

SOME ROCK IN THE GOLD.

Wonderfully Rich Strike in the American.

The latest and richest strike since the Golconda mine people startled the country last summer with a find of gold quartz that would give \$20 to the pound, being in some instances more gold than quartz, was made during the past week in the same Cracker Creek district, two miles north of Bourne, or nine miles distant from Sumpter. The fortunate, and it must be said, faithful owner, is W. T. Kinsey, who located the property fourteen years ago and has never lost his faith in it for a day, until now he is in a fair way to realize his dream of fortune so long looked forward to. At the time mentioned, Kinsey located twelve or fourteen claims, known as the Esmeralda group, on which he has expended some \$22,000, mostly in prospect and development work, including at one time a small cyanide plant and later a 5-stamp mill, which, owing principally to the fact that its operators were incompetent, was declared a failure, was taken down and is now housed on the property, in fairly good order.

Within the last few years Kinsey, being unable to keep up his assessment work on so many claims, has remembered three or four of his friends by allowing them to relocate a part of his holdings, thus making them today like himself, possible millionaires. The claim upon which the rich strike has been made is the American, one of nine which he yet holds and upon which only a 24-foot tunnel had been driven last summer.

At the time of the find, it seems, negotiations were being opened with some parties to take a bond on the property, and Kinsey had sent one of the men interested with him to bring down samples from this particular claim, which necessitated breaking down some fresh rock, and that is where the occasion of this article comes in; for, of course, when the samples were brought out and the first glance taken at them the matter of a bond was off—the same not having reached that stage of completion where the owners were obliged to carry out their part.

About twenty-five pounds of ore was brought down and some of the samples seen by a MINER representative were exactly like the rock from the Golconda last summer, a corload of which was sent to San Francisco by Mr. English, creating much wonder and comment, there being nearly or quite half gold. It is claimed now the face of a 6-foot tunnel on the American claim of Kinsey's property has the same ore as the Golconda, and that a 12-inch streak on one side of the face is all like the samples shown.

Just what further plan of development will be adopted on the property has not yet been determined, but will be decided on at once and the readers of THE MINER will be kept informed.

The Cracker Creek district will be the scene of lively times this summer, and strikes of great importance are likely to startle the mining world at any time.

Gold Cure for Pneumonia.

W. T. Kinsey was sick at the hospital in Baker City, suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia, when he heard of the rich strike that had been made in his American mine. That was about an hour before the train left for Sumpter. He had been waiting for that event fourteen long years, and working for it. He was never so impatient in his life before; he wanted to be convinced by seeing with his own eyes that his long labors had finally been rewarded. He arose from that bed of sickness and came to Sumpter. He saw

the rich rock here, but that didn't satisfy him entirely; he wanted to see that it came from the tunnel which he had driven. Next day it was raining, and though he had been sick abed eighteen hours previous, he started on the nine mile trip, 9000 feet up the Blue mountain. He reached the property, saw where the quartz came from, that there was a lot more there and then he was a well man. He declares that he hasn't felt a moment of sickness or weakness since. Men often risk their lives for gold, and every day they sell their souls for it; but not often do they risk so much for mere ocular demonstration that they are the possessors of the stuff. The returns from an average sample sent to Portland for assay were received yesterday. The rock carries \$40,285 in free gold to the ton.

Death of Mrs. H. B. Griffin.

The East Oregonian of Monday says of the funeral at Pendleton of Mrs. H. B. Griffin who died here Saturday of pneumonia, a lady highly esteemed by all who knew her: "At 2 o'clock this afternoon, the funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. H. B. Griffin were conducted at the Church of the Redeemer by the rector, Rev. W. E. Potwine. The usual services of the Protestant Episcopal church was read by the clergyman. Numerous friends of the family attended. The body of Mrs. Griffin was brought to Pendleton from Sumpter, where Mrs. Griffin died Saturday night. Accompanying the remains, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Clopton and Mr. H. B. Griffin, husband of the deceased, arrived this morning on the Overland. The body was laid to rest in the Olney cemetery."

Easter Millinery.

Miss Keup, adjoining the Columbia meat market, announces her Easter millinery opening, beginning the week of Monday, April 9. All the latest spring novelties.

Notice to Creditors.

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