line of well known ability.

Henry Dodson, formerly at the Tabor Fraction, and also with the Bonanza has been chosen as superintendent. He also is regarded as efficient in mining circles.

The Gem is equipped with a ten stamp mill, a hoist, and is well equipped as far as machinery's concerned. Extensive operations will be inaugurated.

Comstock Mine Sold.

Word has been received in Granite, says the Gem, from what is a reliable source to the effect that the Comstock mine, about a half mile from the Red Boy, has been sold. The purchasers are eastern capitalists and will at once take hold of the property and push development work. The Comstock was owned by a stock company with headquarters at Spokane. It has never been worked in a practical manner. The promoters of the company it seems devoted more time and money to mining the stock market than to opening their mining property. A little

over a year ago they crosscut a ledge that shows over six feet of high grade milling ore. At once the property was shut down and has so remained since. The new owners have placed W. J. Keough, the well known Red Boy foreman, in charge of the mine and he is expected in from Baker next week when a crew of miners will be put on the property. The vein will be drifted on both ways from the crosscut and a raise run to the surface.

BOND IS TAKEN ON WOLVERINE GROUP

This week Geo. J. Barrett and G. L. Lindsay took a bond on the Wolverine group on Boulder creek about four miles from Granite. The price of the bond is not made public, though it calls for all the payments to be made in eighteen months, and that development work be prosecuted continuously. The gentlemen purchasing the property have great faith in its future and are putting their own money in the proposition. The Wolverine group contains three claims and a millsite—the Wolverine, Mountain Lion and Porcupine, and also has a water right in connection. W. H. Robison is the discoverer and present owner.

There are two veins on the property. One two and a half feet wide and the other about eight feet wide. These veins are about 100 feet apart and have been showed up on the surface by open cuts for 700 feet. Wherever opened high values in free gold are obtained, and frequently pieces are obtained that would pay a man good wages to work with a mortar and pan.

Three men are now at work getting ready to sink a shaft on the apex of the principal vein, and after the veins are more thoroughly prospected a long tunnel will be started to open up the ledges in depth.—Granite

Gem.

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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 mountains 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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