

## TWO MORE LUCKY ONES

### Konkle and May Win a Prize In the Mining Lottery.

Two more hard working prospectors have finally won one of the big prizes in the great mining lottery. Charles R. Konkle and Sam May are the men. Dave Copping, of Sumpter, is interested with them in the property.

The strike was made on the Dewey, an extension of the Golconda lead, with only a fractional claim between. These gentlemen own four claims on the lead the Dewey, Summit, Mallalla and Comet. They were located last fall and only the assessment work done at that time. About a month ago Messrs. Konkle and May began to prospect the claims. Float was found in abundance, and there were some outcroppings at places. With these as guides a shaft was sunk high up on the hillside, but no satisfactory results were obtained.

Finally, reasoning as only a prospector does reason, which is based on no cast iron law and would never satisfy one of the "professors," they decided to drive a tunnel on the Dewey, near the foot of the hill not far above Silver creek. At a depth of only twenty five feet a ledge was encountered, one day last week. At present the tunnel is in fifty feet and is still in ledge matter, with no sign of wall rock. The tunnel cuts the ledge at right angles. About fifty pounds of rock, knocked down indiscriminately across this twenty five feet, has been sampled and assayed. It carries good gold values; not fabulously rich, but of that medium grade which is characteristic of large bodies of ore in true fissure veins.

The location and conditions are said to be ideal for convenient and economical mining. After cutting through the ledge, drifting tactics will be adopted.

These gentlemen have been in this district for several years. They have sunk many shafts and driven hundreds of feet of tunnels, but heretofore the heartless old hag of fortune has rewarded their hard work only with hope deferred—a promise of something good further in the hard rock. Under such adverse conditions it requires a stayer who doesn't know how to quit, to make a success of mining, when muscle and experience are the operators' only capital.

#### Portland Smelter Will Not "Go"

Portland seems to be as far from securing a smelter as ever. The committee having it in charge have not made a report for several weeks and members say there is nothing to report. It has been awaiting the action of E. T. Bradford, who proposed to start a pyritic smelter here, and tested Oregon ore for that purpose. According to the last report the tests were entirely satisfactory. A report was circulated that the project had fallen through, but this members of the committee deny. Mining men say that the city is losing a great deal of money every day by not having a smelter in operation here. They say the mining interests demand one and will probably be forced to build one soon at some other point, unless Portland acts.—Portland Telegram.

#### Utahans Make a Rich Strike Here.

C. H. Higgins is back from Granite, Ore., where in company with Henry F. Anderson, formerly of Mercur, he has been prospecting the country between the Red Boy and the Bonanza, two of the big gold producers of Oregon. The gentlemen were successful in securing a block of ground on Beaver creek, and after a month's prospecting uncovered the ledge which was blind, as is usual in that section. The mining papers of that camp state that the hanging wall is porphyry,

the foot wall slate, and that the formation, strike and character of ore are identical with that of the Red Boy, Concord, Bonanza and other leading mines, and the Granite "Boulder" states that already there are a number of tons of ore on the dump which, considering the depth attained, carry fine values. The discovery has caused a stir in the camp as it gives promise of adding one more to the number of prolific gold producers for which Oregon is becoming famous. Mr. Higgins says that since the discovery there has been a scramble for ground in the vicinity and that not even the smallest fractions have been overlooked. He will return to the property this week, where Mr. Anderson is now directing work, prepared to prosecute development vigorously during the summer months.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

#### Oregon Gold Output Will Double

Hon. G. E. Withington, cashier of the First National bank of Portland, Or., is in the city, the guest of President Knox, of the National Bank of the Republic. Discussing the material interests of his commonwealth yesterday, Mr. Withington said the mining camps were resounding as never before. He felt that nothing was hazarded in making the prediction that the output of the diggings would be doubled the present season. Sumpter, Granite, Baker City and a half-dozen other camps are developing with sensational stride, new mills are being erected on all sides, and the outlook is a most encouraging one. Already Portland has begun to experience the effects of these developments and many of its thousands are going into the various camps from which strikes are almost daily reported.—Salt Lake Tribune.

#### Hilgard-Granite Road Survey

Col. W. T. Chalk, chief, Major C. E. Sears, draughtsman, and F. D. Boulette, transit man of the surveyors of the Hilgard-Granite railroad, left Tuesday for Sheep ranch upon the Grand Ronde river, for the purpose of completing the survey over the summit into Granite. The gentlemen stand high in their profession, and will push the work as rapidly forward as possible. They have with them quite a number of men, among whom is County Surveyor Curtis. They also took a large quantity of provisions and camp outfit, one 4-horse and one 2-horse team, besides a number of saddle animals, and will remain in the field until they have completed the survey over the summit into Granite.—La Grande Chronicle.

#### Gold Used in the Arts

Of late the officials of the U. S. mint have been making strenuous efforts to ascertain the amount of gold annually put out of circulation by the use of the precious metal in arts. Some time since eminent statisticians reported that the amount of gold existing as money was far short of what the mint officials estimated. These estimates are based on the production less the amount consumed in manufactures and the arts. Burnett Bros. recently received a circular letter asking for information as to the amount of gold and silver used by them in the manufacture of jewelry.—Republic Miner.

#### Baker County Census Enumerators

The following is the place of residence and names of enumerators who are taking the census of Baker county: Baker, Adolph G. Hempler; Baker, Charles H. Stuller; Unity, John H. Murray; Sumpter, W. T. Manning; Express, Levi Harrison; Rye Valley, W. W. Weber; Weatherby, W. L. Overy; Huntington, W. A. Goodman; Express, I. B. Nichols; Pleasant Valley, George M. Caviness; Baker, Alex. MacDougall; Baker, G. H. Hill; Baker, Orville B. Mount; Haines, J. F. O'Bryant; Baker, Hiram Holcomb; Sumpter, Frank Randall; Bourne, George B. Harris; Sumpter, Daniel W. Wilbur.

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