

Among the Mines and Miners.



lished by Mineral, Cornucopia, Iron Dyke and Seven Devils.

"The surveyors are also looking into a project of tunneling Ox Bow for water power, taking water from Snake River. The Snake River railroad from Huntington to Lewiston would properly open up more resources and be of more benefit to the country in general than any route in the West. It is tributary to the Seven Devils copper camp and draws from a vast amount of agricultural country. This season bids fair to inaugurate great activity for this section."

The E. & E.

The E. & E. during three years of its operation, under the management of \$900,000. It is superbly equipped and carries the mother lode of Cracker Creek.

In British Columbia.

Word from Phoenix, B. C., says: Operations are being resumed on the Athelstan Mine, one of the well-known properties of Wellington Camp, about three miles from this city. The total development work done on the Athelstan consists of about 450 lineal feet, which includes two shafts, 60 and 70 feet deep, respectively. The ore is an arsenical iron, the chief value being gold with a little silver. The mine is directly on the Phoenix-Grand Forks wagon road, and distant from the end of the Winnipex Mine spur about a mile, whence the ore is sent to the smelters. The Athelstan will be the first of the three prominent shipping mines in Wellington Camp to resume operations.

Cave Gulch.

Cave Gulch, where recent rich discoveries have been made, empties into the Snake River Canyon 40 miles south of Lewiston, Idaho. It is about a mile and a half south of where the Oregon and Washington state lines touch the Snake, Cave Gulch, however, is on the Idaho side of the river. The mineral formations are slate, granite, porphyry, slate shale, lime, diorite and basalt. Blue diorite predominates. The ore veins carry gold, silver, lead, copper and asbestos with the richest values in gold and silver. The general course of the veins are in a northwest and southeast direction, but the veins seem to change somewhat as to their course, according to the position in the hills. Many claims have been located, some of them showing an average of \$13 in free gold to the ton.

Auburn to Boom.

The Baker City Herald says: Old Auburn, where gold was first discovered in Oregon, bids fair to again come to the front as a gold producing camp. While most of the placer mines are gone, the whole country is thought to be rich in gold-bearing quartz. It has not yet been assayed but the free gold is sticking out of the rock in chunks and it is estimated that there are thousands of tons of ore was taken out north of French Gulch, about three-quarters of a mile from the town of Auburn. The vein varies in width from one to six inches and these samples were secured five feet beneath the surface.

Sumpter's Smelter.

The erection of the smelter at Sumpter marks a new era in the progress of the entire camp, for with it in operation many tons of ore now lying on the dumps will be turned into gold bullion, giving the owners of small properties a development fund and affording them a stimulus for the scientific development of their claims.

Success in Placers.

No better instance could be cited than the success attending the operations at Stice's Gulch, on Olive Creek, where large nuggets of almost pure gold are being extracted from the bedrock.

Maid of Erin.

The Maid of Erin mine, originally located by Pat Long, 16 years ago, in the Panhandle of Baker County, is to have a new 10-stamp mill. Water power derived from lower Powder River at a point about two miles above the mill will be used. An electric lighting plant is a feature of the new mill. The property is owned by a syndicate of Buffalo, N. Y., men, who are represented on the ground by General Manager C. P. Barrows.

After Coal Deposits.

A Sumpter syndicate, composed of W. E. Saunders, C. S. Miller, Lewis Walker, Anthony Mohr, J. M. McPhee and C. E. Peterson, has been organized to exploit the coal fields of the John Day Valley. The syndicate has, through options, leases and purchases, secured control of 1,106 acres of land lying on the John Day River, 75 miles below Canyon City. This land lies in what is considered the very heart of the coal fields, as exposed by the outcrops of the coal seams. Lately, the several miles back from the river at an elevation of from 600 to 700 feet above its level.

Government's Claims.

The Government is preparing to prove that the fumes from the roasters and furnaces of the Keswick smelter destroy vegetable life; that the area destroyed is constantly spreading, and will put on expert testimony to show that the cause of the damage could be done away with by the installation of a long flue which would act as a condenser. The Government will show that condensers are successfully used at Denver, Colo., Swansea, Wales, and other places, and that they not only protect the surrounding country from destruction, but have actually accomplished a saving for the operating companies, inasmuch as the values carried by the smoke are precipitated on the sides of the flue and eventually saved. Tomorrow in the Circuit Court at San Francisco.

After Platinum in Rogue River.

The gravel bars of Rogue River in Southern Oregon carry a heavy percentage of platinum. For years the black sands have been worked in a crude way for the metal, which is quoted from \$8 to \$12 per ounce according to fineness. This summer, will see more platinum extracted from the sands of the river than ever before, as a company has made arrangements to work a number of the bars systematically as soon as a low stage of water will permit.

(Journal Staff Correspondence.)

BAKER CITY, Or., June 13.—The unprecedented hot weather for June in the mountains of Eastern Oregon is removing the snow from the hills earlier than is usually the case, and as a natural sequence activity in the mines is greater than in any previous June. There is now scarcely a mine, either placer or quartz, in the district that is not running full blast.

In the Greenhorn.

The Greenhorn district will be a lively producer this summer. The Morning mine will soon have its mill under working orders. The Snow Creek people have their 10-stamp plant under way, and the Phoenix, the Black Hawk, the Virginia and Don Juan are already operating full blast.

Red Boy Improving.

What is known as the Congo vein at the Red Boy is now giving some big values. Drifts are being extended on the vein. When first opened there were four feet of high-grade milling ore in this vein all of which was free. The width of the vein has widened to about seven feet. The full 20 stamps are now dropping at the Red Boy and everything is in full blast.

Work at the Elkhorn.

President Hayes of the Beaver Mining Company, which has acquired the immense holdings on the Elkhorn, is in the district and is making extensive preparations for the great work contemplated in the development of his properties. He will drive a tunnel 5,000 feet long to open at a great depth the Balsley Elkhorn and the adjoining mines. Ten carloads of machinery have arrived from the East and the appliances are being hauled up to the mines. Among this equipment is 8,000 feet of air pipe and a 16-drill compressor. The company will spend \$100,000 in development work.

RESERVOIR OVERFLOWS

Miners Have Close Call in Pennsylvania Coal District Where Rains Were Excessive.

(Journal Special Service.)

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 13.—A large portion of Mayfield, a mining village, was flooded by the overflow of a reservoir due to excessive rains. Fifty families barely escaped. The collieries district is badly damaged. At the Glenwood mine of the Erie Company, the water reached 20 feet. In the May shaft 200 miners escaped with difficulty through an air shaft.

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EASTERN HOP MEN GRAND LODGE DISSOLVED

SALEM, June 12.—R. M. Rose, a prominent New York hop grower and dealer, who spent the past week here visiting his son, Geo. L. Rose, a local hop dealer, has left for Puyallup and Seattle, accompanied by Mrs. Geo. L. Rose and children, for an extended visit. Mr. Rose first came to the Pacific Coast in 1886, and was the first eastern hop buyer to enter this field on an extensive scale. He has made a number of visits here since that time, and says the hop industry in Oregon has made wonderful strides since his first visit to this state, though that of the State of Washington has suffered greatly during the same period. He is an expert grower, and his judgment, after visiting many yards in this section, is that this year's crop in Oregon will be 20 per cent short of last year. He reports a steady decline in the industry in New York state, dairying taking the place of hop growing to a great extent. He predicts good prices for this year's crop.

Work Ended Yesterday Afternoon With Installation of Officers—Grand Master Makes Appointments.

With the installation of officers yesterday afternoon the Grand Lodge of Masons which has been in session in Portland for three days adjourned. The next annual meeting will be held in Portland on the second Wednesday after the first Monday in June, 1904. The appointive officers announced yesterday were: Ray, J. R. N. Bell, of Baker City, grand chaplain; Lot L. Pierce, of Salem, grand senior deacon; E. S. Pague, of Portland, grand junior deacon; Ed. S. Kiddle, of LaGrande, grand deacon; W. A. Cleland, Portland, grand orator; E. V. Carter, Ashland, grand senior steward; A. G. Backrott, of Portland, grand junior steward; Oscar Hellborn, of Astoria, grand standard bearer; O. P. Coshov, of Roseburg, grand sword bearer; W. J. Fullam, of Portland, grand tyler.

Ladies, attention:—Madam Vaughn, the specialist, will present to lady callers a sample jar of Orange Flower Skin Food, the magic beautifier, Tuesday, June 16th, only. All welcome.

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