

### CENTRAL IDAHO IS LAND OF PROMISE

#### Review of Several Mining Districts in Vicinity of Town of Grangeville.

#### HUMP ENTERS UPON ITS YEAR OF GREATEST WORK

#### Big Hogan Plant Will Be Ready to Open by the First of Coming Month.

Central Idaho is a land of virgin mineral resources, operating mines and richly for the prospector, says H. L. Herisinger, editor of the Grangeville News, who is in the city. Many districts are being brought out, and most of these are equipped for milling and heavy placer work. Aside from being a much used highway to Thunder mountain, this region, Mr. Herisinger says, is thronged with mining men.

In Clearwater district, near Grangeville, the Dewey and Evergreen are developing constantly. Arrangements are being made by the management of the Dewey for a 10-stamp milling plant, to be erected this summer.

Newsome district, next above Clearwater, is most conspicuous at present from remarkable developments of the great porphyry dike property of Schaefer Bros. Other men are doing heavy development in this district.

Buffalo Hump, which is next in order, has several mills. The Big Buffalo's 24 stamps are said to be dropping steadily on high grade milling ore. At the same time 19 stamps are dropping in the Atlas and the Wise Boy mines are equipped with 10-stamp mills. The Concord owner is arranging to put a mill in at an early date. The good ore recently discovered in the Buffalo Hump has encouraged the management to erect a mill, work on which is expected to commence early this spring. In general, Mr. Herisinger says, the Hump is more active this year than ever before in its history.

At Four Mile there is one property destined to command national attention. This is the Hogan mine, on which the great milling plant of the old Republic mine, Republic, Wash., is being installed. Over 100 tons of machinery for the Hogan went through Grangeville this winter and spring, and more is to follow. April 1 was the date fixed by the management to commence milling with the enlarged plant. The Hogan has been using a 20-stamp mill for some time, making in this work a record for low mining and milling never exceeded in the northwest, unless at the Barnes-King, Kendall or Big Indian mines of Montana. With the new equipment the management expects to make even a better record.

Elk City is another promising interior district of central Idaho, where several placers are said to be making good records. Moose creek, where a big placer deal was recently consummated, is near Elk City.

Warrens has several quartz properties and three or four prominent placers. Senator W. A. Clark's eldest son died in there several days ago, and is currently reported to have taken an option on the McKinley mine, which has a good showing of ore.

There is a promising copper district near White Bird, says Mr. Herisinger. Here a company of Pittsburg men is putting in a sinking plant, and generally preparing to go through mining. Across the Salmon from this property is the Karstens mine, also a copper proposition, which is being thoroughly explored. Along this part of the Salmon are many high bar placers. Several are being worked by drift methods, and the small operators are not in position to get hydraulic appliances. The prospect for some big company to get the entire string of smaller holdings, and bring water from Little Salmon, is said to be inviting. Among the properties in this section that are busy are the Roby, Big Horseshoe Bend, Grandie, George S. Albrecht and F. Smith. The latter is preparing to put in a hydraulic elevator to handle the dump.

The editor says there is general prosperity in that country, both among the miners and the farmers, and the present year will be the best that the country ever knew.

#### CHLORIDE MAY HAVE A MILL AT AN EARLY DATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Baker City, Or., March 24.—Preparation is being made for thorough work at the Chloride mine, Rock creek district, this present year. H. C. Armstrong, one of the officers of the Chloride company, and manager of the property during its active period, has secured from the stockholders a lease and bond, with the privilege of proceeding with development and milling. He will put a crew at work in the mine immediately, and contemplates erecting a milling plant before the summer is over.

About 4,000 feet of development has been done on the Chloride, and the exploration has been thorough and economical. Levels have been established at regular intervals, and the lower adit, which has a length of 1,500 to 1,600 feet, opens upon a mill site and compressor plant, the latter being actuated by water power. High-grade ore was found in two shoots of the property, Chloride ore carrying a higher percentage of galena than any other Rock creek mine. It is estimated that a large reserve is open for a concentrator, which Mr. Armstrong intends to erect.

#### GEISER WILL SOON BE OPERATING BONANZA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Geiser, Or., March 24.—Continuation of the report that Albert Geiser has secured a lease and bond on the Bonanza mine of this district has been received here. Mr. Geiser is expected to begin work at an early date reopening the Bonanza, and will no doubt employ a large crew of men.

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wanted, the people believe he will in a short time open new ore bodies and put the milling plant in commission.

The secret of Albert Geiser's first success here was cross-cutting. He had been driving in a big vein for a considerable distance, when it occurred to him that an ore body lay to one side. A system of cross-cutting was begun to penetrate to either wall of the fracture zone. A rich shoot of ore was soon encountered. When this was fully developed it proved to be a wonderful producer. This big ore shoot was sunk on, and a hoisting plant costing more than \$100,000 erected. By means of this the vertical working shaft was put to the 1,200 level, but it seems that the new management never found much new ore. They sunk on what Albert Geiser had opened. As the 1904 is wide, it has been a theory of the present manager that cross-cutting will reveal other shoots. The ore jumps around considerably in that formation, but depth does not impoverish it. Thorough cross-cutting will probably be taken up on the various levels, especially at depth, where development by the former manager, W. A. Thacher, was rather limited.

### LUCKY BOY HAS BETTER ORE IN DEEPEST LEVEL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Bliss River, Or., March 24.—Mill operations at the Lucky Boy will be resumed before long, as the management is expecting the transformers ordered to replace those damaged by the recent fire. Otherwise, the big mill is ready for resumption.  
In the latest development of the mine on the main working level, there has been opened an unusually good body of ore. It came in between 600 and 700

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Cottage Grove, Or., March 24.—The Women's Circle, W. O. W., has arranged for a special entertainment next Monday evening at Woodmen's hall. The circle has secured the services of Miss Myrtle Trevitte, a woman of national reputation, as a reader and impersonator, and the event will undoubtedly be very interesting.

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