

BAMBERGER HAS FAITH IN LA BELLEVUE MINE

Salt Lake Owner Says He Wishes the Property Were in Utah Instead of Oregon.

That a deal is on for the sale of La Bellevue mine, fourteen miles northwest of Sumpter, is practically confirmed by J. E. Bamberger, of Salt Lake, who with David Keith, of the same city, control the property. An exclusive news item was recently published in The Miner, announcing that negotiations were pending between J. H. Parker, the Baker City banker, a minority owner of La Bellevue, and a representative of an eastern syndicate, for an outright purchase of the property, which is one of the best known in the Sumpter gold fields. It is said that not less than \$300,000 worth of ore that will carry from \$6 to \$20 in gold and from fourteen to twenty ounces in silver per ton are in sight and blocked out.

A reporter for the Salt Lake Herald called upon the controllers of La Bellevue for verification of The Miner's story.

"While I have heard nothing directly on the subject," said Mr. Bamberger to the Salt Lake reporter, "I presume that the news is correct. Mr. Parker was here two or three months ago and he knows under what terms we are willing to surrender our interests. The property is one of exceeding merit and if it were located here, where Mr. Keith and I could give it our attention, we

should not think of parting with it for many times what it will probably bring up there. The property is ideally located. There is veritable forests of timber on the grounds, while there is water in abundance for power, milling, and other purposes. The mine has been opened through three tunnels, I think each one of which was run in on the vein. The location of the mine is such that it is at least 2,500 feet deep without having to sink a shaft. The ore is in heavy sulphide, but we did not get the best results in milling, principally because the mine was too remote to give it the attention required in mastering the metallurgy of the rock. It will most likely smelt better than it will mill, but that is a matter that can easily be determined if someone gets the mine that can give it the proper attention.

"Before closing down" Mr. Keith and I spent a great deal of money in developing and equipping the property, but some of our neighbors undertook to hold us up because in one instance we crossed a claim with a piece of road and in another because we wanted dump room for one of the tunnels. These and other matters, that more directly concerned the various owners, decided us to close down. But the mine is a good one, and I only wish it were located here in Utah."

A. J. TRIMBLE AND HIS SIBERIAN CONCESSIONS

Graphite will in all probability be mined in Siberia the coming year on a considerable scale. A. J. Trimble, one of the prominent stockholders in the Northwest company, passed through the city yesterday to Seattle, where he has been called in connection with the closing operations for the season. He stated that the graphite deposit found by the company would be thoroughly tested this winter, as several hundred tons had been ordered brought out on the last steamer, for exhaustive analysis. Should this test prove that the graphite is what it seems to be, and as indicated by preliminary examinations, work on the deposit next year will be on a scale insuring the output of many tons.

Mr. Trimble's company is a commercial and industrial organization, handling a transportation line from Seattle, operating fish-packing establishments, and prospecting on the Siberian coast, where concessions have been obtained for mineral. This is the second year that it has been active, but the results of operations have been satisfactory and there is a prospect of bringing out important mineral districts.

For four years Mr. Trimble operated in the Sumpter district of this state, where he has the Annalulu mining property. Prior to that time he was in the Mesabe range, Michigan.—Portland Journal

RICH ORE IN I. X. L. HOLDING WITH DEPTH

James Cusick, foreman of the I. X. L. mine, in the Greenhorn district, in a letter to his company's representatives in this city, stated that the rich ore encountered in the main shaft is still holding out wonderfully well, and that ore is being sacked for shipment.

On the I. X. L. an incline shaft was sunk to a depth of 200 feet and drifts extended both ways on the levels, on the 100 about 150 feet and on the 200 almost 500 feet. In all these workings the vein showed a width of two to four feet of high-grade milling ore, and on the 200 level ore was taken out that ran as high as \$8,000 per ton.

Benefiting by his wide experience in other mining enterprises, Manager Kelly realized the necessity of attaining depth and economical work, and began a double-compartment shaft. A complete hoisting plant of 800 feet capacity was in-

stalled and when the raise from the drift from the 200 level of the old incline shaft had been completed deep sinking was resumed.

The new shaft had gone hardly thirty feet further when it entered ore and in a few feet had opened two feet of the average value of \$128 per ton. The ore body has widened to four feet, the new ore coming in averaging \$60 per ton. The shaft will be continued to the 300 level, when the ore body will be fully explored.—Portland Telegram.

NORTH POLE BUYS SOUTH POLE CLAIM

In the court house records, published in The Miner today, is a deed from the South Pole Consolidated Gold Mining company to the Eastern Oregon Mining company, popularly known as the North Pole, conveying the Villard, Yankee Jack and Yankee Jim quartz claims, for a consideration of \$14,000. This instrument is dated August 11, but was only filed yesterday.

Seymour Bell, one of the large stockholders in the South Pole company, said today that he never heard of the deal before; that Peter Basche, of Baker City, is handling the proposition, and, of course, it is therefore all right. Regarding the transaction the Democrat of this morning says:

It is understood on good authority that this transfer is a mere matter of clearing a title and the establishment of permanent boundary lines between the North and South Pole properties, so that both companies can now push operations on new ground without interference.

PANHANDLE GRAVEL YIELDS \$1 PER YARD

Ex Alderman Jack Hazlewood will leave Sumpter shortly for Eagle creek, in the Panhandle of Baker county, where he and Tom Brown and Charles Hallford own a valuable placer mining property. Mr. Hazlewood will repair the ditches and get things in shape for active operations next spring. He confidently expects a big cleanup, as the ground is exceptionally rich. "We have never found a yard of gravel on our claims which didn't yield a dollar," said Mr. Hazlewood to a Miner man this morning.

The property is on main Eagle creek, the principal gravel bars lying on the slope of the high divide between main Eagle and East Eagle.

That Grande Ronde Belt Line.

F. A. Philbrick returned today from the Grande Ronde, where he has been for several weeks past working in conjunction with Messrs. Cleaver, Davidson and Brown on that electric belt line proposition. His task was to collect and compile statistics relating to the tonnage which the road will probably handle. He has finished that work and will now remain in Sumpter indefinitely. A. B. Brown has completed the field work of the survey and is now busily engaged drafting and estimating. It is not known when T. W. Davidson will return from the east. He is meeting with success in floating the bonds of the company.

ASBESTOS AT THE GOLDEN STAR MINE

Dr. E. B. McDaniel, of Baker City, passed through Sumpter on the afternoon train, en route home from a trip to the Golden Star mine, in the Greenhorns, in which he is heavily interested. Dr. McDaniel was urgently put forward by his friends as candidate for mayor of Baker City. He was compelled to decline the honor, owing to the press of professional duties. While in conversation with a Miner reporter at the train this afternoon, Dr. McDaniel diplomatically refused to talk politics. "I am just a trifle afraid of you Sumpter newspaper men," he said. "Yesterday, while in Sumpter, on my way to Greenhorn, I met a reporter for the morning paper here. 'Hello,' said he. 'Hello,' said I. The conversation thus began and so ended. Imagine my surprise this morning when I saw myself interviewed at great length in the morning paper, with whose editor and reporter I exchanged, perhaps, two or three words.

"Yes, the Golden Star is looking good. We have accomplished lots of work and are in shape to take out a fair tonnage of good ore. Five hundred feet of drifting is all in ore.

"We ran across an asbestos deposit on the Morning Star group recently. The fibre is not very long, but the deposit is six inches wide, and may develop into commercial value."

ELECTRIC POWER FOR GREENHORN

It has been rumored more or less during the summer that an electric power plant was to be established in Greenhorn City, but it remained for the announcement to be made yesterday by C. R. Aldrin, the promoter, that all arrangements had already been completed for the construction in the early spring of a water power electric plant at the Greenhorn, with a capacity of 80 horse power, to distributed among the mines which have already made application for power.

The water power machinery will be erected about eight miles from Greenhorn. A heavy wire will be run from there to Greenhorn City where the main power house and distributing plant will be situated.

The establishment of this plan means the reduction in operating expenses of the mines of nearly fifty per cent, as in that camp fuel has been quite expensive.

The enterprise is backed by well known local and eastern capitalists.—Democrat.

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