

## IS HEAVY GOLD

Ore From the Recent Strike in Eastern Oregon.

## ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT IN PROGRESS

How the Rich Vein Was Found—Ledge Twelve Feet Thick in a Promising Mining District.

BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 28.—Manager E. S. McCallum, of the Mammoth Gold Mining Company, which made the rich strike reported from the Baker City district the past week, came to Baker City Saturday and confirmed early reports. Manager McCallum brought with him specimens of the ore he took from the tunnel which is heavy with gold. The exact figures are given out of what the specimens will run per ton. Any mine that can produce much of it will be a valuable property.

The strike in the Belle of Baker was made 300 feet west of the rich ore chute of the Mammoth, which is on the same ledge. When the rich ore was being taken out of the Mammoth, excitement ran high throughout. Many miners familiar with the Mammoth property have expected developments on the other portions of the ledge.

The strike in the Belle of Baker is a 120-foot shaft, and at that level a 50-foot tunnel was run. In clearing out this old tunnel preparatory to further work, Manager McCallum states he picked up rock that impressed him as coming from the wall of a ledge. A crosscut was ordered, and immediately developed a vein of good ore. Then it became apparent that the old tunnel had run parallel to the ledge, and close to it. A crosscut was ordered, and immediately developed a vein of good ore. Then it became apparent that the old tunnel had run parallel to the ledge, and close to it.

The company has already in course of erection on the Belle of Baker a five-foot shaft, and about 10 tons daily capacity. Other shafts will be completed by the time the mill is ready for work. A new shaft will be sunk from the top of the ridge to such depth as the ore warrants. By means of this the company will reach the ore revealed from beneath and open up whatever lies below the level of the present tunnel.

The Mammoth Gold Mining Company is a different corporation from the Belle of Baker, but controlled by the same capital. On the property of the latter company a 20-foot mill is being erected, and a 10-foot shaft is being sunk to its operation. With the mill and shaft in the Belle of Baker and other properties of the group, considerable activity will be witnessed in this district.

G. G. McNamara, an assayer and mining engineer of Baker City, returned today from a visit to the Goose Creek copper deposits, where he had been some excitement the past month. Goose Creek is a short distance southwest of the Sparta district, and about 25 miles southeast of Baker City. The belt of land that is reported to contain copper borders the Goldstream copper belt and other properties that have attracted much interest. The past week McNamara expressed himself as well satisfied with the ore found in the Goose Creek district, and brought some of it back to the city for assay. He says the deposit extends over an area of about 100 acres, and three to five miles wide. The northern part touching the vicinity of the Sparta mine. Several locations are reported in the district recently.

## PUBLISHING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Misfortune to the Force of the Oregon Pioneer Missionary.

SALEM, Oct. 28.—The extreme of difficulties under which a periodical may be published, is being experienced by the number of the Oregon Pioneer Missionary, a monthly issued by L. J. Sprague, a prisoner at the Oregon Penitentiary. The October number contains but two pages and is given entirely to a personal communication from the editor to his subscribers. The editor has this to say, in part:

As an excuse for sending out so small an edition of the Pioneer Missionary, we will state to you that the editor and manager of the said list, and does not know what turn the editorial may take. If he goes to the hospital, there is no telling when he will return. If he dies, let it be hoped that the Lord will send a more efficient man to fill the editorial chair of the Missionary.

We have printed this sheet off and held it ready to mail a copy to each one of our subscribers, that they may know what the matter is. If they fail to get the paper on time, if we are compelled to suspend the paper, we will extend all subscriptions on our list to the amount of papers dropped, and allow each subscriber to run over long enough to make up for lost papers. We have no intention of running out of the number enough to make up the 48 pages for each subscriber.

It will be remembered by you that the state has no interest in this publication, and that anything happens to the editor, everything must stop, as he is editor, compositor, pressman, solicitor, mailer, carrier, boy-boy and treasurer. So you see, when these offices on a paper are vacant, the publication must cease until they can be refilled.

At the bottom of the first page appears the following, which indicates what the editor thinks may be the possible outcome of his illness:

In case the present editor's name disappears from the columns of the Pioneer Missionary, the subscribers must know that there is no connection with the paper whatever.

On the second page is a "later" announcement which informs the reader that the editor is improving slowly but is not yet able to carry his forms to the press. He says:

It seems that Satan is determined to see that this publication is hindered as much as possible, and he seems to make a success of it in a great many instances. We trust that our subscribers will not get discouraged and that we are not trying to do our best, for we are. We have worked when it was almost impossible for us to hobble from our cell to the printing office.

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Number of deposits..... 9,028  
Ounces of gold and bullion..... 1,943,183.26  
Total value of same..... \$30,168,674.00

"The aggregation of this total, showing the districts the gold comes from, is as follows:

Alaska.....	\$2,710,427.01
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Shortly after his return to this city, Mr. Morris took occasion to give the town of Republic a boost, and in an interview in a local paper, said:

"Republic, although only four years old, has developed into one of the most important gold camps in the Northwestern States. One mine from which the town has been developed has produced over \$3,000,000 in gold in two years ago for \$300,000 to Canadian capitalists, and now paying them enormous dividends. With the miners who comprise the town drawing \$3.00 a day and more, it is easy to see that the place is prosperous. "To Western men it seems incredible that the coal workers of Pennsylvania should be making a way for their pitance from