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Made a Big Strike.

H. B. Nye, a practical miner, came here from Kalispel, Montana, early in the spring to look over the mines of Southern Oregon. He went over the district and consumed considerable time in studying formations, and the properties which were in successful operation, and tried to bond some of them, but the figures were too high, or circumstances did not suit and he was unsuccessful. He finally found a prospect on Gall's creek which had been located by Frank Lawrence, who had sunk a small shaft on it and taken out a pocket containing \$177. The appearance of the ledge suited Mr. Nye and he bonded it for \$600, and, with assistance, went to work on it. He worked about three weeks in running a tunnel in on the course of the ledge and was rewarded last week by uncovering a pocket or pay chute of remarkable richness. The quartz is literally knitted together with gold and is unquestionably the finest specimen we have ever seen. The rock is solid, but so impregnated with gold that its parts of each seem about equal. Mr. Nye has paid up on the land and now has a clear title. His purchase embraces about seven acres of land and it is not improbable that there are other ledges near by equally as valuable as this one. Mr. Nye has taken out already \$4000 and there are fully \$10,000 still in sight. A good part of the rock is being sacked and stored in a place of safety, but some of it is too valuable to leave outside of a bank vault and it was brought to Medford and left with the Medford Bank. While there is a snug little fortune in sight for Mr. Nye, there is still the almost certainty that the vein will show up other rich chutes as development work goes on. Mr. Nye has men at work pushing his tunnel further in on the ledge, and a great amount of ore is being taken out that will go from \$15 to \$20 per ton. More will be said of this rich find as further developments are made. THE MAIL is rejoicing over Mr. Nye's success—because that he had nerve enough to put in money and labor where others have been scratching around for years hunting for "sleepers." The indications were there and he has demonstrated that the gold also was there. There are many similar locations in Southern Oregon, and all that is wanting to make mines of them is men with nerve, energy and a practical mining knowledge.

E. W. Anderson, who has been working at the Stover & McComb hydraulic mine, on Sterling mountain, for the past two months, came down the last of the week and brought with him \$134.50, which he sold at the bank. The claim is situated below the Angle & Brown quartz lead. The gold may be considered as all coarse, some of the pieces weighing five or six dollars. It is all rough fligree gold and came directly from a ledge. There is no indication of wash or wear on any of it. The specimens appear in all sorts of fantastic shapes and many of them are rare, brilliant and beautiful. Mr. Anderson saved a lot of the prettiest ones to sell or retain as valuable curio keepsakes. The altitude of the mine, Mr. Anderson thinks, is not far from 7000 feet, and, on account of this fact, it cannot be worked during the winter months, as the water is frozen up. The mine can be operated from about the first of May to the last of November. Stover & McComb have

worked the mine long enough to satisfy them of its value, and though it is so situated that it can only be operated during the summer months and at the disadvantage of the loss of the winter rainfall, yet they are free from the Alaska fever and will stick to Mt. Sterling as long as it yields the returns it has since they have owned it. A Church owns a claim a quarter of a mile south of Stover & McComb's, and is working it by the ground-sluice process and doing well. The water supply for both these claims is wholly obtained from springs and melting snows. Stover and McComb have a number of reservoirs and short ditches and are enabled by these auxiliaries to concentrate enough water to do quite a large amount of work during the summer. Mr. Anderson says the mountain is literally a network of quartz leads, and nearly all of them are more or less mineralized. Quite a number have been located by California people and will be prospected during the summer and fall.

E. P. Dunlap, who has been working on a ledge for J. R. Mitchell at the foot of old Gold Hill, for the past seven months, was up from the mine the first of the week and reports operations suspended, pending an appeal to the supreme court from the judgment of the circuit court at Jacksonville. It appears from Mr. Dunlap's statement, that Mr. Mitchell bought the ledge of J. J. Houck, of Gold Hill, and had been engaged in developing it for the past eight months, and that during this time the land was patented to the railroad company, which sold it to Dr. Ray, giving a quit claim deed therefor. After the purchase Dr. Ray claimed the land and of course everything within the limits of the purchase, including the ledge. Mr. Mitchell refused to honor his claim or quit work, and the Dr. sued out an injunction and stopped further operations until the matter could be settled. The case came up before Judge Hanna and was decided adversely to Dr. Ray, who appealed it to the U. S. district court at Portland, and it is now undergoing investigation before that court. The ledge is narrow, but the ore nearly all rich specimens. A tunnel has been run in 300 feet, crosscutting the vein, which at every point prospected, shows the same rich specimen ore. Mr. Dunlap says there seems to be no variance in the grade of the ore. It mills about \$200 per ton, besides the concentrates which carry large values. The formation is distinctly volcanic, and composed chiefly of basaltic iron, with other less notable volcanic debris.

E. P. Dunlap is prospecting a promising ledge in the Blackwell hills, about three-quarters of a mile west of Tolo. Diok Ish and W. J. Plymale located this ledge about thirty-six years ago and sunk a shaft on it twenty-three feet deep. This was in the day of pockets, and Ish & Plymale discovering none after so much work, jumped the business as a bad job. It would

mill then from \$8 to \$9 per ton, but was rich in base sulphurets which nobody here at that time knew how to save or treat. Mr. Dunlap has a one-stamp steam mill on the claim, and says the ore mills almost uniformly \$8.25 per ton, but assays from \$80 to \$90. The vein averages about fourteen inches in width. Mr. Dunlap is saying the concentrates. The opening is down sixty feet from the surface. The walls are peculiar, some sections being granite and slate, immediately alternating with granite and porphyry. This is the first statement of this character that has ever been made to THE MAIL, and such change in wall formation is entirely new to it. Mr. Dunlap will develop his property as fast as his means will permit him to do so.

Mr. Hosmer and Mr. Anderson, of Foothills creek, do not think the gold output of the creek is much larger than usual on account of the extreme shortness of the season, occasioned by lack of snow in the mountains. Mr. Hosmer said as soon as the rains were over the water supply diminished so fast that the mining season was practically over with those whose claims were near the heads of streams. The Hosmer Co. claim is near the head of the creek and is largely dependent upon a continuous rainfall for water. When there is a heavy snow fall in the mountains the season is prolonged by the gradual melting of the snow and is much better for claims so situated than a good rainfall, such as that of last winter, without snow. Many of the miners lower down on the creek did much better than usual. This is notably the case with R. A. Cook & Sons, who made the largest clean-up in the history of the mine.

We are informed by E. H. Pearce, of the Pearce & Son hydraulic mine, of Forest creek, that they have just completed cleaning up and that the season's run has been entirely satisfactory. Mr. Pearce says the mine is of that characteristic that if they had the Sterling water privileges it could not be bought for \$100,000. The mine is so situated they are constantly handicapped for a suitable water supply, except, of course, during a heavy and continuous rain. The bank is deep and the nature of the formation such as to require a large volume of water and heavy pressure. Much of the gold is coarse and all of it is of fine quality. With a favorable season next year they expect to make a handsome showing.

Dr. Jas. Braden, of Gold Hill, who went to San Francisco to purchase machinery for his mine near Gold Hill, has returned. The doctor is an all-round rustling and practical business man and comes as near knowing what a proposition is when he sees it as any man in the country. He is active, enterprising and full of business, and not afraid to invest in Southern Oregon. Men of this class build up a country, advertise it abroad, give it a standing and start things in motion and make them go.

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