Mines Near Sumpter

QUARTZ LOCATIONS WITHIN A HALF MILE OF TOWN.

Three Cent Hill all Staked Out in the Past Few Days-Large Body of Ore Discovered About Two Miles From Town-Not Impossible That Bonanza May be Uncovered.

It is not claimed that any great bonanza has been discovered, but recent discoveries within a few weeks a number of promising mining locations have been made within three-quarters of a mile of Sumpter.

Out on the Granite road about two miles from town, what appears to be a large body of ore has been discovered and staked off. The ledge can be traced several hundred feet on the surface. Several shafts have been sunk, from one to fifteen feet, and all encounter mineralized rock, carrying from four to twenty-eight dollars in gold. It is mostly free milling, but some refractory ore has been found "frozen" to the wall rock. The ledge is from twenty to thirty feet in width. This find looks good. The property will probably be explored this winter.

On the peak west of town, the base of which is distant only about half a mile, known locally as Three Cent, and some thirty feet above town, it has been at work some days past and has been making a very promising appearance, as does the western slope. Good surface indications have been exposed. Discovery shafts have been sunk on the Little Ruby and Morning Glory. No essays from these properties have been made public.

It has been a mining region, of considerable significance, that "gold is where you find it," meaning of course, that no known fixed law or system of mining location that it is often found in the most surprising localities. It is also true that prospectors, the world over during the years since his college course, have been followed by a leader and flocking together. For these two causes the hills around Sumpter have for years been attracting many men looking for quartz claims. Now, however, that their attention has already been attracted, there will be no square foot of all the adjacent ground will remain unexplored.

Nor will it be surprising if some rich ledges shall be discovered in this immediate vicinity. Three Cent hill took its name from placer grounds almost at its summit, which yielded an average of that much dust to the pound. And the richest gold ever washed in this district came from the diggings on Gimme creek, just south this main mountain. The natural conclusion is that the source of supply for this richer dust is different from that which furnished Powder river placers with their rich horde of gold. That it comes from as yet undiscovered ledge or better, concealed ledge, is certain. An accurate guess as to the most expert can be made, at this stage of the game.

Twenty Thousand Pamphlets.

General Charles S. Warren is contemplating the issuance and distribution of 20,000 pamphlets, descriptive of Sumpter camp, setting forth its inducements to miners as a mining center. Acting on the suggestion of Attorney Richards, made in THE SUMPTER last week, the Sumpter Publishing Co. has engaged the services of Mr. Jos. W. Looney to write a descriptive pamphlet, to be distributed at mining conventions and labor meetings. Action on the suggestion of Attorney Richards, made in THE SUMPTER last week, the Sumpter Publishing Co. has engaged the services of Mr. Jos. W. Looney to write a descriptive pamphlet, to be distributed at mining conventions and labor meetings.

The Sumpter real estate market is getting quite lively. The value of property is climbing up with head-reeling proportions. This is not confined to inside business lots, but applies with equal force to resident lots and acreage.

When Seymour H. Bell, of Tacoma, was here about the middle of August, he secured forty acres of land from the Sumpter Townsite syndicate, which he and his business associates intended to plat and put on the market at an early date, thinking, perhaps, that they would see real estate on this good thing about next spring.

Mr. Bell returned to Sumpter this forenoon. W. C. Calder, secretary and treasurer of the syndicate, gives a good lunch into his appreciative corporate system and began, in his diplomacy, to discuss real estate in general; and about the time the first cigars were burned out, he brought out a letter to see if Mr. Bell was interested. Mr. Bell came to his level at once and to his delight, to him that is, as was a bait thrown to him by a skilled fisher. He nibbled.

The game dragged along for half an hour, both enjoying the sport and giving each other the laugh, on the quiet. Finally the business in hand was tackled in earnest and as THE MINER goes to press Bell is looking very pragmatic whether or not he will accept a bona fide offer of four times what he paid for this forty acres a few days less than five weeks since—but it is no sure thing that he is lost. The higher the offer climbs, the more suspicious he becomes that Calder is not acting frankly about the matter, as a friend of long years standing should act; that he is holding out and不肯平步C.-A. perhaps a card concealed up his sleeve.

The fact of the business is, Bell recognizes, that he is playing on the outside of the game, while Calder is on the inside, and the plunder from Puget Sound is doing a whole lot of speedy thinking—thousands are involved.

Two Important Real Estate Deals.

Two important real estate sales have been made this week by the firm of Buys & Herlock. One consists of five acres of the Sumpter Townsite syndicate's land in or R. O. R., official for three. This transaction was consummated by correspondence. The other is one of the most striking real estate deals in town, involving 100 acres of the railroad right of way, on Miller street, about 500 feet this side of the reservoir. It was sold to T. C. Colberson, one of the best known mining men in this section. He will erect thereon a handsome residence at an early day.

Maps of Syndicate's First Plat.

Blue prints of the Townsite syndicate's first plat have finally been issued. It is a handsome piece of work. The property is located in the east and southeast of the present built up portion of the town. It is seven blocks north and south and eight blocks east and west. The northern boundary of the new firm has not yet been decided upon. They will remain in their present location, all running quarters unless commodious buildings can be secured, which growing business demands. Mr. W. W. Looney will not give his personal attention to the business.

 Temperature and Prices Both Rising Rapidly.

The temperature in Sumpter this week has been very mild, and the prices of all commodities have risen rapidly. The weather has been quite cool, and the miners have been able to work without much difficulty. The market for all commodities has been very active, and the prices of all articles have advanced considerably.

In the mines the work has been very good, and the miners are very satisfied with the results. The output of gold has been very high, and the miners are looking forward to a prosperous season.

The town has been very crowded with miners, and the business has been very brisk. The hotels have been full, and the stores have been doing a very good business.

The miner's strike has been settled, and the miners are back at work. The wages have been increased, and the miners are very content.

In the future there will be more mining activity in the district, and the town will continue to grow.