

## The Sumpter Miner

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Of the world's railroad mileage, 520,995, North America has 233,186, or a little less than half. It has more than Europe and Asia combined.

It was estimated by a leading bank cashier that there is an aggregate of \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 idle money in Cincinnati banks, awaiting borrowers. It is the accumulation of the mints, and the banks groan under the burden of the unemployed cash. Bank cashiers figure on making big loans, when the time comes for heavy crop movements.

A railway publication of Chicago states that Kansas farmers have \$100,000,000 in banks, old socks and the like awaiting borrowers. Now "what's the matter with Kansas" separating from some of this and investing it in Sumpter mining securities? It would obviate the possibility of acquiring a stock of gold bricks, and at the same time give the investor an excellent opportunity of increasing his wealth."

The national banks of the country are very generally adopting the practice of operating savings departments in connection with their regular business. Inquiries as to the right of a national bank to operate such a department have been received by the comptroller, who finds nothing in the law to interfere with a national bank engaging in the business of a savings bank and accepting deposits subject to special contract. — National Banker.

The Borgia Chaldean agate ax, of which so much was written years ago, was made from pure agate, and in one piece. It was obtained at Chaldea where it had been discovered in some excavations, and immediately became a great prize. Cardinal Borgia obtained the ax soon after its discovery and it was a few years after offered for sale to the British museum for the sum of \$17,500, but the museum refused to buy, thinking the price exorbitant. This ax was purchased a few years ago from a Frenchman by J. P. Morgan and it is on exhibition in the Morgan collection of the American Institute of Natural History, New York. Its value is said to be \$10,000.

The commendation of a newspaper may be of little value or assistance to any one interested in such a matter; nevertheless The Miner is constrained to remark that General Manager Fuller, of the smelter here, has done a good work in a most excellent manner since he took charge of the affairs of that institution. The announcement that he has contracted for a sufficient ore supply to keep the smelter running continuously is one of inestimable importance and benefit to all of eastern Oregon and especially to Sumpter, the truth of which statement no one will deny; but to accomplish which few appre-

ciate the hard work that was necessary, the personal tact and business sagacity employed. He had to combat a certain prejudice, which he has converted into cordial cooperation. That man Fuller is going to cut much ice in these parts, because he is going to be an important factor in the future rapid development of the gold fields of eastern Oregon.

The current number of The Engineering and Mining Journal announces that the Mountain Copper company has completed arrangements to build new works and remove its smelting operations from the town of Keswick, in Shasta county, to a point near Martinez, on San Francisco bay, says the Butte Inter-Mountain. The action was made necessary on account of the litigation in which the company was involved because of damage done to vegetation in the vicinity of Keswick, from the fumes of the smelter. The Journal adds that the completion of arrangements for removal have brought to the people of Shasta county a realization of what they have accomplished. Keswick, with a population of more than 2,000, was entirely dependent upon the operation of the company, and will of course be abandoned, probably a majority of the inhabitants following the works to the new field.

In balancing their accounts the "court farmers" in the vicinity of Keswick are brought to an understanding of the fact that it is as impossible to engage profitably in farming without a market for the products, as it is to engage in smelting copper without creating smoke. Given a monopoly of industry in their neighborhood, the Shasta county people are eager for some compromise to restore old conditions, but the copper company, having perfected plans to give the farmers permanent relief from the evils complained of, as well as complete immunity to itself from harassing and costly litigation, has made the declaration that it is too late for a change of plans.

### OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS.  
July 18—Receiver to Albin Selin, in full for 160 acres in Secs. 20 T. 11 R. 38 E.; \$400.  
April 18—U. S. A. to T. K. Makinson, 160 acres in Sec. 13 T. 8 R. 45 and Sec. 18 T. 8 R. 46 E.  
March 19—U. S. A. to Jas. E. Underwood, 160 acres in S. 18 T. 8 R. 46 E.  
Aug. 8—Minnie Finch and husband to Sarah M. Foster, lot 3 block 3 Stewart's addition to Baker City; \$800.  
July 1—P. H. Miles and wife to W. P. Sheets, et al, lot 3 block 12 Parker's addition to Baker City; \$175.  
Aug. 4—A. Laffin to Snow Creek Lumber company Nancy Hank placer claim; \$75.  
July 7—Heirs of B. Perkins, 13 deeds among themselves dividing the estate in Secs. 13 and 28 T. 8 R. 39 and Sec. 25 T. 9 R. 38 E.; \$1.  
Aug. 6—Heirs of H. B. Perkins to Henry M. Evitt, N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 25 T. 8 R. 239 E.; \$1.  
August 11—H. C. Scott to O. L. & C. company, Baker City; Club saloon building and stock therein,

# 325,000 ACRES CUT OUT OF THE BLUE MOUNTAIN RESERVE

## Pointed Letter From Governor Chamberlain Said to Have Turned the Trick.

Washington, August 15.—The Interior department has suddenly decided to restore to entry about 345,000 acres of land in eastern Oregon, now included within the forest reserve withdrawals. About 325,000 acres lies around the exterior boundaries of the Blue Mountain withdrawal; the remaining 20,000 along the borders of the Wallowa withdrawal.

The decided change in the policy of the department is largely ascribed to a very pointed letter from Governor Chamberlain which was received only yesterday. In this letter Oregon's chief executive takes issue with the department for its indecision or its aversion to action in forestry matters, and insists that one or two things be done, either that forest reserves be immediately created, and the surplus lands resorted to entry, or that the lands so far found unfit for forestry purposes be thrown open for entry, leaving the actual creation of the reserves for a later day. His protest made it plain that in his opinion the department's policy of delay is injuring the state, interfering with settlement, and is all in all, indefensible. It is no exaggeration to say that Governor Chamberlain's letter created more excitement than has been witnessed in the department in many months, and brought about such activity among the clerks as is without precedent. Since that letter was received the department has been unable to act with enough expedition.

Immediately upon the receipt of Governor Chamberlain's note the

Forestry bureau, which definitely recommended the creation of the Blue Mountain forest reserve and Wallowa withdrawals had been found unfit for reserve purposes. The bureau promptly replied that about 325,000 acres in the Blue Mountain withdrawals were deemed unsuitable for permanent reservation, and about 20,000 acres in the Wallowa withdrawals.

Some of this land is good only for grazing; other tracts are barren and could not produce trees, while still other tracts lying in the valleys along streams which penetrate the proposed reserve are distinctively agricultural lands and not desirable for a reserve. In other words, the Forestry bureau recommends that all public lands included in these withdrawals which are in any way desirable for settlement or entry—except under the timber land laws—be restored to the public domain, retaining under withdrawal only those lands that are valuable for their timber and essential in the preservation of the water supply.

The forestry Bureau went further and recommended that at the time these lands are restored to entry, permanent reserves be created. In recommending the creation of these two reserves, the forestry officials distinctively pointed out the necessity of drawing the reserve boundaries so as to exclude all private holdings, unless it might be a few isolated tracts in the interior. This recommendation went to the General Land office yesterday, in order that no base could be created for future lieu selections.

in Greenhorn City; \$588.

August 12—Jno. H. Washburn to P. M. Fleming, lots 7 and 8 block 11 Haskell's addition to Baker City; \$800.

Jan. 21, '03—W. B. Roberts and wife to D. B. Moses, 60 acres in Sec. 3 T. 9 R. 40 E.; \$1,580.

Aug. 4—Perry Lewis and wife to W. G. Wright, 80 acres in Secs. 9 and 10 T. 8 R. 46 E.; \$400.  
Aug. 9—Robert McAuly and wife to Jas. Akers, lot 8 block 8 Stewart's addition to Baker City; \$800.

Aug. 4—W. W. Stalker and wife to Eliza Howard, 16x20 rods in Sec. 17 T. 8 R. 46 E.; \$200.

Oct. 22—Claude D. Wood and wife to E. Howard 10 acres in Sec. 10 T. 9 R. 45 E.; \$400.

Aug. 8—Jas. Tobler to Ben Hubber, lots 1 and 2 block 2 South Baker; \$200.

Aug 11—Geo. Steel to J. T. Case Threshing Machine company, thresh-

ing machine outfit; \$625.

#### MINING MATTER.

DEEDS.  
June 13—Fred Donaldson to Wm. F. Draper, Oneita quartz claim; \$100.

June 25—A. Creighton Co. to Creighton Gold Mining and Milling company, Carpenter Hill group quartz claims; \$1.

July 15—W. H. Simon to J. I. Watt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest Hidden Treasure mining claim; \$300.

#### Big Producer Work.

Mayor T. F. Glisan, the unofficial mayor of Hanover, was in town today. The mayor is largely interested in Craoker Creek mining property. He was here for supplies to continue work on the Big Pine group, which includes nine quartz and four placer claims.