

GREAT COPPER MINE.

Ledge Which is More Than 1200 Feet Wide.

The great copper property of the North American Mining company situated near Medical Springs, east of Union in this county, is being rapidly developed and gives promise of soon becoming one of the largest mines in the state.

Col. Burke, who is president and manager of the company, arrived at the mine from Chicago this week on a tour of inspection and we understand is more than pleased with the showing that is being made there. Development work is being done very fast since the new No. 3 Ingersoll and Sargeant drills have been installed. The compressor plant and hoist is to be one of the most complete that is manufactured.

This wonderful deposit of copper ore is between 1200 and 1500 feet thick on the surface and there is every indication that it will be found to be a permanent and well defined body as depth is attained.

A force of nearly 30 men is employed at the mine at present and this number will be increased as rapidly as they can be used advantageously. A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 100 feet. The men have started a crosscut to the north and the south to crosscut the ore body. At the bottom of the shaft the crosscuts are now about 25 feet from breast to breast, and all the rock from the surface down the entire length of the shaft and in the crosscut shows free metallic copper ore.

The site of the mine presents quite a lively appearance already. A large boarding and lodging house has been erected, capable of accommodating fifty men. A blacksmith shop, barns, powder magazines and other necessary buildings have also been built. A sawmill with a capacity of about eight thousand feet of lumber per day has been established and is now at work near the mine, to supply the needed lumber for the company's improvements.

The company will soon survey and plat a site which has been selected for the coming city of that section, as there is getting to be a demand for town lots there.

Capt. Frank L. Evans is superintendent of the mine and is demonstrating by his work his eminent qualifications for the important trust. No better or more efficient man could be found for the place.

This deposit of copper ore is one of the largest in the world and it is expected to rival them all in the near future. It is destined to make Union county famous as a copper producer.—Union Republican.

Ore For the Sumpter Smelter.

The Copper Queen mine, 20 miles northeast of Baker City, owned by Gilkison Bros., is contributing ore for the Sumpter smelter. On Thursday evening two six-horse teams arrived loaded with ore and the S. V. Ry. freight train of yesterday carried out three carloads. It is understood the Copper Queen will furnish from 100 to 200 tons of ore at this time and the result obtained will have much to do with continued shipping. Other mines in the Copper Butte section will also furnish more or less ore to the smelter.—Baker City Democrat.

Job Lot of Advice About Stocks.

In buying stock in a mining prospect, see to it that the issued stock of the company, at its selling price, and the property owned by it are about equal in value and that the money paid for treasury stock, less a reasonable charge for expenses, is spent in development. See to it that the management is composed of men who are honest and experienced and who have a record of success behind them. The man who has had no experience in mining, no

matter what his success in other lines, may be an expensive manager of a mining enterprise; the man who has been a failure at everything else is hardly to be trusted to manage any enterprise. Investments in mining or prospect stocks intelligently made offer great attractions and promise handsome returns. Mining investments not made with proper judgment are almost certain to be a disappointment. "Be sure you are right then," then buy mining stocks, not before.—Mining Reporter.

Deep Sinking on the May Queen.

John Thomsen, manager of the May Queen Mining company, with mines situated in the Red Boy district, will take his departure this morning for Fremont, Nebraska. Mr. Thomsen's going to Fremont is for the purpose of conferring with the stockholders of his company regarding a contemplated large outlay of money. Mr. Thomsen will present his plans for an additional ten stamps to the 10-stamp mill now fully equipped at the mine, preceding which deep sinking is to be carried on and which will determine the extent and permanency of the ore veins and amount of ore product. If the stockholders agree on Mr. Thomsen's plans a big hoisting plant will be purchased and put on the May Queen and deep sinking commenced at an early day. Mr. Thomsen will return to Baker City in about ten days.—Baker Democrat.

Richest Mines in the World.

J. H. Cradlebaugh dropped down today from the Greenhorn country. Mr. Cradlebaugh is as enthusiastic as ever over the Blue mountain mining districts, and insists that some of the richest mines in the world will yet be developed there. Several of the mines there are already excellent producers, and the ones in which he is interested—the Golden Eagle and Double Eagle—will, he thinks, prove splendid producers. Already enough bullion is being taken out with a three-stamp mill, running twelve hours a day, to pay expense, and, with a little more development, the stockholders will begin to realize dividends. Mr. Cradlebaugh has given up the superintendency of the Golden Eagle and will take life easy for a time.—The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

Buncoed the Fishermen.

Last Sunday George Waters buncoed a party of his friends into the belief that he knew where they could catch more fish than they really wanted. After piloting them about for several hours, he invited them to cast their lines in an irrigating ditch and await results. The results were three orphan chubs, their combined length aggregating 7 1/2 inches. George has since been trying to explain matters to his contending friends.—Harney County News.

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