

# GEISER TO REPORT ON BONANZA

Al Geiser, ex-member of the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, one-time owner of the Bonanza mine, which he sold to Standard Oil people for half a million dollars, is in Sumpter today, en route to the scene of his earliest mining triumphs, which is Geiser, Ore., where is located the famous old Bonanza.

When questioned by a Miner reporter as to the truth of the report that the Bonanza will soon be reopened, Mr. Geiser could not answer. "I have merely been instructed," he said, "to visit the mine, look it over and report to the company. By order of the directors I recently paid the mine's taxes, which would seem to indicate that the company does not mean to abandon the property just yet awhile."

Mr. Geiser confirmed the accuracy of the statement made recently in these columns, that he had signed a contract with the Pittsburgh stockholders in the Standard Oil company, to look after their western mining interests. He says that he has been instructed to hold himself in readiness to carry out at least five different commissions, including a trip to Mexico, one to Arizona, and one involving the Bonanza.

"Thus you will see," says Mr. Geiser, "that I am somewhat in the dark as to the plans of my principals, and consequently as to my own movements."

# FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA MINE

J. W. Long, the assayer, returned the first of the week from Sumpter, Oregon, where he had been to examine the California mines in the Cable Cove district for eastern stockholders. Although the property has been lying idle for some time from lack of sufficient funds with which to operate, he reports that it shows up very satisfactory and is convinced that with proper operation it will become a prominent producer. The California group is composed of 20 claims upon which a large amount of development work has been done. A large mill has been built by the company, but which is equipped with the wrong kind of machinery for treating the ores. In the mine about 4,000 feet of tunnel work has been completed. The ore body ranges from ten inches to four feet in width, and will assay about \$65 per ton. Mr. Long reports a number of other properties operating in the district, in close proximity to the California property, with splendid results.—Weiser Idaho, Signal.

T. S. Kennerly, who a few days ago, by his attorneys, Butcher, Clifford and Correll, filed a labor lien against the Gold Coin Mining company, has brought suit against the company for \$3,635.

# LIBERALITY OF GRANITE

The common council of the town of Granite has appropriated \$200, payable quarterly, for the benefit of the Sumpter permanent ore exhibit. Alderman Grant Thornburg, ably assisted by J. N. Ditmars, of Granite, were instrumental in securing the appropriation. The public spirit and generosity shown by the members of the Granite council will have much to do with more closely cementing the bonds of friendship existing between Sumpter and her neighbor town.

The work of remodeling the old Racket store on Mill street for a permanent home for the ore exhibit is progressing rapidly. Three-foot platforms 18 inches high will run the length of the main building along either wall, and a 6-foot pyramidal table down the center will end in a big cone of ore at the rear end. An office for the board of managers will be petitioned off in the left hand rear corner.

The roll of honor of subscribers to the exhibit fund is as follows to date:

City of Sumpter	350
Town of Granite	200
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
Van Vleet & Wright	50
Basche-Sage Hardware Co.	50
R. E. Strahorn	100
Thornburg & Love	50

# TENDERFEET CAUSED WHITE KNOB FAILURE

Another mining failure on a large scale is reported from Idaho, due to tenderfoot methods. The immense plant of the White Knob Copper company, at Mackay, has been sold under the hammer to satisfy a million dollar mortgage. The receiver values the entire property at \$2,800,000. The mine is said to show a 23 foot vein, carrying three per cent to nine per cent copper, and \$1.75 to \$3 gold and silver. The mine is connected with the smelter with a ten mile electric railway, having a maximum gradient of six per cent in a rise of 2000 feet. The smelter has three 200 ton furnaces, and was blown in September, 1902.

The company was forced into the hands of receivers last October. It is stated that the trouble with the White Knob enterprise is that its expensive smelting plant and surface equipments were undertaken before the method of treating the ore was sufficiently worked out. The bodies of carbonate and oxide ores have continued down 700 feet in that altered condition for the Albert tunnel level, and experience has shown that the ore lacked sufficient sulphur for successful matting method of treatment, with which it has been attempted to work it, and too much sulphur for making base bullion successfully. The sulphur and copper contents show increase in two short winzes that have been sunk from the Albert tunnel.

# TROUBLE OF WHITE SWAN

A dispatch to the Denver Mining Record under a Baker City date line, says that the troubles at the White Swan Mines company, limited, do not appear to have ended with the entire elimination of Bulliet, if statements made there by the new president of the company, C. H. King, of Wabash, Indiana, are verified. Mr. King and Ole Scar, of Lake Mills, Iowa, arrived in Baker Wednesday from San Francisco, where they had attended the annual meeting, and both became members of the new directorate. They said they came here to investigate the affairs of the mine since C. H. Stuller has been made manager.

They are not satisfied with the condition of the finances. It is reported that since the reorganization something like \$20,000 has been received from various sources and the expenditures have about consumed that sum, without any work having been done at the property. To those with whom they have been in consultation, they have also stated there are several damage suits and attachments pending which they do not consider Mr. Stuller has taken proper care of.

It is regarded a possibility that a change in management will be made while these officers are here. In the meantime, Manager Stuller is having supplies sent to the mine, and says that a little preliminary work will be done this spring in getting ready for extensive operations early next July. He claims to have full authority to go ahead with the work planned, that there are no differences of which he has any knowledge within the present directorate, and that all funds are easily and readily accounted for.

# WORK ON CRANE FLAT DREDGE AT ONCE

A. Burch, of Burch & Burbridge, owners of the Crane Flat placers, arrived today from his home in Spokane, en route to the property named. To a Miner man he stated that he will begin at once the construction of the dredge, the machinery for which was delivered last fall. This work will be completed inside of two months and the machine will begin at once handling gravel. Its capacity is 2,000 cubic yards a day. The necessary excavation for the lake was completed by A. W. Ellis last autumn.

Mr. Burch will remain here and at the diggings for about ten days, when his partner will arrive and he will return to Spokane. Since leaving here several months ago, he has been east to California and inspected the new bonanza land in Nevada. He says Tonopah and Goldfield are undoubtedly great camps and that others will be opened up in the southern portion of the state.

The Columbia Gold Mining company has filed a demurrer to the suit filed against it by the Geiser-Hendryx company for annulment of contract and possession of the Tabor Fraction mine.

# Petition for Liquor License.

Bourne, Oregon, February 24th, 1905.

To the Honorable County Court of the County of Baker, State of Oregon:

We, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully represent that we constitute a majority of the legal voters of Bourne precinct, County of Baker, State of Oregon, and do hereby respectfully petition your Honorable Body to grant to George Wright, Sr., a license for the period of three months, commencing April 1st, 1905, and ending June 30th, 1905, to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors at retail, at what is commonly known as the Halfway House, in Bourne precinct, County of Baker, State of Oregon, said Halfway House being situated on the Sumpter-Bourne wagon road about three miles southerly from Bourne, in said County and State.

And we further respectfully represent that said Halfway House is not within a mile of any mine.

H. C. Neidermark, Wm. Weigand, Joseph Davis, W. B. Palmer, A. F. Raymond, N. M. Johnson, Dan Farry, C. P. Williams, Don Patterson, Jake Green, J. Weiderham, James Giddin, John Sorath, J. J. Mullett, D. W. Couzens, F. H. Stevenson, Gus R. Baird, W. H. Baelste, Daniel Cahill, Jas. F. Denpsy, Tom Naughton, J. M. Charles, J. H. Sellers, W. J. Grillington, J. T. Rusk, L. R. Rusk, A. H. Brown, W. J. Evans, W. D. Sprunt, G. R. Penz, John Orwell, E. Beecraft, N. Eastham, R. A. Moore, J. S. Miller, Gus Nelson, Ed Ginley, Pat McGinnis, H. Metz, J. W. Fleegle, J. Gilles, J. D. Covill, T. L. Downey, H. R. Caddy, Harry Bates, John Brown, T. Stompfer, D. V. Ringland, B. R. Woods, H. Love, P. C. Ainsworth, W. C. Carrell, W. B. Byron, W. S. Lamb, Ed Morgan, B. M. Kenus, O. D. McDonald, W. J. Koberston, F. Lloyd, Guy Harris, Joe Cobb, Wm. Baeler, J. T. Mahoney, E. O'Harra, Matt Markmann, W. McDonald, C. H. Burns, Mevlin Graham, T. E. Bass, C. O. DeForest, John Paddeok, C. S. Kear.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, George Wright, Sr., will, at the first day of April, 1905, term of the County Court of the County of Baker, State of Oregon, or as soon thereafter as he can be heard, apply for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors at the Halfway House, in Bourne precinct, Baker County, Oregon, for the period set forth in the foregoing petition.

GEORGE WRIGHT, Sr.

Arthur Laing left Pendleton last night for a two months' trip through the Republic of Mexico. He will go to the city of Jalisco as the representative of a large number of Pendleton people, who are contemplating investing in the townsite scheme at that place, and on his report of conditions, price of land, living expenses and climate, will largely depend the outcome of the excursion, now being organized in this city and the Inland Empire. A large number of Pendleton people have made partial arrangements to go on the excursion to Jalisco in May, and Mr. Laing will investigate the country thoroughly and report his findings. His visit will extend all over the Republic of Mexico and he will be absent perhaps two months. He goes direct from here to the City of Mexico. Jalisco is 200 miles southwest from that city on the Pacific coast.—East-Oregonian.