

\$10,000 ROCK

A BIG STRIKE IN BOHEMIA

The Old Knotts' Mine a Glittering Mass of Golden Ore.

One of the richest strikes in the history of Bohemia was made at the Knotts mine on Grouse mountain this week.

The vein is 2½ feet wide and the ore is a glittering mass of gold.

Specimens brought to this city and turned over to Mrs. E. J. Finnican, the owner of the mine, are literally alive with the shining metal, and various estimates made by competent judges place its value at from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per ton.

The strike has set the miners in Bohemia afire with the gold fever, and the property is thronged every day with excited miners from all parts of the district to see the marvelous ore.

The vein has been traced by its croppings the entire length of the claim—1500 feet.

Thirty-eight years ago when Joseph Knotts, the father of Mrs. Finnican, bought the mine from old Bohemia Johnson, a 5-stamp mill was erected and two shafts were sunk—one 75 and the other 60 feet. Much ore was milled with varying success, and many tons remained upon the dump. For some cause Mr. Knotts lost heart and closed down the mine. Nothing further was done in the matter of development, but before Mr. Knotts

died he caused a survey of the property to be made and had it recorded in his daughter's (Elizabeth) name.

About ten years ago Mrs. Finnican patented the property, but no work has since been done until this year. The development work was done directly upon the top of Grouse mountain, and the rich strike was made in the new shaft at a depth of 29 feet.

Mrs. Elizabeth Finnican, was the first white woman to visit the district, going in with her father, on the "Knotts Trail", thirty years ago. Since then she has never lost faith in the mine, and this spring at an advanced age, sacrificing the comforts of a splendid California home, in company with her husband, daughter and son-in-law and son, Douglas Ladd, went into the district and commenced development work.

A new shaft was sunk to the northwest of the old works, and at a depth of 29 feet the great strike was made.

In speaking of future plans Mrs. Finnican could say nothing other than that the stand-still days of the mine were over and that a mill would be put in not later than next year.

About 15,000 tons of ore are on the old dump, the assays of which run from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per ton.

Old prospectors say that the ore brought to this city last night (Thursday) is far richer than any heretofore uncovered in Bohemia.