

CONCENTRATING PLANT FOR OVERLAND MINE

A reduction plant at the Overland mine will be erected next spring. Work will begin as soon as the weather permits. M. E. Bain, general manager of the Overland, who returned this week from an extended eastern trip in the interest of his company, visited the mine Wednesday to inspect the work accomplished during his absence. He returned to Sumpter yesterday. He found that during the last two months the miners at the Overland, under the foremanship of Frank McCarvel, have accomplished rapid work in extending drifts and opening ore reserves.

"The main development at present is being done in No. 3 tunnel, where a breast of good concentrating ore shows. A magnificent shoot has been entered in No. 1 tunnel, the last 67 feet being in solid ore.

"The same shoot has been exposed in a shaft 50 feet beyond and 200 feet above the present face of No. 1, so that this shoot is undoubtedly continuous for at least 120 feet.

"The vein in the shaft, further more, shows that the shoot is pitching still further into the hill, and there is every reason to believe that it is much longer on the tunnel level than I have mentioned. However, we know it is 120 feet long, ranging in width from three to six feet, and that is good enough for anybody. The ore is of a superb concentrating grade, and the entire vein will be sent to the mill, which we will build in the spring, just as early as the weather will permit, and be concentrated at the rate of ten to one—a practice which repeated tests of the ore has shown to be possible. This will give us a concentrate worth from \$100 to \$200 a ton, which will be shipped to the Sumpter smelter.

"I intend to double the force at the Overland in a few days.

"There is less snow in Cable Cove than is usual at this season of the year. Whatever snow falls from now on will not seriously interfere with mining operations."

ROY H. MILLER WRITES ABOUT GOLDFIELD CAMP

Under date of Goldfield, Nevada, February 5, Roy Miller writes the following interesting letter to The Miner:

You may think I have gotten lost on the desert and died; but no, like a bad penny, I am still in the ring and alive. This is surely a great mining country, but along with the wonderful ore are some drawbacks, in the shape of lack of water and fuel. I made a trip south of here of 500 miles, going as far as Las Vegas on the Clark road, which is a town in embryo as yet, as the railroad has the whole say and won't locate the town for a while.

There is a wonderful country south of here and fabulously rich ore has been found in the Bull Frog district, eighty miles south, where the country is staked solid for ten miles square, and where are located the would-be towns of Bull Frog, Armagosa, Rhyolite, Bonanza, Gold Center and Beatty, the latter being the metropolis, (300 or 400) the others being from two tents up; no frame buildings; some half and half. The district is simply located and no work being done except at two or three places, where high grade ore was found, but the country is full of mineral.

Water and fuel is the question, water being two to five bucks per barrel and wood \$35 per cord, hay five to eight cents per pound, and grain seven to ten cents, and general supplies high, with freight at four and five cents per pound. Stage fare 80 miles from Goldfield, \$20, two days trip. Meals seventy-five cents and one dollar, beds one dollar and up.

South of Bull Frog is good country, into Funeral range and Johnny

district, where I saw ore fifty per cent gold; also on Sheep mountain, good spring on the edge of Death Valley. But it is a tough country and grows only scorpions and lizards. The only way to get into the unprospected, or I should say unlocated—for they don't prospect, just locate—country, is to go two fellows to gether, then hire a camp tender to haul or pack in water and supplies, and that is the only safe way, and there is rich country there, too.

In my opinion, Goldfield and Tonopah are just one end of this immense belt, running south clear to Colorado river and Searchlight, after traveling over a large part of it, which you will remember was my theory when I left Sumpter, and I believe that the southern country is a winner, if one outfits properly and goes after it. Later in the season, when grub stakes run low and the mercury goes high I expect to do business in Bull Frog—and shall make the Death Valley and Funeral range trip when I can.

Seventy miles east of Goldfield two big strikes of very rich ore on surface blowouts have been made in the the Kawich (formerly Cowitch) range, southwest of Reville. Lida valley is attracting attention, also a new townsite, while Kawich has two: one fostered by Diamondfield Jack and his brace of Col's.

People continue to stream in here and Goldfield is improving at a wonderful rate; building night and day. The railroad will be extended from Tonopah at once. Business is over-done some at present, but can't tell how soon the boom will be ahead again. There are four banks here and more coming, all doing big business. The two banks of Tonopah

have deposits of over \$1,200,000. Goldfield's population is about 6,000; Columbia, one and one-half miles away, closer to the mines, is a good town, though small. Diamondfield is four miles northwest.

Lots of northern men here. E. Selstyne and Young, formerly with Thomsen, are in the Lida district. Judge Evans made a winning at bank, paid his debts and has gone prospecting at the new strike near Silver peak, west of Goldfield. W. A. Weatherby has gone some place south of here. Dr. Pomeroy is doing well practicing here. Philbrick & Fenner are doing lots of work. John Mahoney has cashed in his checks—pneumonia. Fred Lack and Spaulding are at Tonopah, Walt Cronin and John Miller with them. Kitchen is running stage from Goldfield to Bull Frog and will soon put on a line from Bull Frog to Las Vegas. Thacher was last seen heading down Tule canyon for California. Sol Camp is superintendent of the January and owner of Rhyolite townsite. He has made a cleanup, they say. L. Kominsky is watchman at the January. Wesley Warren is in Kawich, with the Diamondfield Jack crowd. Charles Warren and Jack Davies are surveying the new townsite of Nixon in Kawich. Tom Costello is working at the Blue Bull. Muzzy made a part of the southern trip with me, and as he is wearing a fierce black moustache and a ferocious goatee and my whiskers were aflame in all their glorious red auburnness, we played the black and red to win and everybody turned out when they saw us coming.

COLORADO'S MILLIONAIRES ARE WORTH \$260,000,000

Colorado is the state of vast individual fortunes, outranking any other state in the union on a per capita basis. It has the further distinction that most of its vast fortunes were made within its boundaries, not alone in mining, but in the cattle industry, in realty speculation, in fruit, sugar beet culture, potato farming, and in manufacturing and other mercantile pursuits.

Many people of wealth have moved into the state in the last few years and invested large sums in mining corporations, in the stocks of banks and other enterprises, and are not individually known to the commercial agencies. Still another class represents the retired country capitalist, who has moved from the section in which his wealth was acquired to Denver or Colorado Springs. His individual belongings, too, unless they are in realty, are necessarily hidden from the regular commercial information sources.

Who is the richest man in Colorado?

David Moffat, capitalist of Denver. The most conservative estimate of \$15,000,000 was given by two persons who would naturally be expected to exaggerate Mr. Moffat's wealth. On the other hand, from those nearest him, those who ought to know, and yet would not allow an exaggerated estimate to be given out, the estimate was between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, giving him an easy lead in the Colorado list.

There are 108 millionaires, and if to these could be added the names of those who have left Colorado after making fortunes, it could easily be doubled. The total wealth of the 108 millionaires of Colorado aggregates about \$260,000,000. There is probably no section of the world with a population of less than 600,000 that can show such home production of wealth.—Denver Times.

HENDRYX BUYS OUT AL GEISER

The old-established mine promotion firm and fiscal agency known as the Geiser-Hendryx investment company, of Sumpter, has been dissolved.

The junior member, Harry T. Hendryx, has purchased all the interest therein held by Albert Geiser, who will depart from Baker City shortly to assume general managerial charge of a group of mines in Arizona, owned and to be operated by the Pittsburg, Pa., syndicate of Standard Oil stockholders, who compose the Bonanza Consolidated Mining company, owning the Bonanza mine, eighteen miles southwest of Sumpter. It is understood that Mr. Geiser is under a five-year contract with the Pittsburgers at a big salary.

Mr. Hendryx, when seen today by a Miner reporter, confirmed the above facts, and said:

"I have purchased outright all the holdings of the Geiser-Hendryx company in this camp and will hereafter conduct the business under my own name."

The Geiser-Hendryx company is heavily interested in this district, being fiscal agents for and operators of such well known mines as the Gem, at Sparta; the Victor, at Bourne, the Platts group, on Rock creek; the Tabor Fraction, adjoining the Columbia; the Midway, on Silver creek, and a number of other properties in various stages of development.

Mr. Hendryx is also a director in the First National bank of Sumpter.

HERE IS THE ROLL OF HONOR

Harry T. Hendryx	\$250
N. J. Sorensen & Co	50
Killen, Warner, Stewart company	50
J. P. Holland	50
Bergman & McWatty	50
Sumpter Meat company	50
First National Bank	50

Above is the roll of honor of subscribers to the permanent ore exhibit fund.

Tony Mohr circulated a subscription paper this morning and received the signatures of the three enterprising local business firms above. The three mine promotion companies signed their names last week. A liberal spirit is being displayed by Sumpter merchants, who realize that the permanent exhibit will be a magnificent advertisement.

Chairman Mohr, of the board of managers of the exhibit, today closed a deal with A. P. Goss for the Vinson building, opposite The Miner office. A three-year lease will be signed with a rental of \$5 per month for the first year, \$10 a month for the second, and \$15 for the third. Mr. Goss acts as local agent for Seattle owners of the building. The work of remodelling the interior, and installing tables and shelves for ore displays, will begin at once.

FOR SALE.—On easy terms, The Hennesy house and lot on Warren Heights. Will sell cheap. Less than half the cost of building alone. Abstract of title and all taxes paid.—Seymour H. Bell, Sumpter, Ore.