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## DIXIE BUSY THIS SEASON

### Placers Are Now Under Headway.

#### GETTING READY FOR BASE BALL

##### Some Pithy Personals About Our Neighbors.

Most anyone, anywhere enjoys to listen to a man talk who seemingly knows whereof he speaks and that too, without creating the opinion that his remarks must be taken as absolute authority. In charge of one of the big placer properties in this camp, and which will commence operations in a very few days, is A. S. McKee, and while a new man to this section of Central Idaho, his experience with this part of the mining industry extends, practically to all parts of the world, being associated with some of the largest mining companies in the country. While here he will have charge of the big Ruble elevator that is to be given its first try-out on the gravel deposits in this camp. To a Mining News reporter he did not hesitate to say that in so far as the elevator is concerned there will be no trouble in handling the dirt, as the gravel is ideal for just such a machine. He stated that he realized the fact that the Ruble elevator had been tried out in other sections of this county, but without any noticeable amount of success. To all of which he asks the pessimist to at least grant him the courtesy of a trial run, before the "anvil chorus" is started, and that he will make an earnest endeavor to demonstrate to all that its the "man behind the gun" in a great many instances, that depends on success or failure.

If there are any "boneheads" perambulating in this "neck of the woods" with the ossified opinion that they are, she, he or it, and the uncrowned toad of this domain, we say if there are any, none has come to light. Regardless of the fact, as to whether or not the Dixie boys are going to have a winning ball team this year. It is a certainty that they are going to have a ball nine, and each and every man is going to have a natty ball suit, and that too, without the courting of any imported opinion. One swallow does not necessarily mean an early springtime, for we really have known some people predict, and correctly too, that it meant an "early fall." So there.

Frank Cox, brother to Ed, the "Dixie Apache," and the initial slab artist of the "1911 pennant winners," has arrove much to the delight of the ball fans, having held down the third sack for the 1910 Ogden, Utah, team, and which won the interstate championship of that year. It is not presumed that he is going to find any trouble in landing a berth

with the Dixie bunch this year.

While it is still early in the season to receive a wireless from the "gold dust twins," Speedy Thomas and Goldie Little, it will be cheerful tidings indeed when we hear the melodious chiming of their tender young voices on the ball campus.

A "Sketch Map of America's El Dorado, the Salmon River country and Central Idaho," is a late publication that is being issued from the press of the Elk City Mining News, by R. McGregor, E. M., a well and favorable known U. S. mineral surveyor of this county. It is one of the best maps we have ever seen along this line and should find a ready sale throughout the country.

Who is the official roofer for the pennant winners? Why, Billy Cosgrove of course—all of which means that when the Dixie "muckers" go into action there will not be an idle moment at any stage of the game.

"Jeff" or "Mutt" have not as yet started any dissolvent proceedings, despite the predictions of "Salome," all of which leads a most irradiation color to the social gayety of the camp.

Will Finley and Jack Hayes are making good progress, towards opening up their placer property on Red river, and with the outlook for a long season's run.

"Big Moose," the massive Oregonian, and the coolest smoke behind the bat on the Dixie ball nine, was up from the Salmon River Mining Co.'s property last week.

If the present weather continues, there will be very little snow left around Dixie in another week. It is disappearing at the rate of about six inches a day.

The Penn-Dixie started up last Tuesday with a small shift. It is understood that a cyanide plant will be installed this summer.

Walt (Bantam) McDonald is down from the Comstock, where he has been rusticated these late wintery moons.

Jim Moore, the Salmon river ranchman, was up from the river last Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mitt (Salome) Haynie is reported to be on the Upper Salmon, stalking for (bar) bear.

"Frosty" Price promises to be an Al nozzleman ere the close of the placer season.

## CLEAN-UP DAY OBSERVED

### Elk City Gets Its Annual Renovating.

Early Friday morning a number of our enterprising citizens got busy, and in a short time Main street was the scene of much activity. All the trash that had accumulated during the winter was raked into piles, which were put into a wagon and hauled off and dumped into Elk creek. The street is now in shape for a horse race, or just a common coach and four. Besides the street cleaning all the residents have had their yards cleaned and the refuse carted off.

Henry S. Hazlitt, of Dixie, is in town on business. He reports the snow going fast.

## IDAHO COPPER GETS GOLD ORE

### High Grade Free Milling Ore on Kirk's Fork.

The latest and what will prove to be one of the best strikes made in the Elk District, is reported from the Idaho Copper group of claims, situated on Kirk's Fork, about four miles east of town.

This property was located about two years ago by William Simpson, and created considerable stir as it showed signs of developing into a big copper proposition. A great deal of work was done on the property in the way of prospect holes, cuts and shallow shafts, and a tunnel was ran some 150 ft., but the copper values did not seem to be attractive as it was considered to low grade to work in this district.

The work was only suspended for a short time, and last winter Simpson did a good deal of underground work, in the way of cross-cuts, and at one point drove to the contact of the granite and the dike that carried the copper. When this was found it was followed a short distance when it commenced to make ore, and it was noticed that it was of a different character than anything found in the other workings. With a prospectors instinct, Simpson panned some, and was surprised to see that it was rich in gold. The drift was driven a few feet further and about 20 inches of good ore was in sight. This was sampled and found to carry good values.

The ore has now widened to 2 ft., and shows gold to the eye, and pans very free. Simpson is now driving ahead, and if the ore will hold its own, it will not be long before it will be a producer.

Associated with Mr. Simpson in the claims, are a number of employees of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine in the Coeur d'Alene, and they have ample means to go ahead with the development, and equip the property with milling machinery.

The claims are well situated for economical mining, as they are on Kirk's Fork which will afford ample water power for milling purposes, and there is an abundance of timber near by. There is a good tunnel site, and quite a depth can be gained, and as the tunnel is now in 150 ft., they will have a great deal of ore in sight in a short time.

Improving.  
"She went crazy over bridge."  
"Sad, very sad!"  
"Oh, no great harm done. Her family placed her in a fashionable sanitarium, and she's playing a better game than ever now."—Washington Herald.

A Good Scheme.  
Husband—Why do you scold the butcher? It isn't his fault that the meat comes to the table all dried up. Scold the cook. Wife—I don't dare to, but I'm in hopes that if I keep on scolding the butcher he'll get mad and come around and scold the cook.

Amazed.  
Newman—I met your wife today for the first time, and, for one thing, I found she was outspoken. Henpeck—You surprise me! By whom?—Philadelphia Press.

Puffed Up.  
Post—Thinks he's the whole thing, doesn't he? Parker—Well, I'd hardly go as far as that, but he certainly considers himself a quorum.—Smart Set.

## WORK AT THE MASCOT

### Will Erect Stamp Mill at Once.

#### HAVE FINE BODY OF ORE

##### Much Work Done on the St. Lawrence.

Work in the tunnel on the Mascot claim, situated on the east side of American river, about one and a half miles east of Elk City, has been progressing very satisfactorily of late, and there is now a full face of high grade ore in sight. The tunnel is now in 370 ft., and the face is now under the rich ore shoot that was exposed on the surface, and is of the same character of ore. From what can be seen the ore shoot is widening, and it is probable that it will make as much ore in the tunnel as it is on the surface, which is about 6 feet.

The Mascot is owned by the Massam Bros., of Elk City and Spokane, and they are now at work on the mill site, where they will erect a mill this summer. The Massam's own the ditch and water right on Kirk's Fork, and they are now placing a pipe line which will be used to pipe off the soil for the mill foundation, and will also be used to generate power for the mill when completed. The mill as planned will consist of two stamps, which will be used to coarse crush the ore for a five foot Huntington mill. John Massam who is in charge of the work stated that he expected to have the stamps in place in about 30 days, but that the other machinery would not arrive on the ground until the roads are in shape to haul heavy freight. Milling will commence with the stamps as soon as they are in place.

Aside from the Mascot group, the Massam's own the St. Lawrence group, situated on American river a short distance from the Mascot, and there is a large body of good milling ore in sight on this property. The vein has been opened for a distance of 300 ft., and a pay shoot opened that is 6 ft. wide. The St. Lawrence has a fine tunnel site, and the vein can be followed all the way, and quite a depth gained. It is the intention to open this property, and tram the ore to the mill, which can easily be done. The ore from both these properties is very free milling, and it is expected that a large percentage of the values will be saved by amalgamation and concentration.

Flood Situation.  
A day of sunshine at New Orleans, followed by a cloudless sky gives hope to the levees holding. Except at Baton Rouge, where the situation is critical, federal and state engineers express confidence in the resisting power of artificial barriers to hold the record flood waters in check.

## BASE BALL ALL INTEREST

### Grounds Have Been Put in Excellent Condition.

The base ball enthusiasts, and that means everybody in town, have got down to work and are now enjoying regular practice games. The grounds have been put in first-class condition, and a grand stand erected that will accommodate a large crowd. The first practice game was pulled off last Sunday, and proved a very interesting game, and was replete with plays that kept the crowd in a good humor, and was highly enjoyed by all.

The regular nine will be in practice from now until the Fourth-of-July game with Dixie, when the great annual base ball game will be played. The Elk City boys will have new suits this year, and will give a good account of themselves. They are not underestimating the bunch that will come over from our neighboring camp, for it is well known that Dixie has some of the fastest men on the diamond that are in the northwest—but they are going to find some players in Elk City that are not so slow.

## BROWN BEAR GETS VEIN

### Good Ore Found in Lower Tunnel.

Work on the Brown Bear claims, belonging to the Idaho Red River M. Co., has resulted in the cutting of the vein in the lower tunnel. This tunnel is driven for the first 40 ft. as a cross-cut, and is about 100 ft. below the upper tunnel, and will have a depth of 400 ft. at the deepest place. The ore just cut is very free, and seems to carry good values, as it pans well. The extent of the strike cannot be determined for several days yet, as the vein has not been cross-cut.

## NEW MAP OF CENTRAL IDAHO

### Shows Prospective Railroads and Other Information.

The Mining News has just had published one of the best maps that has ever been issued, showing the mineral resources of Central Idaho. The map is the work of R. McGregor, of Elk City, and is very thoroughly done, and is far the most accurate in point of distances, ever issued. The map is in two colors and shows the proposed route of the Pittsburg & Gilmore railroad, besides other railroads that are under construction.

The map also shows the enormous production of gold from Central Idaho, and no attempt has been made to make it a local advertising sheet, but on the contrary, all sections are given their production from a most authentic source. The map is especially valuable to parties interested in this section, as it shows all the mining camps, and also shows that Elk City is in the center of this vast El Dorado and that all roads center here.

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