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IN THE MINERAL FIELD

What the Miners Are Doing.

Piping has been begun at the Booth & Dysert placer on Jump-off-Joe and three plants are being operated, two in the mine and one to stack the tailings. This mine is owned by Judge J. O. Booth and Joseph Dysert, but Judge Booth has leased his interest to C. D. Crane, who with Mr. Dysert is operating it this winter with the latter as superintendent in charge of the work. This is one of the best placers in the Jump-off-Joe district and the annual clean-ups are always profitable to the owners.

The following news item concerning the Blue Ledge copper district on Upper Applegate is from the Jacksonville Sentinel: C. D. Larson and G. Wales of Spokane have bonded a copper property near the Blue Ledge. The interest of Spokane people in the future of the Blue Ledge is being shown in many ways, and when this central property has thoroughly opened its ore bodies a rush from north county miners is expected. Many Spokane men, who become interested when Patsy Clark banded the Blue Ledge, have held to their interests.

James and John McNulty, two well known Applegate miners, have opened, so the Jacksonville Sentinel states, a very promising ledge on Spencer gulch, near Roeb, that prospects well, some samples going as high as \$50. McNulty Bros. have a shaft 60 feet deep on the ledge, but water interfering with them, they are now running a tunnel and they expect to connect it with the shaft by next spring. On an adjoining claim these men have another ledge that shows up well, but it has not been developed sufficiently to ascertain its value.

E. H. Perkins of Wolf Creek was in Grants Pass, Saturday and stated that his father, H. A. Perkins, his brother-in-law, A. C. Spence and himself have leased for three years the Marshall placer mine on Coyote creek, of Wm. Paine of Waldo. This mine has been operated for some years and is equipped with 800 feet of pipe and a No. 1 giant and has a good head of water for the greater part of the winter months. Some 300 feet of pipe has been added and giant moved to a new location where it is thought some rich ground is to be found. Mr. Perkins stated that they had everything in readiness and expected to begin piping last Saturday.

W. C. Kitto, foreman at the Oregon Belle mine on Forest creek near Jacksonville, and his sons, Walter and Joseph, who are also employed at that mine, spent Christmas in Grants Pass, returning Tuesday to Jacksonville. James Farley, who has been at the Granite Hill mine, accompanied Mr. Kitto to the Oregon Belle and will take charge of one of the two Barleigh drills operated at that mine. Mr. Kitto stated that the development work carried on at this mine was progressing satisfactory and a crew of 12 men is now employed by Superintendent H. E. Foster, in two shifts, working day and night. A Huntington mill is operated to work the ore that is taken out in the development work that mill tests may be had of sections of the ledge as it is opened up.

Henry Wittrock was in Grants Pass over the Christmas holidays from Fiddlers Gulch, where he has been working for his son, John H. Wittrock on the Pinal mine, owned by the latter. Mr. Wittrock has his mine opened up and has it equipped with a small arrastre, that is operated by a 17 foot overshot wheel, the water coming by flume from Fiddlers gulch, which affords an ample supply during the winter months. This is the second season that Mr. Wittrock has operated his mill and it is yielding him good returns. After a recent clean-up of a run of seven days, he secured 14 ounces of gold. He gets out ore during the dry months and then mills it during the wet season when there is water to operate his mill. His ledge is a small one, but is proving to be quite rich.

J. E. Verdin and A. E. Kaiser spent last week in Portland and Salem on business in connection with the sale of a big mining property they are handling. Mr. Verdin returned Saturday and Mr. Kaiser Sunday. They state that there is much interest in Portland, Salem and other cities of Northern Oregon in the mines of Southern Oregon and that investments can be readily secured on property that is able to make a good showing. A large number of capitalists stated to Messrs. Verdin & Kaiser that with the opening of spring, when the weather permitted better traveling to the mining districts that they should visit Grants Pass and examine the mines of this section, the fine showing made by such mines as the Greenback, the Granite Hill, the Opp, the Galois, the Sterling and other big gold producers having given them confidence in Southern Oregon mine investments.

James Davies, who for the last five years has worked under a lease the Howland & Cook placer mine on the right fork of Forest creek, has leased the Spaulding placer mine, on Forest creek and will operate it this winter so the Sentinel states. This mine was formerly owned and operated by

in the same mineral zone as the Opp ledges, as they are on the same butte as that famous group of ledges, being on the Forest creek side of the butte, while the Opp mine is on the Jackson creek side. The Oregon Belle, another good property, lies but two miles west of the Cook & Howland ledges.

Southern Oregon a Network of Ledges.

Miners familiar with prospecting in this section claim that if the hills of Southern Oregon were hydrauliced off and cleared to the bedrock of soil that they would show a perfect succession of quartz ledges. Hundreds of these ledges will remain hidden for years and years owing to the great depths of earth over them, for the hills of Southern Oregon are not the barren, rocky wastes that are found in many other mining districts. Even where the ledges do come to the surface, very frequently no trace of them can be seen for the dense growth of brush, grass and weeds, with the matting of trash that they produce, effectively hide them from the eye of the prospector.

In the early days when the Indians and the miners vied with each other in setting out fires, the one to make better range for game and the other to make gold hunting more easy, prospecting could be prosecuted more successfully than at the present time. This difficulty in prospecting has been one of the big factors in retarding the development of the mining industry of this district and will continue to hold it back for years to come. Yet to the new comer it has proven an advantage for the chance of finding a rich ledge is as good now as it was years ago and big finds will be made in the future as they have been in the past, and men, whose sole possessions are a pick, pan and shovel and a grubstake, will, in a day, step from poverty to wealth, and exchange the humble, but nourishing beans and fatbacks for the more toothsome porter house steak and mince pie.

New Mill for Lucky Queen.

Work of installing the 10 stamp mill at the Lucky Queen is progressing very satisfactorily and Manager C. D. Crane, who is also a part owner in this mine, expects to have the mill in operation early in February. The mill building is up and the foundation set and the machinery has been shipped from Portland and it will be all delivered at the mine this

last of this week or the first of next week.

Both steam and water power will be used, the former in the dry season and the latter during the wet season. A turbine wheel will be used with water from Jump-off-Joe creek and having a 30 foot head it will afford ample power to run the entire mill during the winter months. The mill will be equipped with Hammond stamps, Whiffey concentrators. An electric light plant will be installed and the mill, other buildings and the mine will be lighted by electricity.

The ledge, which is situated a mile distant from the mill, has had extensive development work done upon it and it has been demonstrated to carry an immense body of high grade ore. A force of men are at work blocking out ore and the mine will be in such shape that no difficulty will be had in keeping the mill supplied to its full capacity when in operation. For the first month or two the ore will be hauled by team, there being a good road with a heavy down grade that will enable large loads to be hauled. But early in the spring, a tram road will be put in, the cars to be operated by gravity.

Gold Flat Placer.

Of the opening of a big placer mine near Glendale the News tells the following: Development work is progressing rapidly at the Gold Flat, they having a large force of men employed. Three miles of ditch is completed and two miles yet to finish. C. B. Asatlu is drawing three cars of lumber to the mine. The ditch material is shipped from Glendale Lumber Company's mill to Ruben siding by rail thence to the mine by team.

The company expects to begin operations by January 30th. They have their pipe line laid and are constructing a large reservoir which will add much to the equipment of the property. Under the present system of ditches, Gold Flat will have a good water supply for six or seven months a year. Mr. Goldfeldt is at present superintendent, succeeding J. T. Henwood, holding the position only until January 1st, when Mr. Henley of Virginia City, Nevada, will assume the position. A. W. Shearer, a miner well known in Southern Oregon, is foreman.

The Gold Flat placers consist of more than 300 acres of gravel, it being the deposit of an ancient river bed. This river had a width at this

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point of 320 feet and ran from north to south. This channel shows up at several points south of this place in Southern Oregon. The Champlin dredger on Foote creek is operating on a part of this channel. It occurs west of Jacksonville, high on the mountain and through the process of erosion has worn away until only a short portion of it remains, and no doubt much of the values contained in the rich placers at Jacksonville came from this channel.

The famous Sterling mine is located on this same old channel. They have a splendid water supply and it is stated by good authority that their annual output is from \$60,000 to \$100,000. This channel extends into

California and many of the famous hydraulic mines of that state were located on it. It is easily identified by the large amount of quartz boulders and gravel it contains.

Good Mining Properties.

J. H. Clark, a veteran miner of 30 years experience, was in Grants Pass over the Christmas holidays, returning to his home at Murphy Thursday. Mr. Clark in company with Frank B. Smith, owns several claims that give promise of being rich ore producers and which will provide them with the wealth that is the miners' ever alluring hope, that will enable them to lay down the pick and hammer and take a life of ease. One of their properties is on Chapman creek, on Applegate just over the line in Jackson county, and this mine Mr. Clark counts as their bank that never fails to honor their drafts, when they get short of funds, for it is a gold mine that produces gold. This ledge contains eight thin seams that all pitch toward each other and Mr. Clark says that lower down they probably join to form one good vein. So rich are the seams that they have mortgaged and panned out over \$2000 and have over 200 tons of ore on the dump that is very rich. This they will work in the spring when they will put in an arrastre. They have a shaft 54 feet deep on the ledge, but water prevented further work. Their first work in the spring will be to drive a tunnel and drain the mine. Work will then be continued until the mine is thoroughly developed, the ore thus taken out to be worked by an arrastre. If the mine is found to warrant the investment, a stamp mill will be erected next fall.

Another of their properties is a ledge on Oscar creek that runs from three to four feet in width and assays as high as \$34.50 a ton. Only limited development work has been done consisting of an open cut, but Messrs. Clark & Smith will begin work next week upon this claim and will carry on development until spring. They in company with August Fetsch own the Iron Crown mine on Grays creek, 11 miles west of Grants Pass. This is a copper, gold and silver proposition, assays giving \$3.50 in gold, \$4.50 in silver and 17 per cent copper. Messrs. Clark & Smith completed last week, some additional development and now have two tunnels, one of 35 feet and one of 265 feet and a drift of 12 feet.

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Watch this space next issue for the plan and full particulars.