

REGISTRATION, 927.

Sumpter's Vote Four Fold in Two Years.

The registration books closed yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. At this writing it is impossible to get the official figures on the number registering. At 2 o'clock Recorder Manning estimated that there would be 931. After the books were closed Sam Stott calculated the number to be 927. This included all except one list, the number in that one being of the day before.

Those who a month since estimated the voting population at 1000, fell short of the mark, rather than over it. For there is no question but what a hundred men who make this their home are now in the hills, mining or prospecting, and have failed to register.

Two years ago the vote was only 212, so it is now easily four times what it was at that time. Very much the larger part of this increase has taken place within less than one year.

The political complexion of this new vote in Sumpter is the uncertain quantity that is puzzling county candidates and politicians. It is conceded that this will be the deciding force in the coming election. It is absolutely impossible to form anything like a correct idea of how these 700 new votes will be divided.

Republicans claim that they will get much the larger majority of them, for the unsatisfactory reason that "they are mostly men of intelligence." On the otherhand, democrats claim that the greater portion of this new element comes from Colorado, Montana and other mining states, where "silver cranks" do most congregate and flourish, and that 80 per cent of the new comers will vote the democratic ticket straight—as they are already known to take their whiskey. A count of the votes will alone decide this question.

Goldfinch Company's Affairs Adjusted.

The affairs of the Goldfinch Mining company have been satisfactorily adjusted and development work will soon be inaugurated. A compromise was reached with the men who jumped the claims, giving them one of the group. The company located two others on the same ledge and a placer claim near by. These properties are in the immediate vicinity of the Co-Operative, and are supposed to be on the same vein. In appearance the quartz is identical, but assays altogether different, the Co-Operative carrying copper values principally, and the Goldfinch scarcely a trace of this, but considerable gold. The free excursion proposition which D. R. Young, of this company, has been working on around Rossland and Spokane has been abandoned, Dwyer & Fritz and other Sumpter citizens objecting to this feature, on the ground that it bears a striking resemblance to a wildcat fake. Men will be put to work on these claims in a few days.

Winterville Placers Yield \$20,000.

Monit Austin, of Monit station, owner of the Winterville placers, situated in this county about one and a half miles from the Bonanza mine, arrived in the city yesterday via the Sumpter Valley railway, for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for cleaning up the bedrock at his placers. Mr. Austin states that two giants have been operating on the mine since February 1, with the pleasing result that much dirt has been disposed of. A force of 12 to 20 men have been constantly employed since the beginning of operations. Mr. Austin, when seen by a reporter, exhibited one of the prettiest nuggets ever seen, weighing \$80. This was picked up by a miner while piling, and was found two feet from bed-

rock. It is needless to say, where gold in such properties can be found so far above bedrock that the owners anticipate large returns at the end of the season's work. The work of cleaning up will begin the twentieth instant, and Mr. Austin says he will realize \$20,000. Piling will be continued until about July 1.—Baker City Democrat.

RICH POCKET MINE.

After Two Years Work a True Fessive Vein is Discovered.

J. W. Downing has developed a regular ten foot ledge at Ashcreek, Klamath river, in which several rich pockets have been found. Forty pounds of quartz from one pocket lately found, contains at least \$3,000 and he has shipped away over 200 pounds of rich specimens. All the ledge is of high grade ore, and he is now mining it in regular order to have the quartz hauled to mill, without picking out any specimens bunches as heretofore.

This claim has produced several exceedingly rich pockets for a few years past, supposed to be float quartz, as the development of a permanent ledge has but lately been effected, after a couple of years diligent work on the part of Mr. Downing and his assistant.

We were shown some specimens he brought to town yesterday for depositing in the bank, all of which exhibited glittering gold to the naked eye in great quantity, such as no Klondike or Cape Nome country can excel. About two years ago Burcham and Nichols found a pocket in this claim, from which they realized \$3,800, but found no more quartz after working a long time, when they finally sold out to Downing.

A few months ago Downing found another pocket yielding several hundred dollars, and has continued prospecting with excellent success in finding rich specimens, and a well defined ledge that promises to be the richest in Siskiyou.

The claim was bonded to an eastern company, through an agent, for \$30,000, running out May 1. At the expiration of the time, Downing went to work again and almost immediately ran on this pocket, securing the rich specimens in the presence of the eastern agent. The agent was all right in efforts to come down with the purchase money, but the capitalists behind him wanted the claim thoroughly examined by the experts before buying, thus delaying their bargain until too late to clinch it.—Yreka Journal.

Public Notice.

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