

HEPPNER CO'S GOOD SHOWING

Granite Boulder, a Coming Mining Region, Says Mr. Stalter.

August Stalter, who is interested in Granite Boulder, was on the train this afternoon going to Baker City.

Mr. Stalter is a brother of Don Stalter who is the managing owner of the Heppner company, operating in the vicinity of Granite Boulder. He owns an extension to this property.

The Heppner company, Mr. Stalter says, is making excellent headway with a fine showing in sight. The ledge has ore which goes as high as \$10 to the ton and there is an abundance of it. The company is going rapidly ahead with development work, and according to Mr. Stalter in all probability will erect a mill on its property early next spring. Mr. Stalter does not think the district in question is getting a fair show in the mining papers of eastern Oregon, that it is one of the coming mining sections of the country and deserves proper recognition.

Sorensen Making Easy Money.

Acquaintances and those who have had business dealings with Neil J. Sorensen, here and elsewhere, will be delighted to learn that he is gathering in all kinds of money down in the Boulder state. In an effort to stave off the trial of a suit against him for breach of contract, one, Frank Shelton, made affidavit that he, Shelton, is secretary for Sorensen, therefore knows what he is talking about, and that for the latter to quit the game in which he is now sitting down in Flora, Carroll county, Indiana, to come to Baker City and attend a trial, would mean a loss to him of \$20,000. That is taking it at the rate of about \$2,000 a day, which most any one will acknowledge renders it dead easy money. In fact, that it bears striking resemblance to remittances received at home. The affidavit further states in effect that the defendant is throwing this money at the expense of the purpose of developing the mines, which statement was made with an unprejudiced mind to come into consideration. It is stated that he is making a profit of \$10,000, that the citizens are making "permanent" money. If the reader has any doubts, ask Mr. Herlocker, or Mr. Sorensen's hired

Says the Minnie Moore.

Mr. Schwab, of the steel trust, has closed a majority interest in the Minnie Moore, says the Hailey. The deal was closed yesterday afternoon. It was pending two months, but was requested to suppress the fact until the deal was closed. Although Schwab has a controlling interest in the Minnie Moore, E. Rockwell,

the man who unwatered the property and reopened it after it had been closed for years, still retains a large interest and will continue in charge of the property. Mr. Schwab will probably take hold of other properties here, now that he is interested in the district. But whether he does or not, he will undoubtedly be followed here by many other capitalists.

COULD IT HAVE BEEN IN HOOPPOLE COUNTY, IND.?

Editor Miner: I was very much interested in an article which appeared in your paper a day or two since, relative to Mr. Shelton's affidavit that Mr. Sorensen is busily engaged in making a cleanup of \$20,000 down in Flora, Carroll county, Indiana. Are not either you or the affiant mistaken in the locality where the gentleman has made this discovery of an easy thing, this rich strike, as it were. I think it surely must be over in Hooppole county, where, I have heard, the populace fall over each other in their efforts to buy gold watches from street vendors at \$1.40 each.

Will you kindly inform me, if indeed you are correct in your statement that Mr. Sorensen is operating in Flora, whether or not the suit club system of selling clothing by raffle has been introduced into that community; and if not, what the railroad fare is from Sumpter to Flora.

Don't think for a moment that I am contemplating betting into Mr. Sorensen's game uninvited; but I have an acquaintance who is looking for a business opening, and I believe he would do well in a town where \$20,000 in profits can be picked up in ten days.

ANXIOUS ENQUIRER

The questioner must get the desired information from some other source, though The Miner is of the opinion that there is no mistake relative to the locality. If some slight error has inadvertently crept into Mr. Shelton's affidavit, it is probably in connection with other statements contained therein.

TWO MINING GROUPS WERE CONSOLIDATED

George C. Gantz, of Seattle, president of the Blue Mountain Gold Mining company, and S. H. Norton, also of Seattle, who has the management of the company, returned today from the properties in the Cracker Creek district. Mr. Gantz returned this afternoon to Seattle, and Mr. Norton will remain and inaugurate work at once.

At a meeting held some time ago, the Justice group, owned by Seattle interests, and the Cracker King, also held largely in Seattle, were consolidated under the name of the Blue Mountain Gold Mining company, and the two properties, which are located near each other, will be operated in conjunction. Mr. Gantz says:

"We have already invested a good sum, but we are prepared to invest more to keep things going. We have absolute faith in our holdings, and our immediate plan is thorough and systematic development work."

Mr. Gantz has spent several days at the properties and is well pleased with them. Mr. Norton will start operations at once.

JOHN DAY THE LAND OF PLENTY

T. J. Costello returned last night from a general trip through the John Day country, with glowing accounts of this garden spot of creation. This is the way he talks:

"There are cattle seventy times fatter than fat, grazing on a thousand hills, and grain waving in innumerable valleys. It is truly a region of prosperity, regardless of the effects of the republican administration or the nomination of Parker. The marketable cattle this year will reach a vast number, probably exceeding that of any previous year. The alfalfa crop is being harvested, but farmers are waiting for more settled weather to start on the timothy. The hay production this year will be enormous, and when the cattle are marketed the country will see an influx of money never before witnessed in its history. John Day is certainly a land of plenty, the garden spot of Eastern Oregon and the home of a happy, hospitable and prosperous people."

FARMERS KICK ABOUT TAILINGS FROM MINES

It transpired yesterday that there is liable to be serious trouble in the near future between the farmers of that portion of Baker county known as western Powder valley, bordering on the Pocahontas and Balseley Elkhorn mining districts, and the miners operating placer claims who are using certain irrigation ditches for their dumps.

A leading attorney of the city yesterday stated that half a dozen prominent ranchers whose ranches are covered by these ditches are becoming very indignant over the situation and may combine in a general suit at common law to rectify the evil. The ditches are and for some time past have been carrying so heavy a deposit of tailings from the mines as to rapidly fill the ditches and make it necessary to build up their sides in order to carry any water. This has resulted in many instances in criss-crossing the farms with these embanked ditches having the appearance of high railroad grades. Not only are the ditches unsightly but they are rapidly losing their usefulness as irrigation ditches.

While the character of the mineral deposits does not seem to have injured the land in any way, yet the farmers have not courted this addition to their real state and do not care for it. Different from the deposits of California, where the mineral deposits are poison to the land, these deposits seem to do very little injury, but being reddish in color they are very unsightly and the principal objection as stated is the rapid filling up of the ditches which these farmers say they will not stand much longer. — Democrat.

Paid Old Debt in Gold Dust.

Yesterday Will Retzer, of the Senate saloon was the recipient of an express package that reminded many of the early days in this section. Not only was it unique, but one that would have been most acceptable to any citizen of the town. It was a

buckskin sack containing 8300 in gold dust and tagged with the address of its present owner. Long ago Mr. Retzer was requested by a friend in Alaska to loan him a few hundred. This sum Mr. Retzer wired to his friend and the obligation was squared by this Alaskan commercial method. — Walla Walla Statesman.

Will Make Mill Test.

Manager Thomsen, of the May Queen, who was here today with the Red Boy people, states that he will in all probability make a mill test of May Queen ore in a short time, with a view to the early resumption of the mill.

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 N¹/₂ NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ and lot one (1) of Sec. 10, in T¹/₂ N. 11 S., range No. 18 E¹/₂ W¹/₂ 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, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1124, for the purchase of the E¹/₂ S. W¹/₂ Sec. 13, and N¹/₂ N. W¹/₂ Sec. 24, T¹/₂ S. R. 18 E¹/₂ W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Peter J. Soards, 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. 1080, for the purchase of the E¹/₂ S. E¹/₄, and SW¹/₄ S E¹/₄ of section No. 20 in township No. 9 south, range No. 17 E¹/₂ W¹/₂ 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 16th 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 16th day of July, 1904. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, June 30, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Wham, of Unity, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 296, for the SW¹/₄ sec. 10, NE¹/₄ sec. 11, T¹/₂ S. 17 E¹/₂ W. M., before the County Clerk of Baker County at Baker City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 24th day of August, 1904.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Gene Yeager of Unity, Ore., Thomas B. Boyer of Hereford, Ore., Thomas Thompson of Unity, Ore., Alfred Whited of Unity, Oregon. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

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Portland, Oregon.