

SALT LAKE CROWD BUYS WESTON GROUP

William M. Wantland Secures An Attractive Group Of Six Claims Over In Prince Consolidated Country.

LIES BETWEEN PIOCHE KING AND ABE LINCOLN

Locations Cover Strike of Prince and Golden Prince Veins—The Floatation of Another Strong Utah Company Is Planned To Exploit Proposition—Work Expected to Start In Near Future.

A deal that is likely to prove of great importance to this camp was closed Wednesday of this week, when William M. Wantland, a well-known Salt Lake mining operator, concluded negotiations with Ed Weston for a group of claims owned by the latter, and which is wedged in between the Pioche King property and the Golden Prince on one side and the Abe Lincoln group on the other.

The Weston property closes up the gap lying between the properties mentioned, and the locations are so situated that they cover the strike of both the Prince Consolidated and Golden Prince veins; hence it is difficult to figure out how the systematic development of the ground is going to escape tapping both these resources.

William Lloyd, superintendent of the Prince Consolidated, says

the property is a splendid one, and that it is certain to develop into a great property. "I really don't see how Mr. Wantland has made a mistake in tying up the Weston property, and it appears to me that there is only one way to escape getting the ore; and that is for it to jump over the moon. The ground is right in line with some of the best mines over on that side of the camp; it certainly ought to make good, and if Mr. Wantland and associates do the right kind of work, I believe they will make a fine producing mine out of it."

John A. Kirby and Joseph S. Free also speak very favorably of the property.

From Mr. Wantland it was learned that there are five full claims and a fraction in the group, and that the locations follow the strike of the Prince vein for a distance of about 3000 feet,

and that of the Golden Prince for approximately 2100 feet.

Just before taking the train for home this morning Mr. Wantland said that it is his intention to organize a strong company at once and begin a vigorous development campaign in the near future. "I came to Pioche to get hold of something good, and I believe I have succeeded. I have the backing of strong people, who have been anxious to get a foot-hold in this district, and the Weston group is just what they want. It is over in a region where an immense lot of work is going to be done during the next year. It is a winner sure."

Mr. Wantland arrived in the city last Monday, and has spent most of the time while here in looking at properties over near the Prince Consolidated and others in the Highland district.

Oneota Project Big Enterprise

Completion of Dam on Cherry Creek Means Reclamation of Vast Area of Arid Ground In Coal Valley---Opportunity for Pioche Merchants to Secure Trade of This Region.

About forty-five miles due west of Pioche there is being developed an enterprise of great potential importance to this camp. Its originator and manager is George O. Davis, a former resident of this city. The enterprise involves a dam with a twenty-eight foot head for power, a system of ditches and the building of a modern town. The dam, which is to be finished in the spring, is on Cherry Creek, about twelve miles from Sharp, in Nye county, at present their nearest postoffice. Cottonwood and Pine creeks empty into Cherry creek above this dam. The reservoir will cover about eleven square miles, with an average depth of nine feet, and it is expected that the water thus impounded, together with the regular flow of the stream, will be sufficient to irrigate 288,000 acres of land in Coal valley. No richer soil can be found in the west. The altitude is about 4500 feet. All fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone grow there in ideal perfection. The dam is to cost over \$50,000, while the town, named Oneota, is in Coal valley. The settlement already contains seventy people, and Mr. Davis expects soon to see over 1000 in the valley.

Less than twenty miles southwest of Oneota is Freiberg mining camp. More to the south and somewhat farther away, but

still within easy reach are the camp of Tem Pahute also the Pahrangat district and Hiko, the old county-seat of Lincoln county. Sunnyside, in Nye county, is about forty miles to the northeast; between the two places is a large acreage of excellent ranch land and in the hills are many known ore deposits.

For months past Mr. Davis' teams have been coming into Pioche about once a week, hauling back supplies purchased of Pioche merchants, and machinery received at the Pioche depot. This is their natural railroad point, but at present there is no suitable road. The trails which the wagons now travel are steep, circuitous and entirely unsuitable to their needs. Mr. Davis estimates that \$500 in money contributed from this end, added to what they would themselves furnish in labor and teams, would make a nearly direct road on light grade, which would bring Oneota within an easy day's ride of this town. Furthermore, it would become the best and easiest route from Freiberg and many other points to the railroad, and turn this way a lot of business which now is forced to go to Caliente.

If Pioche is alive to her best interests she will not let this plum escape. Oneota is in Lincoln county. Her people wish to cultivate friendly relations with

Pioche, and have all their traffic come through the Pioche gateway. The sum of money which will be required to insure this is so pitifully small compared to the enormous and far-reaching benefits, that it hardly seems possible that Oneota will be forced to seek an outlet in some other direction.

Chicago-Nevada A Mine of Merit

About two miles west of Pioche lies a group of twelve claims, owned by the Chicago-Nevada Mining company, Samuel Doll of Gypsum, Colorado, is president; J. T. Montgomery, vice-president; and J. M. Breeze, secretary and treasurer. The company is incorporated with 1,000,000 shares, par value, \$1. A number of Chicago men are heavy stockholders. All the time which can be spared from his varied interests in Colorado, Mr. Doll spends here directing development. An incline shaft, dipping 30 degrees, is being sunk on the Lost Treasure lode, about in the center of the group. This shaft started on a five foot vein of iron manganese ore, carrying gold, silver and lead. From the mouth of the shaft for a distance of about forty feet the vein follows a contact between lime and argillaceous shale below. The shaft then leaves the vein overhead and goes down on the same dip in the shale until at ninety feet from the mouth it enters lime. Fifteen feet farther it leaves the lime, re-entering the shale and not again leaving it. Just before reaching the lime another lime shale contact was seen, with some vein matter. Vugs in the lime just above the contact show strong indrawing air currents, indicating that open veins run through to the surface. Scattered irregularly through the shale are stringers and bunches of ore.

This incline shaft has now

ENGINEER EXAMINES MILWAUKEE MINE

Former Field Man For Jesse Knight Becomes Greatly Impressed With Property In the Highland District.

WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE FAVORABLE REPORT

Which Means That William C. Alexander and Indiana Associates Will Exercise Option and Bond--John Reese Pictures Bright Future For This Great Camp --Knight May Come Here Too.

John Reese, formerly connected with the engineering staff of "Uncle" Jesse Knight, the well-known Utah millionaire mining operator, has been in Pioche this week.

While his visit at this time was primarily for the purpose of making an examination of the Milwaukee group in the Highland district, which property is held under an option by William C. Alexander of Salt Lake and Indiana associates, he has devoted considerable time in sizing up conditions elsewhere, and it is safe to say that his trip to this camp will result in himself becoming interested here, thus adding one more to the Salt Lake contingent, which is doing so much towards the development of the vast resources of this region.

Mr. Reese had no hesitancy in saying that he had formed a favorable impression of the Milwaukee mine. Hence, it is reasonable to presume, that in his report to Mr. Alexander the exercise of the option will be recommended.

Among the other mines visited by Mr. Reese, were the Prince Consolidated, Pioche King, Demijohn, Mendha and the Point property, which has just been made the basis for the Pioche Metals & Mining company. He also spent yesterday with John A. Kirby in making a cursory examination of the Weston group, acquired this week by William M. Wantland, at the request of Mr. Wantland.

"Pioche certainly has a bright future," said Mr. Reese in one of the local restaurants last night, "and it seems strange

that the districts surrounding it have been so long neglected. As far as I could observe during the brief time that I have been here, it appears that wherever systematic development work has been done, the response has been of a most gratifying character. I have heard some good things said about Comet, Bristol, Stampede Gap and Jack Rabbit districts, too, and would like to have seen them but they will have to be left to some other time."

It is just possible that through Mr. Reese, Jesse Knight will be induced to come to Pioche; at least it is to be hoped so, for "Uncle" Jesse is the right kind of a man for any camp. He has found several bonanzas in Utah, and he can find more of them here.

Frank W. Daily Lauds Prince

Assistant Superintendent of the Silver King Coalition Mine at Park City Speaks in High Terms of One of Our Newest Bonanzas---Visitor Given Every Courtesy By Officials.

Among this week's arrivals in camp was Frank W. Daily, assistant superintendent of the Silver King Coalition mine at Park City, Utah.

Mr. Daily, while he spends the greater portion of his time directing the operation of the great Utah mine, which has a dividend record to its credit of something over \$11,000,000, is frequently sent out into the field by Senator Thomas Kearns and David Keith, the principal owners of the King. Whether Mr. Daily came to Pioche in the interest of the latter or not, has not been ascertained. Nevertheless, the visitor spent much of his time in looking through the big Prince Consoli-

dated mine, as the guest of Secretary Murray C. Godbe and Superintendent William Lloyd.

That Mr. Daily considers the Prince to be a mine of great value is made evident by a statement which he made to the RECORD Tuesday morning just before departing for home.

"The Prince Consolidated," said he, "looks like a big producer. Of course I cannot see very far into the ground, but the showing, taking into consideration the amount of development work done, is far ahead of anything I have ever seen. It is not an easy matter to determine what the real value of the Prince mine is; but the property appears to me to be one of great promise."

combination of capital that has yet entered this camp, and the Point mine is unquestionably one of the gilt edged propositions of this region.

Secretary Cook was in camp early in the week on an inspection trip. It was his first trip to Pioche, and just before leaving expressed himself as being very well satisfied with the showing the property makes at the present time. He is confident that it is going to develop into one of the big producing mines of this district, and he is not alone in that opinion.

John R. Cook spent several days this week at the Mendha mine; of which he is general manager.

Mr. Wickes Resigns.

L. Webster Wickes, who for the past year has filled the position of Superintendent for the Nevada-Utah Mines & Smelters corporation, has resigned, the same having become effective yesterday. During his residence here, Mr. Wickes has won the acquaintance of a large circle of warm friends.

Our Ed Returns.

Ed F. Freudenthal has returned after a trip to New York on mining business, and after having spent Christmas with his family in Los Angeles. He at once donned his digging clothes, and has gone to the hills to look after the various mining propositions with which he is identified.

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