

Sumpter Mining District.

The name of Sumpter, which stands out boldly on the pages of history and all war records, is destined to become great in peace. This town is today attracting the attention it has so long waited for and which it so richly deserves. The wonderful developed and still greater undeveloped mineral resources of the great ore belt that courses from east to west is, when all the conditions that facilitate mining and the extraction of values are considered, is unequalled in the western domain.

This great gold-bearing zone is made up in part of at least three parallel dykes of slate, with a general east and west trend, for at least forty miles or more, from the Baisley-Elkhorn up to and probably beyond the base of the Greenhorn mountains. As we approach the Greenhorn mountains, the serpentine and old greenstone appear associated with the slate and porphyry, giving the formation most of the geological features that form the great mother lode of California, of which many believe it to be a part; yet there are one or two factors in which this belt differs. First, the frequent intrusion of porphyry dykes that occur plainly in the vicinity of the Red Boy and at Susanville, cutting across the slate strata, but in no case effecting the surprising continuity of the ore-bearing leads. In the mother lode ore exists more in the form of shoots, often long distances apart, while here the veins are comparatively continuous, and in the Granite district, near the Red Boy, the existence of the leads have been actually proven for a distance of nearly two miles on their strike, and it is not at all improbable that gold mines will be opened on this dyke up to and east of Granite.

Rich stringers and pockets of gold quartz are often found in the porphyry, but the big ore bodies are in the slate, these porphyry dykes being evidently a secondary or later formation than the slates, having been formed more recently than the leads as well. These parallel gold-bearing dykes, to illustrate, will be designated the north, middle and south dykes, and as yet it is difficult to tell which of these will prove the most productive.

The north dyke certainly extends for at least thirty miles, with an occasional fault within half a mile of the granite for the entire distance. On this dyke are located the Baisley-Elkhorn and its extensions, the North Pole, E. & E., Columbia, Golconda, Bunker Hill, Ibox, Mammoth, Magnolia, Cougar, May Queen and Red Boy. Nine of these can be called developed, producing mines, and at least four of them dividend payers.

A few miles further south is the middle dyke, upon which are located the Walc Imperial, Little Giant and Yellowstone mines. The placer gold taken from Nevada, Quartz, Spring and Ruby creeks were all fed from the leads in this dyke, as were the placers near Sumpter supplied by the big mines of Cracker creek. This gulch has produced untold wealth and is still a heavy producer of gold dust.

On the south dyke the Bonanza is the great center of operations, yet there are other mines like the Richmond and more that show every indication of becoming the equal of the best. The Cooper group, at the head of Vincent creek, only seven miles to the west, possesses all the marks of a big mine. On the extreme west comes the Badger, at Susanville, forty miles distant, producing ore that it costs \$500 per carload to ship and treat and still nets a good profit. This great slate belt has hardly been scratched, so far as development goes. Elk, Big Boulder, Beaver, Granite Boulder, Little Boulder, Windless and Vincent creeks all head in, or close to, this belt. There is gold in

all these streams, a number of which are worked. The gold in every one of these gulches came from the veins of quartz that traverse this dyke.

On the south side of the Middle Fork there is another slate belt that has supplied the placers of that slope with gold. Within the next year the whole scope of country lying between the granite belt beyond the Red Boy and Dixie mountains will be prospected and mines opened up as good as any yet found by returning Klondykers, that the coast papers turned away from the great wealth and boundless opportunities of this section.

It is now apparent that nearly, if not all, the concentrates are susceptible to cyanide or chlorination, thus keeping that much more wealth within the district. All of the Cougar ore will be treated by cyanide. Eighty-three per cent of the gold values of the Red Boy concentrates can be saved by this process.

There is timber for miles on all sides. Every camp and mine, except one, is accessible by good roads with a buggy; good water everywhere, and telephone service to all camps and most of the mines. Every requisite factor for great mines and a big camp is here.

The writer predicted not long ago that 1,000 stamp would be crushing ore within a few years. This year, up to date, crushing capacity equal to 100 stamps have been added, or are being completed. The steady monthly output has had its effect on the outside financial world on both sides of the water; thousands of the desired capital is here and more will come. Within a year new towns will spring up at Susanville and Granite. Both are surrounded by good mines. Spokane capital is now interred in and around Sumpter and a whole lot of people are glad of it. The brains and money of Spokane will develop hundreds of mines and make this one of the best towns on the coast. Every mining man and investor who enters this field sees this at once and is not afraid to say so to the other fellow. In spite of the indifference of a greater portion of the press of this state and against the wishes of a few bears, Sumpter will, inside of two years, have 4,000 people and be the best mining camp on the coast.

The era of deep sinking has begun. Every foot gained in depth only adds faith to the value and permanency of these leads. In proportion as this fact is established, millions will roll into this section for development, and the name of Sumpter will be known from one end of the continent to the other.

JOHN F. LELAND.

Should be Easily Satisfied.

On the over-crowded logging train en route from Baker to this city one day last week was an individual with "tenderfoot" written in large letters all over his person and bearing. He was ubiquitous, loquacious; was of the celluloid color dude variety and persistently tried to tell the uninterested and unsympathetic passengers all about himself. Finally he approached a gentleman with this evidently intended as merely an opening remark:

"If I can find a place out this way to suit me, I am going to locate her and send for my family."

"Where are you from," asked the man to whom this information was impressively imparted.

"Nebrasky, near Grand Island."

"Well, say, my friend, you just drop off this train anywhere along here, and if you are a man who can appreciate a good thing, by comparison, when you see it, you will be tickled to death, and hasten to the nearest telegraph station and wire for the dear ones at home to take the next overland for this paradise—in comparison with Nebraska, of course."

Then the auspiciously begun conversation suddenly terminated.

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1:30 p. m.	Ar. Clifford	Lv. 8:00 a. m.
3:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. 7:30 a. m.
7:40 p. m.	Ar. Austin	Lv. 5:00 a. m.

Connecting at Austin with stages for Canyon City and interior points.

1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. 7:30 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar. Bonanza	Lv. 6:30 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pys, Robinsonville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and Elcher mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. 10:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Granite	Lv. 7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Boy, Banzette and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-BOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. 9:30 a. m.
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