LIMESTONE LEDGE SHOWS HIGH VALUES.

Bear Gulch Vein Crosscut And is Sixteen Feet Wide, Carrying Remarkably Good Ore.

The Limestone ledge at the Bear treated at the Sumpter Sampling Gulch property, owned by Wade & and Testing works, and netted \$56 Camp, near the Sumpter cemetery, where a rich strike was recently made, was crosscut late last week, showing tion of an old crosscut which was a width of sixteen feet in the lime formation. Besides this, there were during a former ownership. It was two feet of gold bearing quartz frozen driven about thirty feet further by to the ledge on the hanging wall, the present owners before encounterand four feet of overflow matter ing the ledge. It gives a depth of from the vein alongside the foot about fifty feet on the ledge, and is wall. The entire distance carries some twenty-five feet below the old the same uniformly high values shaft. which were shown some time ago when the rich strike attracted such demonstrated beyond any question widespread attention.

tons of this matter were recently lime.

to the ton.

The present crosscut is a continuacarried in a distance of 180 feet

The owners state that it has been that while it is perhaps true that Free gold appears abundantly the frozen quartz and the quartz throughout the lime, and the quartz seams carry the highest values, the frozen to the ledge is especially rich. lime formation is also rich in free The overflow which consists of gold. So far this is the only instance broken and decomposed quartz and in the district where any gold delime also carries good values. Seven posits to speak of have occurred in

DEAL PENDING.

Negotiations on for Sale of the pannings. Climax Group.

G. W. Grayson, of San Francisco, accompanied by his son-in-law, W. C. Ralston arrived here last week to look after his mining interests. Mr. Grayson owns the Climax group in the Cracker Creek district near the Columbia. This is an old and valuable property, but it has not been worked any to speak of within recent years. Mr. Grayson states that negotiations are pending for the sale of the group. If the deal is not consummated, he says he will start work on the property himself in a short time. The present work on the Climax represents over 1,000 feet in drifts and crosscuts.

Mr. Grayson is one of the pioner miners of Eastern Oregon, having Mr. Wright states that practically been one of the owners and operators of the Virtue mine in 1869. He also has extensive mineral holdings in Idaho and Nevada. He visited Blue Bird mill which has been fully the latter state before coming here to look after his properties. Both Mr. Grayson and Mr. Ralston left extensive concentrating plants in Monday, the latter going to Seattle the district. where he is interested with his father-in-law in West Seattle real California.

NEARING LEDGE.

Thought That Second Vein is Being Approached at Buckhorn.

O.C. Wright, general manager of the Buckhorn, a sister property to the Blue Bird and operated by the same people, states that from the appearance of the formation he is led to believe that another ledge is being approached in the crosscut. Water is being encountered which is a sure indication that the ledge is being neared. There is mineralized matter present which shows free gold in

This will make the second ledge cut on the property. The one previously cut showed a width of twelve feet with uniformly high values.

BLUE BIRD MILL.

Machinery Now Being Hauled To Property.

President Wright, of the Blue Bird. reports satisfactory progress toward the erection of the 100 ton concentrator on the property. The grading for the buildings are well under way, and much of the framing has been done. The machinery is being transported to the mine, and all the material is now on the ground.

All efforts are being turned toward the speedy erection of the plant. The described hitherto, when completed will be one of the most modern and

estate, and Mr. Grayson returning to PHILBRICK & FENNER

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