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## LEASES THE BONANZA

### "Lucky Al" Geiser Goes Back to His First Love.

The report gained currency yesterday that Albert Geiser—"Lucky Al"—has bought the Bonanza mine. The reports could be traced to no authoritative source. Harry T. Hendryx, former partner of Mr. Geiser in the Geiser-Hendryx investment company, professed to know nothing about it.

It is known that John M. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, one of the heaviest stockholders in the Bonanza, has been in Baker for a week, conferring with Mr. Geiser. The latter was re-taunted not long ago by the Pittsburgh owners of the property to assume general charge of all their western mining interests, which are said to be scattered from Baker county to Old Mexico. Recently Mr. Geiser was ordered to examine the Bonanza and render a report thereon. It was to receive this report, and to reject or adopt the suggestions contained therein that Mr. Patterson, representing the board of Bonanza directors, came west. Rumors from Baker City, growing out of that conference, were to the effect that Geiser advised an immediate resumption of operations at the mine, presumably under his own management and superintendency, which, by those who are familiar with Geiser's record, is considered a safe guarantee of success. Whether or not Mr. Patterson saw the matter in that light, is a matter for conjecture. At any rate, nothing publicly has been done toward reopening the property. Now comes the report that Geiser has purchased the mine, which leads to the conclusion, based, of course, on premises not yet established, that Patterson refused to bind his company to resume work, and that Geiser, knowing (none better) the true worth of the mine, offered to do it on his own hook.

It is by no means improbable that Mr. Geiser is negotiating for a lease on the Bonanza, and it is not impossible that if he secures it, an option to purchase outright will be attached.

A local mining man, who has watched the progress of recent events relating to the Bonanza from a vantage point close inside, thus outlines his personal opinion:

"It's a good safe gamble that the Bonanza people have not yet recovered from their year-old case of frigid pedals. The mine has paid big dividends, but the board of directors has also levied some snug-sized assessments to pay for the \$150,000 hoist-

ing plant and for the sinking of a 1200-foot shaft, during the progress of which work the mill was idle most of the time. If the mine is to be reopened very soon, I'm here to prognosticate that it will not be done by the old company, but by an outsider. We all know that Geiser knows more about the Bonanza mine than any man on earth. He developed it from a prospect into one of the biggest producers in this camp, and sold out to the Pittsburghers for half a million dollars, agreeing to wait five years for his money, knowing that he had delivered good goods. If the company has turned down his well-grounded advice to reopen the mine, I'll wager Al has asked for a lease. If he gets it, it will be the best thing for the camp that has happened for a long time, because the mine is a big one and Geiser is the man of all men to handle it."

As predicted in The Miner last Thursday, Albert Geiser has leased the Bonanza mine. The Baker City Democrat gives the following report of the deal:

"Mr. Albert Geiser, who made historical the Bonanza mine, which he sold six years ago, after having worked it eight years in its development, to Philadelphia and Pittsburg syndicate for about half a million dollars, yesterday repurchased the property for himself under lease and bond from that syndicate on most favorable terms and will at once reopen the property and begin its development."

"About two years ago, Mr. F. P. Hayes, of Philadelphia, one of the syndicate, sold out his interest in the property and took up the United Elkhorn mines in Elkhorn or Rock Creek district."

"Mr. Geiser, yesterday, purchased thirty-five thousand pounds of supplies, including hardware, tools, mine rails, etc., and will start a force of men at work immediately on the Bonanza. The Bonanza mine, which has produced its millions, it will be remembered is situated in the Geiser camp near Greenhorn northwest of Sumpter, and is already a deep sunk mine. The former success of Mr. Geiser promises that the rehabilitation of this property will put it again on the producing list."

#### On a Visit to Blue Bird.

J. K. Wright, of La Grande, is in the city visiting his brother, O. C. Wright, general manager of the Blue Bird, Black Butte and Buckhorn mines. Together they drove out to Granite for a visit of inspection of the Blue Bird mine, where steady operations are being kept up. Mr. J. K. Wright is secretary of the La Grande investment company.

#### Fine Ore From Valley Queen.

Tom C. Gray, general manager of the Valley Queen mine, arrived this morning in Sumpter from the Lake Creek hills. He brought down with him a quantity of samples from the Valley Queen, taken from a winze in No. 4 crosscut. The samples show quantities of galena and heavy sulphurates. Assays will be made today. High returns are expected.

## \$75 PER DAY CLEAR

Elmer and William Kitchen, Jr., left Sumpter this morning for an overland trip to Goldfield Nevada, driving 20 head of horses. The trip is being made in response to orders from William Kitchen, Sr., who is running a stage line from Goldfield to Bullfrog—80 miles for \$20 being the scheduled rate. The elder Kitchen announces that he is clearing up \$75 per day, and that with more horses he can double his profits. As a result, his sons rounded up all the horses in the Kitchen livery barn in Sumpter and started this morning for the get-rich-quick camp. The journey is expected to require 25 days. The elder Kitchen will return to Sumpter during the hot summer months and leave the boy in charge of the Nevada business.

#### Present Need Bonded.

W. E. Gifford returned from a trip to Portland Thursday. His plans have culminated to his entire satisfaction and he now has a bond and lease on the "Present Need" mine. He expressed the belief that within a short time he would have a dozen men at work on this mine, and possibly he would install a mill at this place. Early last fall, Mr. Gifford returned from a trip east, and unassisted and alone, he went to work in the old tunnel of the "Present Need." He has been at this work all winter, and now has five men at work. About two years ago he worked this mine, and in a short time took out about \$15,000. The rich pay shoot slipped and was lost, and since then has been worked only in a perfunctory manner. He entertained certain theories regarding the slip, and from the fact that he now intends to work a crew of men, it is a reasonable deduction that he has again struck the old ore shoot, which was so rich. On this point, however, he is uncommunicative. He says that he holds the bond and lease alone and the only money that goes into the mine is that which comes out. As he is now working five men and expresses the intention to double that number, it is a pretty good indication that he is not working in barren ground.—Prairie City Miner.

#### Chloride Leased to Armstrong.

Manager H. C. Armstrong, of the Chloride mine, has just returned from the east, where he spent a couple of months on business and while there secured personally a lease and bond on the Chloride mine from the stockholders and directors of the property. Mr. Armstrong will at once begin development work with a force of men and if he carries on the terms of his bond will erect on the property this season

a large stamp mill. He says it is his purpose to make that canyon bum with business this year, and between the Chloride property, United Elkhorn and other neighboring properties, the Elkhorn district cannot fail to make a splendid show inge.—Democrat.

## ANOTHER STARTLING MAYFLOWER STRIKE

Another surprise was sprung on the mining world of Baker City when Superintendent John A. Wilson, of the Mayflower mine in the Cornucopia camp, telephoned to Manager George W. Boggs yesterday that he had sent him two days before a sack of the ore from the new strike on the lower level of the mine, which outshone anything yet found on the property, and the ore arrived in the afternoon and was viewed by several mining men who are interested in the district.

The ore from the new strike is white quartz which is simply filled full of gold nuggets and was taken from a new drift on the 165-foot level, where the men are proceeding with the general development plans in blocking out ore bodies preparatory to general mining and milling operations. The vein is about three feet in width and the rich ore streak wide enough to satisfy the most enthusiastic. All who are familiar with this camp say that the now celebrated Tonopah country has nothing to offer that will touch this wonderful district of eastern Oregon. The owners of the Mayflower will continue their conservative plans of development and will have a mine before putting up an expensive mill. Those who have seen the property say there is a mine there now—Democrat.

#### Power for Ontario Light Plant.

Seymour H. Bell has purchased a big 100-horse power Corliss engine for use in his new electric light plant at Ontario. A 3000-light dynamo has also been purchased together with a battery of boilers. Seymour Bell is associated with Henry Hewitt, the millionaire lumberman of Tacoma, and has expended hundreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of his principal in eastern Oregon. He apparently possesses the faculty of selecting only good investments, and for that reason his backing is practically unlimited. Mr. Bell returned to his home in this city yesterday from a trip to Montana.

#### Imperial Resumes Shipments.

The Imperial mine resumed shipments to the Sumpter smelter yesterday. Shipments have been suspended for some time, owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads above Halfway. Only about three tons per day are at present being sent to the smelter, but this tonnage will be increased next week.