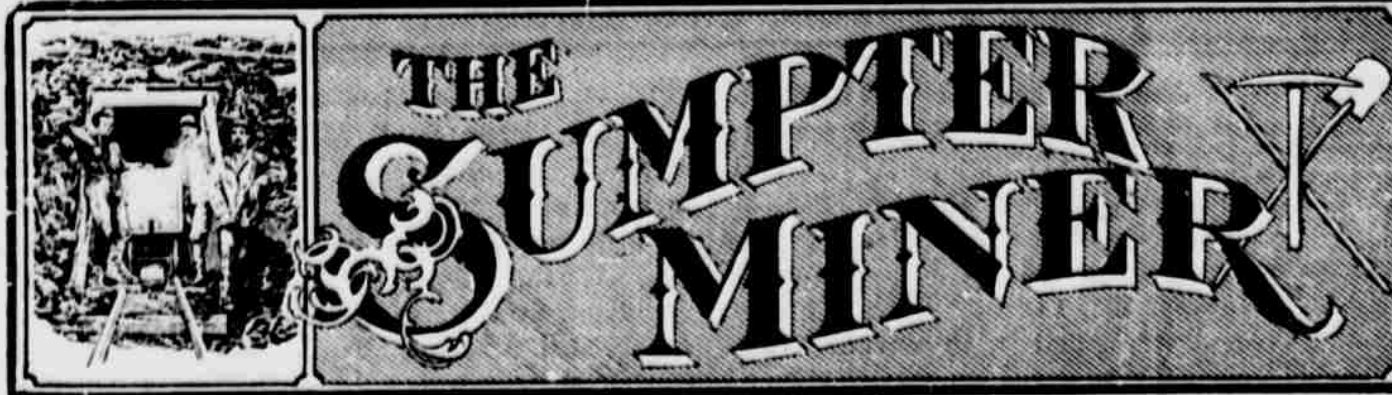


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## "MINER'S" APOLOGY

Out in the wild and woolly west, where they wreak mob vengeance on bandits who are caught red-handed, Major T. J. Norton and Dr. A. F. Gasmire, both of this city, appeared for a whole day in the role of train robbers. They were branded in a newspaper as "hold-up" men, and until the correction appeared in the next issue they were, according to Dr. Gasmire's version of the incident, afraid to venture from their hotels.

The mistake was all due to a ludicrous typographical blunder in the Miner, a daily paper published at Sumpter, Oregon. Two events out of the ordinary occurred on December 13th. One was the sensational robbery of a passenger train between Sumpter and San Francisco; the other was the arrival of Major Norton and Dr. Gasmire on a visit of inspection to their mining properties. The Miner featured both news items in its issue of the following day, but in some manner mixed up the type in such a way that the major and the doctor were branded as bold West Virginia bandits, and accused of the hold up "job."

On the following day there was an apology. The editor of the Miner gravely asserted that he was "convinced that neither one of the gentlemen had anything to do with the job," and added that if they were connected with the train robbery, it would have been more successful. The assurance thus given to Major Norton and Dr. Gasmire that they possess qualifications for successful train robbing and like stunts, is a brand of newspaper salve peculiar to the far west.

The apology in the Miner declares in bold headlines that the major and the doctor "Can Prove an Alibi in That Train Robbery Case."—Wheeling, West Virginia, Register.

## NATURE GUARDS HER SECRETS

What has become of those modern alchemists that have cropped out during the past dozen years, who, according to the columns of the daily newspapers, had discovered nature's secret and were to convert any old thing into gold? Two years or more have come and gone without any new transmutation scheme having made its appearance, and of the ones that made their bow previously, they are keeping it quiet.

The ocean was to part with its precious contents. Silver was to change its color into yellow. Antimony, poor, soft metal, that always went a-begging, was to throw off its

disguise and blossom out as real yellow gold. Quicksilver, a heavy, liquid metal, really gold, but by a freak of nature leached out and all that had to be done was to re-leach it again, so to speak, into beautiful gold.

And by all these beautiful schemes, these marvels of human intrigue, it was possible, through the extreme simplicity of human nature, for the so-called inventors to realize handsomely, but not from their product.

Down New England way they haven't as yet forgotten how the sea water was to part with its gold, and how they parted with theirs. Many folks in New York and therabouts can doubtless call to mind how two ounces of silver were to be transformed into one ounce of gold, and how it was, but they didn't get any of the proceeds. Chicago folks well recollect the intense excitement occasioned by the widely advertised transmutation scheme wherein antimony, base antimony, was to change to gold at the wizard's touch, but they best recollect how the wizard touched them. In the staid, slow Philadelphia city there are many who were taught that quicksilver was leached liquid gold, and that through secret chemical action it could return to gold. Though this happened a dozen years ago, some of those Philadelphia folks are looking forward yet for dividends.

Alchemy has existed from ancient times, at least its teachings. The ancient alchemist sought for the philosopher's stone, though not finding it, still the glory. The modern alchemists, wise men, they discovered the secret so long sought for, of how to transmute base metal into gold, for surely is not all coin base that is won in the modern alchemist's way? The touch of the wizard is a weird touch, and the world grows none the wiser.—Mining World.

## STATE WILL TAKE CENSUS NEXT YEAR

A census of Oregon is to be taken next year in conjunction with the census department of the federal government, if recommendations to be made by Governor Chamberlain are carried into effect by the state legislature. The federal census of Oregon in 1900 shows a population of 313,536. Of this number, 180,551 were females. An enormous gain will be seen by the figures of next year's census.

Oregon has a census every five years and the federal government every ten years. There has been no count in this state since 1900, at which time the work was done by the machinery of the general government. The elaborate compilation then made showed Oregon to have 19,000 Chinese, Japanese and Indians, and 1,100 negroes. The tabulated statement in the census report gives the number of persons of every age from one month to a hundred years. There were three males and four females in the state who were more than 100 years old. All were natives of Oregon. There

were 766 males and 166 females whose ages were unknown, or who refused to tell. The work of the enumerators will long be remembered for the difficulties they encountered in securing exact ages, although 166 women claimed that they were unable to state the year of their nativity.

The Oregon census law was passed in 1864.

## MADE A FORTUNE ON DRUNKEN LOAN

This is the story of a drunk that brought good results. A few days ago the Butte papers contained personal mention of a man who had started on a tour of the world after many years of hard work and attention to business in Butte. Everyone who knows the man will recognize the story, and those who do not know him would be no wiser to see his name in print; therefore, for the purposes of this illustration, he will be known as Jones. Two years ago he was employed as a clerk, and earned \$100 a month, and he never earned much more during his years in Butte. He loved his cup—his "morning's morning," his noon appetizer, and his "night-cap." One evening he found himself in the unusual happy financial condition of having \$125 in his pocket. It was too much to bear, and he began to distribute some of it. During the night he fell in with a stranger, who assisted in the distribution. They became friendly and before morning the stranger had \$90 of the \$125. It was a legitimate transaction, for the stranger had simply borrowed it. Jones remembered the matter when his head became clearer, but he couldn't recall the name of his new friend, nor the excuse on which the money was advanced. He "kicked himself plenty," as he said, in speaking of the matter later, for he knew the money was gone and that he would never see a dollar of it again.

"I wouldn't even know the fellow if I should meet him on the street," he said.

The matter had almost passed out of his regrets when, four months later, he received a letter from a place in northern Idaho. In it was a check for \$400.

"I located the claim I told you about, in your name and mine, and we are already taking out ore. The inclosed check represents your share in the profits to date."

The letter was signed with the name of Jones' friend, who had borrowed the \$90, and then the dawn came over the mind of Jones. He recalled that his friend had a wild idea of a rich gold location in Idaho, but that he lacked the means of going there and making the location. It was for that the \$90 was advanced. Since the receipt of that letter and the \$400 check, remittances have been coming regularly from the man in Idaho, and when Jones left for his tour of the world, he had in the bank between \$7,000 and \$8,000.—Anaconda Standard.

## OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. DEEDS.

Minnie A. Hughes and husband to W. Swayze, lots 39 and 40, block 11, Stewart's second addition to Baker City; \$80.

Eleanor Duffey and husband to A. Walker, W ½ lot 4, block 1, Duffey's north addition to Richland; \$75.

M. S. Bond and wife to A. Wusler, S. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼, S. 9 T. 8 R. 40; \$1,000.

C. H. McColloch and wife to First Bank of Sumpter, part lot 1, block 6, original Sumpter; \$100.

First Bank of Sumpter to F. G. Jewett, same; \$1.

John Schmitz et al to Patterson & Eppinger, 160 acres in Secs. 4 and 9 T. 12 R. 39; \$1.

F. L. Downey to S. L. Turley, lots 17 and 18, block 22, Pacific addition to Baker City; \$1.

Baker City Consolidated Lumber company to Della McMurren, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 12, McCrury addition to Baker City; \$1.

Baker City Consolidated Lumber company to J. W. Fosterling, tract 50x125 feet near Shockley & McMurren Mill; \$1.

W. H. Gilbert and wife to Rock Creek Power & Transmission company, water rights in 80 acres in Sec. 32, and 80 acres in S. 33 T. 7 R. 38; \$1.

### MINING MATTER. DEEDS.

H. Klausen and wife J. W. Shute, E. ½ S. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼ S. 6 T. 7 R. 44 20 acre place.

C. Jack, Jr., to Hillsboro Gold Mining company, N. ½ of S. W. ¼, S. 36 T. 6 R. 44 20 acre place; \$1.

G. R. Bagley and wife to Hillsboro Gold Mining company, N. ½ of N. W. ¼, S. 36 T. 6 R. 44 20 acre place; \$1.

H. Burchtorf to W. H. Burchtorf, ½ interest "B. B." and "Big Bonanza," quartz mining claims; \$100.

R. Rusk to Bourne Gold Mining company, the "Oregon" and "Idaho" quartz mining claim; \$300.

### Work Resumed at Pulaski.

Owing to a lack of cordial harmony among the stockholders of the Pulaski company, no work has been done on that property for several months past. Dick Neill, one of the largest stockholders, presumably acting under advice from President Davidson, who is now absent in east, early in the week put a force of men to work there. Mr. Neill will give out no information for publication, but those who are more or less familiar with the affairs of the company, are of the opinion that a big deal is about to be consummated. Besides having already found some very rich free milling ore in the shaft, this mine contains possibilities, even probabilities, of making one of the big things of this camp. Work is now being rushed, for the supposed purpose of putting it in shape to show to a prospective investor.