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GEISER-HENDRYX SUES COLUMBIA

In the daily abstract of instruments filed at the court house yesterday, received by The Miner this forenoon, is this item: "Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, versus Columbia Gold Mining company, action to compel an accounting, prays for an injunction preventing defendant from working Tabor Fraction claim, and that contract be rescinded." The Baker City papers state that a receiver for the Columbia is also asked for.

Manager Baillie, of the Columbia, went to Baker City yesterday afternoon and H. T. Hendryx, the plaintiff, is also out of town, so The Miner cannot get at the real meat in the cocoon. A month ago a gentleman, just returned from Minneapolis, informed The Miner that Mr. Backus, the controlling owner of the Columbia, was credited with having recently stated that he owned the Tabor Fraction. It is known that the rich ore found in this property something over a year ago was shipped in the name of the Columbia company. Its mill has been treating the ore for months past. C. A. Johns has been retained as attorney for the Geiser-Hendryx company. John Rand is usually the attorney for the Columbia.

The Democrat states that it is authorized to say that Al Geiser, now being out of the company, Mr. Hendryx is bringing this suit himself.

Complaint alleges that some time ago, nearly two years ago, the Geiser-

Hendryx company bonded from Clark Tabor what is known as the Tabor Fraction in the Bourne district, and that thereafter the Geiser-Hendryx Co. contracted with the Columbia Gold Mining company for the operation of the said property on a certain basis and division of the profits from the mining and milling of the ore from said claim. The complaint further alleges that no accountings have been had from such operation and that the complainant believes that at least twenty-five hundred tons of ore have been taken from the property every month, at a value of \$15 per ton, and that the defendant now owes the plaintiff at least \$50,000. The complainant now asks for an accounting, for the appointment of a receiver and cancellation of the existing contract between the plaintiff and defendant and the issuance of an injunction in estoppel of further transactions pending the suit.

F. S. Baillie, manager of the Columbia, is quoted as saying that at present there is nothing further to add, than that certain statements must be proven, also that the contract under which his company is mining and milling ores of the Fraction is on file at the court house in Baker City.

The talk around town today is that some sensational features will be developed before this case is disposed of; no one, however, venturing to voice the nature of this alleged sensation.

OPENING UP NEW VEINS AT STANDARD MINE

Assistant Engineer Keuhn, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, who returned yesterday from the Standard mine at Quartzburg, says that Superintendent Heath has placed a crew of men on the Side Issue and one shift on the Copper Ridge veins of the Standard group, which veins he is opening up low down on the hill. Both these ledges have been out higher up, and surface surveys show that they run parallel

with the main Standard. The two new tunnels will be at the same elevation, so that they will be on the line of the tramway, which will connect all the workings with the reduction plant to be erected next summer.

Work is also being prosecuted on the Juniper vein, which, according to surveys made by Engineer Keuhn, will intersect the main Standard edge at a short distance ahead of

the present face. The contiguity of this intersection is evidenced by a remarkable enrichment of the main Standard in cobalt, an increase being noted as progress is made toward the conflux. The ore in the main Standard has also become so hard that hand steel has been abandoned and electric drills installed.

When the Copper Ridge and Side Issue are opened up, as outlined above, the Standard mine will have four ore-sources—exclusive of the paying off-shooting veins cut by the main drift. When these are connected by tram with a reduction plant, in which the almost fabulously rich ores from the multi-metalled mine may be concentrated for shipment, the Standard will be undoubtedly one of the biggest dividend-payers in this camp.

Rich Ore in Mormon Basin.

Judge Newbury is in receipt of advices from Mormon basin, stating that 20 inches of immensely rich ore has been struck in the Tarball group, adjoining the Morning Star, of which Judge Newbury is manager. The Tarball is owned by Tarball, of Rye Valley, and Reynolds and Gorman, of Baker City. It was recently under bond to a New York and Philadelphia syndicate, but the property reverted to the original owners after the syndicate's representative had lost the vein. On the Marseilles, another abutting property, a big body of cyaniding ore has been opened by J. D. Voss. Good ore is showing in the Morning Star.

Ovitt in a Southern California Deal.

Lee S. Ovitt, the nationally famous mine promoter and fiscal agent, who financed the California, Cracker Oregon, Golconda Consolidated and Crackerjack mines in this camp, and who was in Sumpter Tuesday on his way home from San Francisco, closed a big deal down south, the details of which he said were not yet ripe for publication. The deal involved 27,000 acres of irrigable lands in southern California, carrying riparian rights. It is said to be the plan of the company which Mr. Ovitt is promoting to irrigate the land and colonize it. Chicago capital is backing the project.

Smelter Doing Business.

During the week, four cars of high grade concentrates from the Baisley-Elkhorn mine were received at the Sumpter smelter. The North Pole contributed its usual quota, the E. & E. was in line, the Dixie Meadows sent one car and the Mountain View kept piling in rich crude ore and concentrates. Today the smelter shipped out two more cars of matte to be refined.

MOUNTAIN VIEW STRIKE CONFIRMED

Dr. Techow, of the Mountain View mine, said today to a Miner reporter that the recent report of a rich strike on his property, published exclusively in these columns, was correct. A large body of shipping ore has been opened at a new point, the discovery having been made by Superintendent Techow while working out a theory.

Steady shipments of ore from the new strike are being made to the Sumpter smelter. The Mountain View vein has been opened by nearly 2,000 feet of tunnelling, according to Dr. Techow, and there is every reason, he says, to believe that the property has a brilliant future.

Here on Golconda Business.

There is something doing in the Golconda affairs, besides the pending litigation. Yesterday there arrived in town H. H. McCarthy, a mining broker from Portland, and L. E. Norton, of San Francisco. J. A. Howard, late manager of the property and the largest individual stockholder, met them at the train, and caucused with them more or less continuously until this noon, when he left with them for the mine. Mr. Howard acknowledged that the came here on business connected with the Golconda, but further than that, he was as dumb as an oyster.

Col. Topping Homesick.

A letter has been received from Col. E. S. Topping, ex-Sumpterite, dated at Victoria, B. C. "It is not true," writes Col. Topping, "that I have purchased the C. P. R., nor that I will move the roadbed to the right-of-way of the Grand Trunk. It is not true that I have options on all of the water front at Port Simpson; but I plead guilty to the charge of being in fine fettle and of being possessed of a desire to breathe once again the ozone of the Blue mountains."

Captain Tice in Town.

Captain E. Storer Tice, of Baker City, general manager of the Single Standard mine in the Sparta district, was a visitor in Sumpter between trains today. Captain Tice has been commissioned by the Baker City Development League as special emissary in the east, and will leave shortly to begin the work of attracting homeseekers and investors to Baker county. Captain Tice is chairman of the Baker City branch of the Oregon Miners' association.

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