

MINE NEAR CANYON CITY SOLD.

Stamp Mill Will Be Erected Thereon in the Spring.

That Canyon City is on the eve of a great mining boom is an assured fact. Mining men and capitalists have been flocking into this vicinity for the past three weeks and all voice the same opinion, viz: That there are rich mines here and they simply need development to unfold their wealth. Development requires capital and capitalists are ready to furnish it if given an opportunity.

Only last week three well known mining men, backed by plenty of capital, were in our vicinity for the purpose of examining the Last Chance mine, owned by L. L. Hill, of The Dalles.

Mr. Hill left here about two months ago for the purpose of interesting capital, and as a result Senator Dufur and Messrs. Wilson and Jayne, of The Dalles, came here to investigate the mine. They found it far above their expectations and even better than represented by Mr. Hill, and before they left last Friday they had secured a one-third interest in this veritable bonanza. These gentlemen, with Mr. Hill, will erect a ten-stamp mill in the spring and will get everything in readiness to push development work immediately.

The mine is located about five miles east of Canyon City and about one mile east of the famous Prairie Diggings, which Mr. Hill claims has been fed by the ledge on his property. A tunnel has been opened up for a distance of 250 feet and the ore body has a well defined foot wall. The principal vein, however, and what in all probability is the lead proper, is fully eight feet in thickness and assays from \$5 to \$40 per ton.

From fifty to seventy-five tons of ore are on the dump, taken from the tunnel. It is the opinion of mining experts that one of the richest mines in Grant county will be the result of the development of this claim.

Messrs. Dufur, Wilson and Jayne have also purchased an interest in the Montana quartz claim, owned by Mr. Hill and situated about one mile west of the Last Chance. They will also push development work on this claim when the spring opens.—Grant County News.

Cost \$1500, Offered \$40,000.

H. W. B. Smith, representing a Seattle wholesale house, was in town Tuesday night and left this morning for Granite. Mr. Smith appears to have "struck it rich" in the Granite district, and is en route to the locality of a mine two and one-half miles from the town of Granite, in which he owns a one-third interest. Mr. Smith and two other men bought a claim last fall, paying therefor the small sum of \$1500. They prospected it somewhat, and are now offered \$40,000 for it by eastern parties. Mr. Smith did not state whether the offer was to be accepted or not, but was apparently going to look into the matter and determine upon what he and his fellow owners would do.—East Oregonian.

Safety Deposit Boxes.

The Bank of Sumpter has put in a case of thirty-six fire and burglar proof safety deposit boxes, which will be rented. The building is now completed and the elegant hard wood fixtures in place. There is not a more convenient or attractive banking house in eastern Oregon. The furniture will in a few days be placed in the general reception room, or sweat box, as it is sometimes called, in the rear of the counting room.

FOUND—Christmas morning near the Sumpter Townsite company's engineering office on Mill street, a gentleman's gold initial ring. By identifying same and paying for this notice, the owner may obtain same from F. C. Brodie, watchmaker, in Sumpter grocery store.

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