

CRACKER-HIGHLAND.

High Values in Present Workings.

The Cracker-Highland Gold Mining company reports that returns from the samples sent to Clarke & Clarke, assayers of this city, gave the following results:

No. 1—4.34 oz. gold; 2.66 oz. silver; total, \$89.97.

No. 2—1.94 oz. gold; .72 oz. silver; total, \$39.21.

No. 3—4.3 oz. gold; 1.5 oz. silver; total, \$86.66.

These samples were obtained from a tunnel in which the company is at present working, exploring the ground. This tunnel is about fifty feet in length in which about twenty feet depth is obtained.

Such values indicate that the generally high values found in so many of the Cracker Creek mines will again be repeated on new ground.

The general direction of the ledge, the character of the ore and formation indicates the ledge to be split off the Cracker Oregon ledge. This has been a well known fact to the old miners and prospectors of the camp, and has been confirmed by the work of the Cracker Highland company. It is thought to be a split corresponding to the split off the Cracker Oregon ledge which runs through the Victor ground.

There are a number of high grade ledges on this hill. The Little Cracker Gold Mining company having obtained assays of such high value as to rank with the best mines in the country.

The ledge on the Cracker-Highland has been opened up on the property of the Cracker Klondike Gold Mining company and the Portland Gold Mining and Milling company, besides the Cracker-Highland.

The ledge as so far determined by the present work is about ten feet wide. This ledge has been opened up by two shafts and the tunnel just mentioned. In every case good values were obtained. This ledge is of a uniform high grade and is a fissure of great value where as depth is obtained and the ore shoots pass into more solid formation, bodies of good shipping ore should be encountered. It is understood to be the intention of the company to commence work looking to that end i. e., to intersect the ore shoot just uncovered at greater depth.

Work has been successfully prosecuted since the property was taken by Milwaukee people who financed it.

These people investigated through a representative who visited Sumpter in person. The new owners have the greatest faith in the final success of this most promising property.

NO MUCKING FOR HIM.

Beneath the Dignity of a Colored Porter From the Union Pacific.

A jet black "cullud pussun," who from his broad Southern dialect, had seen more or less of the cotton fields, accented a Sumpter citizen the other day with: "Say, boss, Ize just fell up agin dis heah man's town and Ize lookin' foh a job suitable to my station in life. Could yo' suggest anything?"

"What can you do?" the citizen queried.

"Well, boss, Ize fitted fo' a great many provocations. I was assimilated wid de cotton bizness, when I were

quite a small picanniny, but my late proclivities has been wid the Union Pacific as potah, until a slight ambiguousness arose between me an' de management when I quit de employ of de corporation."

"Do you know anything about mining?"

"I profess no acquaintance what-somebber wid dis profesun."

"You might get a job as mucker. This requires but little expepreience."

"In de name ob Teddy Rosenveit, does yo' mean to consult a cullud gemmen, by intimidating dat he wud ascend to such a base provocation as dat of a mucker? A mucker! A pussun what works in swamps, is beneath de dignity ob dis individual."

And the offended nigger strode away before explanations could be made, feeling that he had been grossly and irreparably insulted.

MEETS NEXT AT PORTLAND.

Interesting Session of Mining Congress Held at Deadwood-Lead.

The sixth annual session of the American Mining congress which met at Deadwood-Lead, South Dakota, last week, was attended by unprecedented success in every way. There was a large attendance and a great deal of interest was manifested throughout the country. President Richards' annual address was a strong effort, calling attention to the importance of a national department of mines and many points of interest relative to the industry.

Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, was present. In part he said:

"It is an error to rate the importance of our many industries according to their relative productiveness. Our factories and work shops produced \$13,000,000,000 gross in 1900; agriculture, \$4,000,000,000; forestry, \$2,000,000,000; and mines, \$1,000,000,000, about equally divided between metallic and non-metallic products. Yet it must occur to all that manufacture—apparently our greatest wealth producing industry—is dependent upon iron, copper, lead, zinc, and other metals, and equally upon coal and other non-metallic minerals. Our manufacturing interests would dwindle into insignificance but for our mines.

"A people's prosperity is not measured by its capacity to produce more than by its capacity to consume, and this capacity to consume is in turn dependent upon the earning capacity of the individual, and the earning capacity of the individual is again dependent upon native and acquired ability. So, if America be great, it is because God in his wisdom stored the mountains with the richest minerals, overlaid the valleys with a most fertile soil, and then gave it to a people competent, in some slight, degree at least, to improve their opportunities."

The next session of the Congress will be held in Portland. This will be in 1905.

Tucker, the Mucker.

There was a young miner named Tucker,

Who won a first prize as a mucker.

Said he, "As a digger I sure cut a figger,

And let no man take me for a sucker."

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