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\$2.00 The Year

IS A STRONG COMPANY

The Kamiah Mining Company is Incorporated With a Capital Stock of \$2,000,000—Have Purchased Sixteen Claims in Buffalo Gulch—Extensive Development.

The Kamiah Mining Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The seven trustees named for the company are: E. L. Marvin, James J. Turrish, Minor A. Kinne, Robert L. Edmiston, William T. Birdsell, Phil Gerhart and Harry K. Cross.

The above notice appeared in the Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., December 10. This company has purchased sixteen claims in Buffalo Gulch and neighboring territory and proposes with the opening of spring, to inaugurate development on a large scale. Its property is located three and three-fourths miles northwest of Elk City on a vast porphyry dike which has gold in paying quantities. Very satisfactory assays have been secured. Besides the porphyry deposits there are six quartz veins, all of which promise well, within the grounds held by the company.

The MINING NEWS is informed upon good authority that the Kamiah Mining Company has large financial backing and is among the strongest companies in Elk City district. This will be a valuable addition to the mining interests of this locality, and it is such companies that propose to spend thousands of dollars in development during the coming year that aid in bringing the possibilities of the Elk country before the world and aid in attracting the capital that must first be interested before the district can be properly introduced to the mining world.

At the first meeting of the trustees of the Kamiah company, E. L. Marvin was elected president; William T. Birdsell, secretary and M. A. Kinne, treasurer. Headquarters of the company will be in Spokane.

Orogrande

SPECIAL STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

General Manager Hogan and family have again taken up their residence at Orogrande. Miss Mary De Borde, of York, Montana, who is Mrs. Hogan's sister, accompanied them.

Below is a brief synopsis of the different properties in this vicinity:

THE VENETTA GROUP.

Owned by Messrs. Powers, Sugars and Dave Hess. Consists of four quartz veins situated on the south fork of Crooked river. This group is the south extension of the Venetta group. One hundred feet of tunnel work and 600 feet of open cut has been done, which shows an enormous body of free milling ore.

THE OREGON GROUP.

M. Hinton is working on this group of claims which are located on the south fork of Crooked river. Mr. Hinton is stopping out some grade ore which will be run through a sluice in the spring.

PORPHYRY QUEEN.

Messrs. Clark, Powers and McLaughlin are working on this property. They have erected a large mill and are now running it. The property is situated on the south fork of Crooked river, southwest of Orogrande.

One of the Key properties in this district is at present being developed by Mr. Hanson. He has been prospecting for rock for forty miles in the district. Mr. Hanson has got some very good assays on this rock.

DIAMOND HITCH GROUP.

Consists of three claims lying parallel with four ledges. On the Diamond Hitch property there is a four foot ledge of high grade gold ore. The ledge is about 100 feet long and 10 feet wide, both carrying good values. No. 3 lies along the north of No. 2, the ledge being parallel to it. About 600 feet north to the discovery there is about 100 feet of good ore and 100 feet width along the ledge the test pits show it to be eleven feet wide. This group lies on the west side of Quartz creek. A ledge of 100 feet can be gotten by following in on the ledge, the claim is situated about two miles northwest of Orogrande on Quartz creek. The Diamond Hitch group is owned by Messrs. Lamb, who is steadily developing them with excellent prospects.

STAMP MILL For The LE ROY

A new, and what promises to be a mining enterprise of great magnitude, is now being successfully completed in our district, namely, Le Roy gold mining company, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, at \$1 par value per share. The main office of the company is in Philadelphia with its branch office in Spokane.

The property consists of nine full claims and is situated one and one-half miles north of the famous Hogan mine. Within its twenty stamp mill. Within its limits Le Roy property has a great abundance of wood for all purposes, as well as a water power sufficient to run ten stamps in all seasons. Its ore bodies average 300 feet wide and are of the same nature and in exactly the same formation as the Hogan mine above mentioned, which latter promises to become the greatest producer of gold on the continent, as a low grade proposition, the great advantage of the Hogan formation being that two or more tons of its ore can be milled per stamp, while a single ton is being milled in the average quartz mine. Thus, on a mine of this kind, ten stamps are equal and even superior to twenty stamps on other free milling properties.

A great number of assays prove the ore deposits on Le Roy average from \$2 to \$24 per ton and the main object in erecting the present mill is to thoroughly demonstrate, by mill test, the exact commercial value of these vast deposits.

Furthermore, Le Roy owns on the river great water power for the installation of an electric plant of 1500 horse power sufficient to mill and profit by its immense bodies of ore now in sight.

Frank Hye, of Spokane, is superintendent of the company, and it is under his personal management that the mill is now being erected and further development work being done on the property which is expected to be in full running order as soon as the season opens.

BRING IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

MR. HOGAN HOME

Will Make Several Changes in the Mill at Orogrande

General Manager Wm. Hogan, of the Crooked River Mining & Milling Co., who has been outside for the past two months, has returned to Orogrande. Mr. Hogan will make several important changes in the mill this winter. New copper plates will be installed, the ore bins will be remodelled, somewhat and several necessary changes will be made to facilitate the handling of ore.

Mr. Hogan, while on his eastern trip, stopped off at Lead and Deadwood, South Dakota, where he looked over some of the gold mines in that section, among them the famous Homestake, which has almost one thousand stamps dropping. The capacity of this mill is about 4000 tons per day. While the margin of profit is small the immensity of the plant makes it a good dividend payer.

Mr. Hogan, while enthusiastic over what he has seen in the Black Hills, believes that the immense bodies of free milling ore in this vicinity will, with development, equal or surpass anything in the Black Hills.—Orogrande Correspondence.

WORK ON ABERFOILE

Company is Pushing Development and Will Continue All Winter.

The work of developing the Aberfoile mine is being pushed steadily forward and will continue during the winter. This property consists of ten claims located on whiskey creek, about five miles northwest of Elk City. There are known to be six quartz veins traversing this fine group and a porphyry dike over 100 feet wide. The quartz veins range from two to twenty feet in width and all of them, as well as the porphyry, return assays that warrant future dividends. About 700 feet of practical work has been placed on the property and arrangements to build a mill next summer are completed. The management of this mine is modest in expressing the situation, the Board of control is inclined to let the work speak for itself and when the mill starts it is not likely to stop. There is a vast deposit of ore that will give returns for many decades to come once the reduction is properly inaugurated.

The Aberfoile company was organized a year ago with headquarters at Spokane. Prof. Walter C. Erower is president, J. V. Wickham, secretary, A. V. Chamberlain, assistant secretary, and G. W. Ruckel, treasurer. Prof. Erower is manager of the work at the mine. Probably less has been said about this group of claims and more work done than in the case of any mining property in Idaho.

The company is financially strong and has been carefully and economically managed. D. D. McFarland, who has been foreman of the Aberfoile mine from the date of inauguration of the work, has proved to be the right man in the right place.

ANOTHER DEAL

Abe House and J. G. Cheselore Bond Their South Fork Property.

It is reported that Abe House and J. G. Cheselore of this city have bonded their property on the South Fork of the Clearwater to certain New York parties now in town. We hope this report is true, for the property is considered one of the best in that section. As to Abe House, one of the present owners, he is a typical western miner and prospector, the best class. For two years or more he has made a comfortable living out of this property by simply pouring up his rock in a lead mortar. This is a well known fact and speaks for itself as to the real merits of the property. Besides, he has done two or three hundred feet of development work and his payrolls are fully 100 feet long. That is to say, above the average payrolls, which is anywhere from 10 to 200 feet only in the best of developed properties. Mr. House's position in this fine little property is just "Cheselore's," whose fine cooking and pleasant ways are fully appreciated by our citizens. We wish them the best of success and hope ere long to lay our hands on some more interesting claims.

Our Protest made Effective

Very Encouraging Reports Received From Washington, D. C., Regarding Remonstrance Sent to Senators Dubois and Heyburn.—Prompt Action Taken

The citizens of Elk City and district will long remember November 29, 1903.

On that memorable day our local Declaration of Independence was practically made, in our old town hall, under the Stars and Stripes bespangling its ceiling and walls of roughly hewed logs that grew on these noble hills, here in "God's own country."

Indeed, never were the people of this whole section more firmly determined than since that meeting to enforce their rights, as free-born American citizens, not of any one special class, but of all classes alike, and burst the miserable bonds of red-tape, that have to unnecessarily and ridiculously, but most annoyingly hampered and irritated them since the last few years.

In fine, the united community of Elk City and district now begs the secretary of the interior to fully understand that this free, enlightened and patriotic section of the "inland empire" is no place whatever for red-tape "rules and regulations" so-called, which are the quint-essence of stupidity from a practical standpoint, and which can alone breed contempt for the real laws of the land, cause untold annoyance and injury to the best class of citizens and ultimately petty official corruption and brutality to the detriment of the whole community at large.

In other words, we are now living under a state of things that our people cannot and will not longer tolerate.

On the one hand, it is absolutely contrary to the spirit and letter of our national laws and constitution. While, on the other hand, the remedy is very simple, indeed, provided our direct and popular representatives are listened to at Washington, thus causing bureaucratic littleness to give definitely away to American manliness.

We all love, respect and practically adore "Uncle Sam." To us no king, potentate or president is or can be greater and more noble than he. Unfortunately, however, we cannot deal directly with the grand ideal of our nation, but must petition his subordinates. As say the French: "It is far better to deal directly with God than with his Saints." And truly "man's inhumanity to man" is never more forcibly realized than when dealing with certain puerile agents, of a greater power, "clothed with a little authority."

Now, however, the ball is rolling along proper lines and in the right direction. Our energetic protest of the 29th ult. has been clearly heard in high quarters, and is already being made effective by our able representatives at Washington.

On December 2 J. L. C. McCaffrey and the rest of the committee chosen on the 29th sent a strong protest to U. S. Senator Dubois stating our grievances and rights and asking his assistance. He went immediately and in person to the office of the Superintendent of Forestry and took up the matter with his accustomed energy. Likewise on Dec. 8 S. W. Smith wrote to Senator Heyburn, who at once had, with his usual promptness, a long conference with the Secretary of the Interior on the matter. And in his reply, dated December 12, Senator Heyburn promises to introduce a bill at an early day, along the lines suggested and of a nature to definitely clear up the situation, and this is precisely what we want.

Finally a very recent letter from Ex-Senator McFarland, in reply to one of the 5th of December, makes a very important statement, namely, that the Interior department at Washington, seems to have turned the whole matter over to the Agricultural department, thus radically changing the administration of the Reserves from a political to a purely scientific administration. Nothing could please the Mining News better, as it is to be the special advocate of scientific principles and methods in the administrative and economic life of our nation, as opposed to those of "politicians" which are rarely impartial and generally corrupt of the present day.

As to the public press, it has been unanimously and fairly on our side from the very first. This prompt

4th the Lewiston Tribune published in its morning columns the energetic letter sent it by Dr. Strong respecting our meeting of protest on the very day it was held. And we take pleasure in thanking the Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, Wash., for the following that appeared in its recent issue of Dec. 18, in favor of our just cause:

ELK CITY SENDS A PROTEST
Odious Rules and Regulations by Forest Reserve Agents.

Dubois Takes The Matter Up
Early Closing of a Portion of the Bitter Root Forest Reserve is Probable.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17—Senator Dubois has received the remonstrance of a mass meeting of the citizens of Elk City, Idaho, against the rules imposed by agents of the Bitter Root Forest Reserve. Charges of burdensome rules and regulations to which the citizens and miners are subjected were sent, including copies of permits, applications, etc., that were of such a nature as said to annoy and harass settlers.

The senator took up the matter personally with Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, who assured him the early closing of a portion of this reservation was contemplated by the department, and the senator was asked to request his people in Elk City to send affidavits, maps, etc., to sustain their contention that a portion of the reserve should be eliminated.

The MINING NEWS will keep its readers fully posted of the progress and phases of our legitimate fight against unwarranted rules and regulations of the reserve that can only lead to official injustice, petty tyranny and blackmail in our midst. And we will ever be the faithful and vigilant servants of the whole community in this, as in all other matters pertaining to its prosperity.

In fact it was with this special end in view that the founding of the MINING NEWS was hastened at the present time.

S. W. SMITH AWAY.

Goes to Butte and Salt Lake on a Business and Pleasure Trip.

S. W. Smith left on the seventeenth for an extended trip to Butte, Mont., and Salt Lake, Utah, and may possibly extend his visit to San Francisco. On this occasion he will combine business with pleasure and will endeavor to interest capital in the various claims that he owns in this locality. For twenty-one years Mr. Smith has stuck to this district and even when the clouds of adversity were darkest his faith never wavered. The result is he is the possessor of a number of the most meritorious propositions around here. Besides his time he has spent thousands of dollars in development work, and the best proof of his knowledge of mines and mining is the result of that work. Among the groups of claims he has brought into prominence is the Cleveland on Relief creek and the Buster near Elk City. The former is now under bond for a handsome sum. The Buster has what is considered one of the best surface showings in the district and the several hundred feet underground development done so fully justifies the assertion that it is one of the best prospects in the district. Each can feel justly proud of what has accomplished here and what was done there can be no doubt.

Why Do You Think Of The Baby?