

H. G. Stratton to W. H. Brown

I now all men by these presents that I, H. G. Stratton,  
of the City of Portland, State of Oregon, party of the first part  
are held and firmly bound unto W. H. Brown of the  
State of Washington, party of the second, in the sum  
of Twenty Thousand five Hundred Dollars (\$20,500.00) lawful  
money of the United States, to the payment of which the  
party of the first part, hereby binds himself, his heirs,  
executors and administrators,

Witness my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1897.  
The condition of the foregoing obligation is such that-  
whereas the party of the first part in consideration of the  
sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) in hand paid, the receipt  
whereby is hereby acknowledged, has on the day and year  
agreed and agreed to sell to the party of the second part  
the following described mining properties, viz: The  
Orenia Bonanza and Little Dell lode claims situated  
on what is known as the Hoss Hoss Lode and the Chimney  
Rock lode claims and the Grace lode claim and the Granite  
lode claim, all located on what is known as the Sea-  
maria Lode, and the Dell Rock and Grace lode claims,  
located on what is known as the Yellow Jacket lode, all  
being located, recorded and held, situated, lying and being  
in the Rumania Mining District, Skamania County,  
Washington, together with all and singular the improvements  
land improvements and appurtenances therunto belonging or in  
anywise appertaining, for the sum of Ten Thousand, two  
hundred and fifty Dollars (\$10,250.00) to be paid to the party  
of the first part at Ladd & Tillons Bank in the City of Portland  
State of Oregon on or before the first day of November  
1898, and time shall be of the essence of this contract.

As a further consideration for the making of this  
contract it is expressly agreed and understood that  
the party of the second part shall perform or cause to  
be performed not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)  
worth of work on each of the foregoing named properties  
on or before August 1, 1897; the object of this provision  
being that the assessment work required by the United States  
Statutes to hold title to unpatented mining claim shall  
be performed at the expense and under the direction  
of the party of the second part or his representatives.