

## DEAL FOR THE MORNING FORMALLY CONSUMMATED

### Killen, Warner, Stewart Company Unravel Legal Complications and Cap- ture This Prize.

Morning matters have assumed definite shape and direction. It can now be announced that this well known property will soon be operated again.

It remained for the Killen, Warner, Stewart company to unravel the tangle and set things going. At the instance of this firm a corporation has been organized to take over the Morning property and arrange for development. Articles of incorporation have already been filed. The new company will work under the laws of Oregon. The capitalization is not known. The new corporation is to be known as the Morning Gold Mines company, and the officers are D. L. Killen, president; H. H. Ames, vice president, J. F. Lane, secretary and a treasurer, and H. H. Nicholson, of Denver, consulting engineer.

The new corporation has taken over the interests of former owners, C. Chisholm, and J. F. Couper. Owners H. H. Ames and T. J. Simmons retain stock interests.

A part of the creditors, in fact most of the heavy ones, have agreed to take stock for their claims against the old company. The rest have not been seen, but it is thought they will be glad to enter into such an arrangement.

The work of perfecting this organization has been quiet, and very few knew that anything of the kind was on.

An ample development fund will be provided and as soon as details can be arranged operations will start, under the direction of Mr. Nicholson.

The Morning is one of the well known properties of the Greenhorn district, which, unfortunately, has been tied up lately by litigation. The present deal, it is figured, will tend to settle all matters in dispute, clear the property of indebtedness and start it to operating again.

The property includes ten full claims, with ample water and timber rights, and a direct outlet to the railroad seven miles away. It is regarded as one of the best properties in the Greenhorn district. It is equipped with a five foot Bryan mill, two concentrators and is developed by several hundred feet of tunnels, crosscuts, drifts and raises. The main crosscut is now in 400 feet, and will catch the main vein in 200 feet more. In the upper workings there are 250 feet of drifts, with various raises and connections. The width of the stopes in the Fairview ledge taken out are five sets wide. In the Parallel claim the vein measures four to seven feet in width. The Morning goes five to eight while the Fairview shows a vein in the neighborhood of thirty feet. Very few of the other claims have been prospected.

It will be seen from this that the proposition is an immense one. And besides, the former Morning owners have taken out ore in the past going into the hundreds. The mine is a rich one, but unfortunately has been tied up lately by overhanging debts. The coast seems clear now and with the Killen, Warner, Stewart company behind the proposition, fruitful operations may be expected.

### PINS HIS FAITH ON THE SUMPTER GOLD FIELDS

Dr. W. O. Ogle, well known in Sumpter as a member of the dental firm of Ogle & Schultz, returned this morning after wandering over the state for a distance of 600 miles, which he and Dr. Schultz covered in a period of two months.

Equipped with camping outfit, fishing tackle and shooting irons, they hit the trail to do the southern and western portions of the state. They went as far south as the California border. They spent some time at Crescent Lake, Klamath county, where fishing and hunting were exceedingly good. They have, Dr. Ogle says, one brown bear and two deer to their credit, besides fish that count into the thousands.

Dr. Ogle is on his way to John Day now, where the firm has an office.

Dr. Schultz left a short time ago for the St. Louis fair and will be back here about November 1. Dr. Ogle says he saw no place in his

travels that looks better than Sumpter. Dr. Ogle is very much bronzed, and sports a vandyke. The latter fact almost covered up his identity when he alighted from the train this morning.

### Lewis and Clark Dollars.

The Lewis and Clark corporation has sent a check for \$25,000 to the United States treasurer in payment for the first lot of souvenir dollars to be made at the mint. The coins will be shipped to Portland during the week and will be sold at \$2 each, netting the company practically \$25,000. It is calculated by the managers of the Lewis and Clark fair that the exposition will be able to make \$250,000 out of the total issue of 250,000 coins.

### About Diamond Mining.

Diamond mining began in Cape Colony, South Africa, in 1867, when a few of the stones were found. The diamond mining district centers at Kimberley, and the mine of that

name is the richest of the mines. Diamonds were first mined for near the surface, but exploitation shows the gems with depth and now enormous openings or excavations, 600 feet or more in depth, shows the marked search for the precious stones. For the first 100 feet in depth the gems were found embedded in a soft, friable, yellowish earth. Below that the soil changed to slaty color, being more compact, and it was thought that this change in the formation meant that no more diamonds would be found below. This slaty colored ground, or, as it is now popularly known, blue ground, carried even larger numbers of stones than the upper formation, and it has been in this material that mining has been carried on for years. The Peter Rhodes diamond, found at Kimberly, weighed 150 carats and was valued at \$300,000. A yellow diamond weighing 428 and another weighing 302 carats were found, but their color made them far less valuable than though they had been pure white. The largest diamond ever found South Africa was picked up in the Orange Free State in 1893 and weighed 971 carats, but as it contained a large flaw its value was nominal.

### WILL INSTALL A COMPRESSOR PLANT

Bert Rusk, superintendent of the Platts group in the Rock Creek district, came to town today after supplies.

On the Blaine crosscut a few days ago the main ledge was encountered, showing a width of ten feet with values averaging from \$10 to \$18. It is a big thing, Mr. Rusk says. The ledge is now being drifted upon, and the face is in fifty feet. The ledge was struck at a distance of 300 feet in. Work is also being prosecuted on the Kearsarge crosscut which is now in 200 feet.

The company is making arrangements to install a six drill compressor plant at once.

### NEW ASSAY OFFICE IN SUMPTER

Charles Raht, wife and family arrived in town this morning. Mr. Raht will establish an assay office in Sumpter. He has not definitely decided where the office will be located, but it will probably be in the rooms formerly occupied for this purpose by Juessen & Clark, Wilson building.

Mr. Raht was formerly here in the assay business and is well known throughout the district. He returned not long ago from Mexico, where he had charge of a property.

### GOOD RECORD AT THE CLIMAX MINE

P. R. Bishop, who has charge of the development at the Climax group, in the Cracker Creek district, came in today and left for Baker.

Work is now being prosecuted in three faces, Mr. Bishop says, with good results. In the last twenty-six days 167 feet of tunnel has been done, working only one shift. This is considered a mighty good record.

### GOLDEN CHARIOT COMING BONANZA

L. V. Swiggett, who recently took over the Golden Chariot, in the Bear Gulch district, is pushing operations at this property. The new shaft is now sixty feet, and a foot and a half is being made per shift. As previously stated, the vein will be crosscut when the 100 is reached. The distance to go will be small, as the dip is in the direction of the shaft.

At the depth now attained even the country rock is showing a good mineralization.

A prospect shaft during former management was put down thirty feet, and if the values in the new shaft approximate this the management is practically sure of a bonanza. It is believed that the showing will be equal to anything in the district.

Smelter representatives have been at the property, and it is stated in all probability this institution will build a siding for ore shipments. The ore is needed at the smelter for flux, and a low rate will be given. Manager Swiggett states that anything above 85 ore can be treated with profit. Even the old waste dumps have rock that can be profitably treated.

### BIG PROPOSITION IS THE STANDARD CONSOLIDATED

F. M. Riley, of Des Moines, representative of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, and Dr. J. L. Williamson, also of Des Moines, left this afternoon for Portland. Mr. Riley will probably return here before going east, but Dr. Williamson will go home from Portland.

They returned yesterday from a visit of several days at the Standard. They also took in the Snow Creek and Oregon Monarch while away. Dr. Williamson is highly pleased with what he saw. The Standard, especially, he thinks one of the biggest propositions in eastern Oregon. This has been the general opinion of the numerous visitors who have seen the property this season.

### SNOW CREEK HOIST WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

W. W. Elmer, well known in mining engineering circles, and consulting engineer for the Snow Creek, returned today from the Greenhorns' where he was doing some special work in his line at the New York and the Lucy.

Mr. Elmer states that the hoisting plant at the Snow Creek will be in operation as soon as the head gear is completed which will be within the next ten or fifteen days.

### Will Visit Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Melzer, of the North Pole, were in today buying carpetings at the Case Furniture company, for their residence at the mill. They will leave in about a week on a visit to their old home in Germany, and desire that their residence be fully furnished on their return.

WANTED—Two good carpenters. Wages \$4 per day of nine hours. Mountain View Mining company.