



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## AT BOURNE, SEPT. 29, FOR \$1000 IN GOLD

### McLeod-Maddern Drilling Contest Will Take Place in the Town at the Head of the Gulch.

The money for the McLeod-Maddern singlehand drilling contest is up, the match will come off at Bourne, new articles of agreement have been signed, Commodore Gray is happy as a boy with a pair of red-top boots, Ben Wood feels himself \$500 richer, Billy Maddern has taken a bath, everything is lovely and the goose hawks high.

Maddern, who hails from the Virtue mine, and Wood, his backer, came up from Baker this morning in response to a telephone request from Commodore Gray, who is McLeod's backer. They discussed the objectionable phraseology in the old agreement, which was given in yesterday's Miner, and after a heap of cultus wabwah, signed new articles and everybody took a drink, except Maddern, who is in training, and Gray, who is on the water wagon.

Tom Dunphy holds the \$1,000 stake money, and will pay it over to the winner. As related in last evening's Miner, Commodore Gray deposited with Dunphy last night \$400 in coin of the realm, which, with the \$100 forfeit money already put up by McLeod last week, and the \$500 deposited in the First National bank of Sumpter by Woods at the same time, makes up the \$1,000 purse.

The new articles of agreement do not differ materially from the old ones, except in the matter of forfeit. The contract signed today reads as follows:

"This agreement made and entered into this 13th day of September 1904, by and between Ben Woods, of Baker City, representing W. T. Maddern, and Tom C. Gray, representing M. D. McLeod: Witnesseth that a single-handed drilling contest shall take place between said Maddern and said McLeod to be held in the town of Bourne.

"This contest is for a purse of \$500 on each side, which amount of \$1000 is at present in the hands of T. H. Dunphy, official stakeholder, who will pay over to the winner or his representative the said sum of

\$1,000 on the order of the judges whose decision shall be final.

"This contest is to be single-handed, and time of drilling not to exceed fifteen minutes, steel to be octagonal and not less than three quarters of an inch. No swedging to be allowed. Number of pieces not to exceed fifteen. Hammer shall be no heavier than four pounds. The hole is to be a straight down hole. Each man is to be allowed a water tender, a time keeper, and a coach, each of these to be picked by himself or his representative. Each man will select one judge, and the judges will jointly decide on a third. The three judges are to decide on one man who is to act as official time-keeper.

"The said contest to take place on Thursday, September 29th, 1904 at 2 p. m. Bourne.

"In the event of sickness or accident to either of the said contestants, properly authenticated by a doctor's certificate, there shall be no forfeit of the stake money, and further arrangements can be arranged on event of the non-appearance of either of the contestants at the time and place settled upon, excepting as above stated, he shall forfeit to the man appearing the entire sum of \$1,000.

"In witness wherefore the said parties have here unto set their hands and seal in duplicate, this 13th day of September, 1904.

"BEN WOOD,

"Representing W. T. Maddern.

"TOM C. GRAY,

"Representing M. D. McLeod.

"Signed in presence of J. F. Shelton, Otto Herlocker."

The match will be pulled off at Bourne, the enterprising citizen's of which town have subscribed \$100, W. B. McCarty, who is in town today as official representative of the camp at the head of the gulch, met with Gray, Wood and Maddern this morning.

"We have dug up \$130 as an offer for the match," he said, "but it will

cost at least \$30 to get the rock in position."

"If you'll give us \$100 in cash you can have the match, so far as I am concerned," said Wood.

"That suits me," said Gray.

"Here too," said Maddern.

It was so arranged.

"About the rock," said Gray. "My man will not drill in the one used Labor Day."

"Why not?" demanded Maddern. "Your man has drilled it once and has the advantage."

"Well, we don't want it," said Gray. "We want a granite boulder—new one—elevated on a platform."

"All right," said Maddern. "Anything suits me."

Bourne will select the rock, mount it, and four days before the match will turn it over to the contestants for inspection.

Maddern, after seeing everything arranged, started on foot up the canyon toward Bourne. "I'm not broke," he explained. "I can afford to hire a rig or ride on the stage. But I'm in training, so here goes. Good bye."

Ben Wood, just before Stakeholder Dunphy locked up the \$1,000 in his office safe, said to Gray:

"Take a long look at it, Tom; its the last time you'll ever see it. And here's a couple of hundred more if any man in the crowd possesses McLeod money."

Commodore Gray said: "McLeod will win. I'm glad the thing is at last arranged."

### SATISFACTORY TEST RUN AT MAY QUEEN

John Thomsen, manager of the May Queen and late receiver of the Red Boy, came in from the former property this afternoon and left for Baker City to return Monday.

Mr. Thomsen says the test run of the 10-stamp mill at the May Queen mine is proving highly satisfactory and that a cleanup will be made soon. The mill will probably be put in continuous operation at an early date.

### Sumpter-Bourne Survey Finished.

J. A. Green, chief engineer of the Sumpter-Bourne railway, returned to his home in Lincoln, Neb., this afternoon. He has completed a survey of the proposed line and is now returning to render a report and submit estimates. While Mr. Green is diplomatically reticent regarding the nature of his report to be made to his principals, he let fall a few statements while in conversation with a Miner man which impels a conclusion that construction work on the proposed line will undoubtedly begin this fall.

### THIS THE BEST CAMP HE HAS EVER SEEN

J. Fortin, secretary of the Overland Mining company, left this afternoon for his home in Minneapolis. Before leaving he said to a Miner representative:

"I inspected the Cable Cove district pretty thoroughly, our own property, of course, more especially. I also visited several of the big mines on the Cracker Creek mother lode, and I wish to say that I am favorably impressed. I have been to many camps before, as far north as the Arctic circle, and I have not before seen one with which I have been so well pleased; one that holds out such encouragement for a prosperous and permanent future.

"So far as the Overland is concerned, we will not stop work a day. It is a good property and we are going to rush it to the producing stage just as quickly as possible. At first I felt a little sore on our manager, Mr. Bain, because he didn't send us reports as encouraging as the conditions warranted; but since I have thought the matter over, I have come to believe that he knows his business."

### SETTLE DIFFERENCES BY ARBITRATION

Trouble is apparently brewing between the New York mine and the owners of the Humboldt. It seems that there is a conflict of opinion as to boundary lines. L. Y. Keady, secretary of the New York Consolidated Mining company, whose home is in Portland, and H. K. Sargeant, his attorney, who recently visited the Greenhorn properties of the two companies, have returned to the Webfoot metropolis imbued with the idea that all difficulties will be amicably arranged by arbitration, thus preventing the necessity of carrying the matter into court. According to the Portland Telegram, Attorney Abert Allen, of the Fortune company, owning the Humboldt, went over the disputed ground with him, accompanied by engineers of both companies. The Telegram says that there is every reason to anticipate an adjustment of differences without a recourse to law.

Lew Walker, the mining man, departed this afternoon for Mountain City, Nevada, from which latter point he will journey overland to the new bonanza land. Mr. Walker was attracted by letters from Mike Mahoney and George Probasco, who are on the ground and who entuse a whole lot. Mr. Walker's stay will be indefinite.