



THE SUMPTER MINER

INJUNCTION DISSOLVED

The federal court of Oregon has dissolved another injunction restraining the sale of the Cornucopia mine, and Sheriff Brown will proceed to dispose of the property at public auction on November 22 and 28.

The injunction proceedings were brought before Judge Bellinger auxiliary to proceedings instituted in the Federal court of New York by H. H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil company, who brought suit to foreclose a \$100,000 mortgage held by him and who secured a temporary injunction restraining the sale of the property under execution. The order to show cause was made returnable before the federal court of Oregon.

Once before the Oregon court dissolved an injunction issued out of the New York court, the prior one being secured by John E. Searles, bankrupt owner of the mine.

It is believed that the principal bidders at the forthcoming sale will be a foreign syndicate, for which Pierre Humbert, of San Francisco, recently experted the mine and reported favorably.

There is no certainty that the sale will come off. Rogers, as well as Bankrupt Searles, are expected to make some move in the state court. The present situation, briefly stated is this:

The Cornucopia Mining company has filed a petition in bankruptcy; H. H. Rogers, of New York City, has started suit to foreclose a mortgage; the Circuit court of Baker county has ordered the property of the mine sold to satisfy claims of creditors; the Federal court has declined to interfere to stop the sale because the statutes of the United States forbid it from interfering.

Just what the outcome will be from this mass of litigation cannot even be conjectured at present, but the scene of active effort will likely be shifted to the state courts.

Making Artificial Rubies.

Artificial rubies are made by a process of the chemist Verneuil, by melting a mixture of clay and oxide of chromium at an even temperature of several thousand degrees. The two substances are carefully placed above each other in layers so as to prevent cracking in the crystallized mass. It is stated that Verneuil finally succeeded in producing an artificial ruby weighing five pounds, which had a value of about \$600.

FIGURING ON A RAILWAY FROM HERE TO GRANITE

Isaac W. Anderson, of Boise, arrived in Sumpter this morning. He was met by Ex-Representative George Barrett, of Grant county, and driven to Granite, where he will look over the field with a view to determining the feasibility of an electric railway from Sumpter into the Red Boy mining district.

Mr. Anderson is a railroad builder. Personally and individually he is wealthy. Furthermore, he represents a syndicate of inventors in industrial enterprises who accept his word as final. He is now engaged in the projection and promotion of an electric line from Pearl, Idaho, to some convenient connecting point on the Oregon Short Line. He has worked up sufficient interest in the project among mine operators of the Pearl district to bring about the signing of a number of tonnage pledges, including one with the Friday and Leviathan, an adjoining mine, both contributors of considerable ore to the Sumpter plant; the Lincoln, Checkmate and Pearl, other properties in that camp, ship to Tacoma and Everett smelters.

The contracts signed with Pearl district mine operators provide for the completion of surveys by February 1, 1905, the commencement of construction by March 1, 1905, and completion and operation of the road by March 1, 1906. Power for the operation of the trolley is to be derived from the Payette river.

Mr. Anderson's mission to the Sumpter-Granite district is to make a cursory examination of the conditions obtaining here, with relation to the feasibility of an electric or steam road from Sumpter to the Red Boy mining district. When he departed this morning in company with Hon. George J. Barrett his last words to a Miner reporter were:

"Wait till I come back; then I'll tell you something."

THRILLING ACCIDENT AT THE IMPERIAL MINE.

John Arthur, of the Imperial mine, who returned this morning from Baker; John Shanks, one of the original lessees of the property; J. C. Kirchen, superintendent of the Sumpter smelter, and John Boyce, hoisting engineer, were the joint and separate heroes of a thrilling accident in the Cable Cove last week. The tale is told in the following words by the Sumpter correspondent of the Portland Telegram:

A hoist located in the main tunnel just over the shaft, is operated by an engine, and a smokestack leads from this to the surface, a distance of about 175 feet. This smokestack caught fire, with the result that the smoke was forced down into the station chamber.

John Shanks, who was operating the hoist, was overcome with the fumes and forced to give up. He called for John Boyce, who worked the opposite shift, and who had just

received a sign to hoist the bucket in which John Arthur was coming to the top. While holding the lever Boyce became almost unconscious from the smoke, and before he could stop the reel, had drawn Arthur clear up to the sheave.

Then Boyce became utterly unconscious and fell to the floor, while Arthur tumbled out of the bucket. Mr. Kirchen, of the Sumpter smelter, who had just come out of the shaft ahead of Arthur, saved the latter from a heavy fall by catching him, and the two then got Boyce to a place of safety. He did not regain his senses for some time, but finally got out of the tunnel.

Had the hoist been going with its usual rapidity, Arthur would have undoubtedly been killed or seriously injured. Both Shanks and Boyce were quite ill for some time after the accident. The smokestack finally burned out and ventilation was restored.

From this price it may be judged that the product is not first class, and probably just pays the costs of manufacture. In order to produce the exceedingly high temperature

which is indispensable for success, Verneuil uses a blast of oxyhydrogen gas, which acts directly on the mass from the top. The hardness of the ruby is the result of quick cooling

BRADLEY INJURED

Fred W. Bradley, the noted mining man, was badly injured last week in a San Francisco apartment house by a gas explosion, according to a special dispatch to the Spokane Spokesman-Review. While learning to smoke (his wife insisting that he practice in the hallway) his lighted cigar ignited a large quantity of gas which was escaping from a defective pipe. The explosion wrecked the entire floor of the flat and literally tore the clothing from Mr. Bradley's body, and threw him out of the window and halfway across the street. He was seriously bruised and burned.

Mr. Bradley is well known in Sumpter. He was until recently a managing engineer for the Le Roi, at Roseland, B. C., and he is now the executive head of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan at Warde, Idaho; the Badger gold mine in eastern Oregon; the Tacoma smelter; the Oroville, California, dredger; the great Alaska-Treadwell group of gold properties on Douglas island, Alaska, and the Mariposa-Grant properties in California. He has other interests in Nevada, Montana and Alaska. He represents some of the richest mining men in the country and is popularly credited with being able to secure \$1,000,000 on his unaided word whenever he wants to swing a mining deal. He is about forty years old, of simple habits, and his recent devotion to My Lady Nicotine is unknown to most of his friends.

caused by sudden interruption of the blast of oxyhydrogen. The artificial ruby is said to be very pure and brilliant, possessing all the physical properties of natural rubies. It can be cut, and takes a very fine polish. —Exchange.

Nothing Doing in re Golconda.

Attorney N. C. Richards returned this morning from Pendleton, where he went with H. T. Hendryx and J. A. Howard, on business pertaining to the pending Golconda deal. He says no agreement was reached relative to the Prussing proposition, some of the stockholders favoring and others opposing it. Mr. Richards expressed the opinion that the two factions will not get together on the terms proposed; but hopes they will on some modification thereof. Mr. Hendryx went on to Portland and Mr. Howard is still in Pendleton, working on the deal.