THE MAYFLOWER GROUP

Development of Quartz Mines by Heppner Mining Co.

LARGE BODY OF PAYING ORE

Located in the Famous Greenhorn District and Surrounded by Dividend Paying Mines.

While much space has been given to Morrow county mining interests in this edition, the subject has been confined to coal mining, and nothing has been said about the precious metals hidden in the earth and rocks, for as yet there are no developed gold or silver mines in Morrow county, however, Heppner people are interested in and owners of what promise to be great dividend paying quartz mines in Grant county in the the Greenhorn district.

For the past 20 years, Dan Stalter, an old and experienced miner, has been prospecting in the Greenhorn district. His first visit to this district was in the summer of '82, accompanied by Uncle Jack Morrow and J. W. Redington, the pioneer newspaper man of Heppner.

For years, Mr. Stalter has been looking for something good, and in the summer of 1900, he discovered a lead that gives promises of fulfilling his highest expectations. During the first summer after the lead was found, Mr. Stalter worked the mine on his own responsibility, hiring miners and doing considerable development work, after locating his claims. The development work proved as much as Mr. Stalter expected, and he was thoroughly convinced that the Mayflower group of mines, the name which he had given the properiy, would turn out to be valuable.

Mr. Stalter realizing the great task of developing quartz mines, and not feeling able to shoulder the burden alone, came to Heppner, and from his ores and assays and discription of the prospect, soon interested Heppner capitalists who were willing to take hold of the proposition.

The result of Mr. Stalter's visit to Heppner in February, 1901, was the organization of the Heppner Mining Co., composed of the following well known Heppner people:

Dan Stalter, president and general manager; C. E. Redfield, vice-president; Thos. Ayers, secretary; Geo. Conser, treasurer.

Prior to the organization of the Heppner mining company, with his own resources, Mr. Stalter had run a 50-foot tunnel, and sunk a shaft to a depth of 20 feet on the Mayflower mine.

During the summer of 1901, the Heppner Mining Company commenced active development work, which has been in progress ever since. The company for the first summer's work run 250 feet of tunnel on the Mayflower and tapped the lead at a depth of 125 feet. This lead is four feet in width and assays go as high as $230 in gold, 16 ounces of silver and 10 per cent copper, which proves that this is a good mine.

Work at present is confined to the Illinois, an adjoining claim in this group. In this mine miners have been engaged all winter, and now have 250 feet of tunnel and a 60-foot shaft. At the bottom of the shaft, the lead is ten feet wide and the ore assays all the way from $2 to $264 per ton, the ore being free milling.

It is the intention to run a 600-foot tunnel to tap the main lead at a depth of 150 feet. The miners at the present time are working on an 18 inch spur, which is very rich at the surface, lacking about 60 feet of striking the ore shoot.

The main lead of the Illinois is a double fissure vein and the lead can be traced for miles. On the Illinois lead there are four claims, and on the Mayflower there are three claims, with two claims on other leads. As soon as the shaft on the main lead of the Mayflower is tapped a stamp mill will be put in suitable to accommodate the output.

The Greenhorn is a large and rich district and is now on the verge of development. The past year has been one of great activity, and a dozen or more stamp mills will be put in within another year.

There is no question but what this district contains great mineral wealth, where immense capital is being, and will continue to be, invested to mine and treat the great body of ore awaiting development.

The Standard Oil Company is already in this field and the Badger mine, owned by this company, is proving to be very valuable property.

The Mayflower group of mines are located on the south side of Greenhorn mountain eight miles from Susanville, and are near the great mining center, where can be mentioned the Badger, Bonanza, Phoenix, Horse shoe, Sharkey, Tempest, the Carbonate group, and others employing hundreds of men and today paying good dividends.

Already the mining industry in this district has caused the springing up like a mushroom of the bustling little town of Greenhorn City, which has the appearance of the towns during the palmy mining days.

The Heppner mining company now has plenty of money in the treasury to carry on development work.

When the spring season opens it is likely that stock will be put on the market to get funds to put in a stamp mill.

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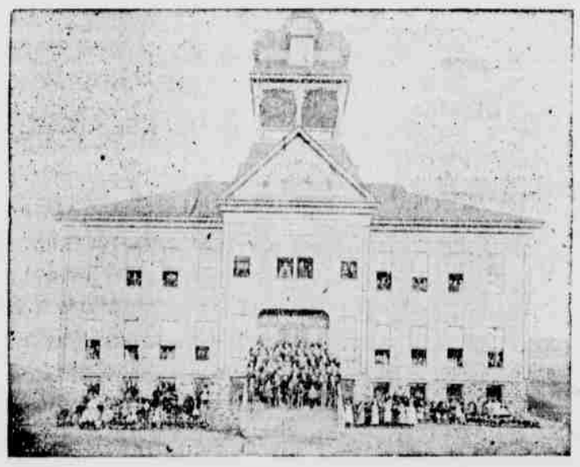

During the past years of growth and advancement of Heppner the public school has been liberally supported and kept up to the high standard maintained throughout the state. Upon the loss of the school building by fire about ten years ago the district erected a first class eight room building upon a sightly eminence in the Eastern edge of the city. It is a convenient, commodious edifice which would be a credit to a district of double the population and wealth of Heppner District.

The school at present consists of the eight grades usually maintained in a thoroughly graded school and in addition thereto are three years of high school course all conducted in accordance with the State Course of Study of Oregon, authorized by law. The work in the several grades and in the High School department is being thoroughly well done and the advancement of the pupils is excelled by that of no other schools in our state or any other state.

We have pupils from various parts of this state as well as from the East, North and the South and the pupils who have been reared here suffer no classification with the former.

It has been the aim and purpose of the school board to secure the very best available teachers and place the school on the highest possible grade of efficiency and therefore in addition to the regular grade work and in connection therewith there is daily given in all the classes regular drills in calisthenics, physical culture, club-swinging and vocal music, by teachers especially fitted and experienced in these several branches of education and culture. And the efforts of the school board are not without results, but are abundantly rewarded by the improved conditions of the pupils as evidenced by the improved personal appearance, the carriage, form, bearing and manner in all those types of excellence found in the highest types of manhood and womanhood.

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