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ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE, WAR AND MINING PROMOTION

Captain Ketchum Cumming, the Baker City mining promoter, who formerly resided in Sumpter, but who removed to the county seat in order to be nearer the beaten path of fame, happened into town the other day with a couple of eastern investors, whom he guarded like a gaoler. "They have smallpox," he whispered to a couple of Sumpter mining promoters who exhibited signs of a desire to introduce themselves to the strangers and verbally deliver to them the keys to the whole camp.

Captain Ketchum Cumming was approached by a timid Miner reporter whose thirst for news is almost as great as the captain's thirst for cognikkah.

"When I come back from this trip," said the captain, "I will be pleased to accord you an interview upon any subject you may designate. Just at this time, though, I am in no position to talk for publication. I am negotiating, in the capacity of a middle man, for the sale of a group of mines to an eastern syndicate. Representatives of that syndicate are now with me. If the deal goes through, I shall probably make forty or fifty cents—no more. I am giving my time and talents to these negotiations simply through a philanthropic desire to develop the camp. The eastern gentlemen who accompany me did not come west to look at the property which I will show them. They came on an entirely different proposition, connected with a mine in Cable Cove. The promoter who was to have met them at the Baker City depot unfortunately missed connections, and merely through accident I came across the easterners at a Baker City hotel. I engaged them in conversation and discovered their mission. Now, I am personally acquainted with the Cable Cove mine toward which they were headed. It is a fairly good mine, and may be worth the money; but I happened to have something a whole lot better to offer. It was but natural, therefore, that out of the usual kindness of my heart, I should have switched them away from the Cable Cove proposition.

"I pointed out that the promoter of the Cable Cove deal was crooked; that his reputation in the upper camp is that of a horse thief and bank robber; that the title to the mine was clouded, that the promoter could not deliver the goods; and that the ore was of too low grade to be profitable. I explained that under the circumstances it would be a waste of their time and money to make the trip to Cable Cove, but if they desired something good in the way of a mining investment, I could accommodate them readily. Consequently we are here, on our way to look at a mine upon which I hold an option

for \$500, and which I hope to turn to these easterners for \$50,000.

"The property is superbly developed by a ten-foot open cut and a location notice. The ore body is strong and permanent, assays running high—8236 feet above sea level. The deal is a very important one, in that it means that I can, if successful in its promotion, buy regular meal tickets for another year.

"I am sorry for the promoter of the Cable Cove mine, but you must remember that this is an age of keen competition, and that everything is fair in love, war and mine promotion."

SUMPTERITES IN TONAPAH SMILING

Bela Kadish, owner of the Baker City Sampling works, now under lease to the Sumpter smelter; and who, with Fred S. Lack, of Baker City, recently removed to Tonopah to establish a sampling works there, is in Sumpter today, having arrived from the Nevada bonanza land last week. He says that the reports of Tonopah's and Goldfield's richness are not exaggerated. "It is the greatest gold camp in the world," says he.

While in Tonopah Mr. Kadish met a number of Sumpterites, all of whom are doing well and making money. He and Mr. Lack have purchased machinery for their sampling works and expect to have the plant running by the first of the year.

Mr. Kadish saw Judge Evans, Arthur Philbrick, and C. E. Fenner in the Nevada camp. He says Wesley Warren made a lot of money on a lucky deal, not long ago, but that it filtered away.

Rich Ore in Rye Valley.

The Conley quartz mill in Rye valley has crushed a couple of tons of ore for Joe Bush. It is learned that the cleanup was large enough to defray all the costs of a summer's development and provided for a full winter's work. P. D. Wells, of the Summit mine, near Mormon Basin, also ran a few tons of ore through the Conley mill with good results.

Kitchen Expedition Heard From.

A letter has been received from Charles S. Warren, junior member of the Gray-Warren Investment company, and vice-president of the Valley Queen mine, who accompanied the Kitchen expedition overland to Tonopah, via Burns and Winnemucca. The letter was mailed at Diamond, between the Nevada line

and Burns, 185 miles from Sumpter, and bore date of November 20, showing that the expedition is making rapid progress. Mr. Warren tells of having met the Herlocker-Horner-Greenlee at Narrows. He says everyone in the Kitchen party is in the pink of condition. He estimated that the drive from Diamond to Winnemucca would require five days, so that the party probably crossed in to Nevada yesterday. Warren says the weather has been fine but that the wind blows like fury.

Nels Qually Dead at Granite.

Nels Qually, foreman of the Snow Creek mine, died Saturday at Granite, aged forty five. He was formerly foreman of the Red Boy, and was one of the best known miners in the camp. Interment will probably be at Granite today. The news of Mr. Qually's death was received in Sumpter yesterday and created sadness among a large circle of friends. The immediate cause of death is reported as alcoholism. Mr. Qually was a member of the Workman's lodge of Granite, under whose auspices the funeral will be held.

McGuigan to Jo'n Stampede.

T. G. McGuigan, of Spokane, who is heavily interested in Greenhorn mountain mines, notably the Alamo, passed through Sumpter today en route to Whitney, from which point he will drive out to the properties under his control. A recent reorganization of the Alamo was effected by the incorporation of the Alamo Amalgamated company, in Spokane. Pending a financing of the new corporation, the mines owned thereby will remain idle. In the meantime, Mr. McGuigan will journey to Tonopah, to look over the field there.

"Glory Hole" at Auburn.

Alderman C. K. De Neffe, a heavy stockholder in the Auburn Deep Sinking Mining company, has received from Manager Joe Reed a number of samples of wash gravel, taken from the 100-foot level of the Auburn Deep shaft, near the mining camp of that name. The gravel is very coarse and indicates great age, which bears out the belief that the Auburn Deep shaft is situated on a prehistoric channel.

Eagles! Eagles! Eagles!

Business of the utmost importance will come before the Aerie, Thursday evening, December 1, 1904, at 7:30 sharp. Do not fail to attend. By order of the Aerie.

A. G. DAVIDSON,

Worthy Secretary,

JAMES PRUITT,

Worthy President.

Work Being Rushed.

Anthony Mohr, general manager of the Wisconsin Mining company, operating on Little Cracker creek, will leave tomorrow or Monday for the scene of operations to inspect the progress of development and arrange for continued work.

\$100 ORE IN THE BAISLEY

Rich Strike in Lower Level of Resuscitated Old Producer of Bullion.

Word comes down from the skyline summit of the Baisley-Elkhorn range that \$100 ore has been struck in the old Baisley-Elkhorn mine, now operated by the United-Elkhorn Mining company, under the control of Frederick P. Hayes, of Pittsburg, formerly president of the Bonanza.

Details of the strike are unobtainable, but it is believed that it was on one of the lower levels of the old shaft, from which, in years gone by, a cool million dollars was taken.

Work on the installation of electric machinery at the Baisley is progressing rapidly. Energy will be transmitted from the plant of the Rock Creek Power & Transmission company, four miles distant. A tramway from mine to mill is also being constructed. Pending the installation of electric power, hand drills are being used to drive the 6,000-foot crosscut tunnel, which will tap the Baisley lode at a depth of approximately 5,000 feet, and the Beaver Vein system at still greater depth. This is one of the biggest pieces of mining work so far attempted in Oregon.

Concentrator for Vinson's Placers.

The "New Standard" concentrator, which has been on a flat car at the Sumpter Valley depot for a week, billed to W. L. Vinson, and which has been a cause for worry on the part of the depot rubbernecks, who have been unable to determine what mine the machine was for, is destined for the North Fork placers, owned by Vinson & Patterson. One of Tom Taylor's six-horse teams this morning transported a portion of the big vanner, and another load remains. The machine will be used to concentrate a bed of auriferous black sand found in the North Fork placers.

What's the Machine for?

A Standard contractor, billed to W. L. Vinson, arrived at the Sumpter depot this morning. What it is for, no one knows. Vinson operates the Emma mine, six miles northeast of Baker City, but owns no quartz mine in this camp. It is suspected that the machine is designed for use on Vinson & Patterson's North Fork placer, and may be used here to concentrate auriferous sands which contain gold of such character as cannot be caught in sluice boxes.