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JOB LOT OF MINING NEWS.

GATHERED WHILE SWINGING AROUND THE BELT.

Rich Ore Strike in the Golden Eagle—Phoenix Leased for 25 Per Cent of the Output—Hills Full of Prospectors and Miners—Sheep Doing Damage.

M. E. Baine returned this forenoon from a leisurely swing around the belt, as far out as the Greenhorn country. He is an old newspaper man and therefore always keeps his eyes and ears open. He reports that G. W. McCulloch is opening up an extension of the Diadem mine, on the head of Blue gulch. The ledges have all the characteristics of the Diadem.

Joseph Chapelear has a promising copper prospect on top of the Greenhorns at the head of Blue gulch.

The Marshall boys, of Portland, have struck a ledge of free milling ore that runs very high. An arastra will be erected to work the ore.

Some rich ore has been struck in the Golden Eagle mine in Greenhorn gulch. The ore was encountered in a drift being run on the lowest level and carries free gold, leaf form, and galena. This is the best ore ever encountered in the mine and the owners are consequently jubilant.

A lease on the Phoenix mine has been given to C. N. Chethem and Wm. Sanders for two years, the owners to receive 25 per cent of the output. Sinking has been commenced on one ledge and later work will be started on the other.

L. G. Wheeler, operating the the St. Anthony group at Alamo, has crosscut his ledge 116 feet and has failed to find the wall. The ore is not high grade but all carries values.

The Diadem is having air pipes put in its shaft, the air having become bad in the drift being run from the shaft.

He further says that the hills are alive with prospectors developing their properties, and it is safe to say more development work is being done this summer than was done in the district prior to 1900. Clear creek is lined with tents and new cabins, the owners developing properties.

The greatest curse to the miners and prospectors is that sheep are allowed to graze in the hills, destroying the grass and young trees, driving out the game, filling up the ditches and polluting the springs and ditches.

Enthusiastic Over the Honeycomb.

Fred McCoy, the Alamo merchant, formerly of Watsburg, Wash., is enthusiastic over the showing in his property on St. Anthony hill, known as the Honeycomb. He is opening up his property with a 100-foot crosscut tunnel and has three men at work. The last assay he obtained gave \$12.40 in gold. These values, considering the fact that the ore was practically taken from the surface, augurs well for the property with further development. How wide the ledge is is not yet known, as 12 feet of ore has been penetrated without disclosing the hanging wall.—Correspondence in Spokesman-Review.

Chelan Looks Like a Mine.

Colonel C. H. Peyton, of Chicago, and W. E. Hurd, of Portland, returned sever-

al days since from the Chelan group of mines, near Lawton, which they own. They have had the property surveyed by H. K. Wheeler, preparatory to patenting it. Work has been in progress on the mine for nearly a year past and the outlook is very encouraging. Colonel Peyton left yesterday for his home in Chicago and Mr. Hurd returned to the mine.

Another Monkey for the Summit House.

"Young America" arrived in Sumpter yesterday, care of H. Finger, and today left on the afternoon stage for the "Summit" house, which is to be his future home. He is a first class imported monkey for "Joe." There are two of them already out there but they are little ones, and Joe wanted a big healthy fellow to keep the others under control.

MACHINERY ARRIVING.

Many Mines Preparing to Put in Mills This Season.

A carload of sawmill machinery now at the depot, smoke stacks, circular saws, etc., from the Russel & Co's machinery house at Portland, consigned to the North Pole mine, would indicate that the latter would have its own plant for sawing lumber and mining timbers hereafter.

It is known also that several other companies whose properties have reached that stage where they are warranted in putting in plants, will have from 10 to 20 stamps working before the winter is well on.

Mr. McCallum, of the Bald Mountain and Mammoth mines, will install a large mill for the former property this season, and it is understood a smaller plant for the latter, which has not yet reached that stage of development that has the Bald Mountain.

Competition is already strong, as is shown by the presence of representatives of various machinery houses from the eastern and coast cities. Elsewhere in these columns is mentioned the fact of contracts having been let for additional stamps to increase the plant at the Columbia mine. Anyone that cannot calculate what all this means to Sumpter in the near future must be either blind or unwilling to see, to say the least.

Bond on Blue Mountain Boy.

Although Colonel F. V. Drake, who recently took a bond on the Blue Mountain Boy group on Ten Cent creek, owned by J. M. and I. E. Rose, P. J. McGuigan and P. A. Brady, all of Spokane, has permitted the bond to lapse, the owners have by no means lost faith in its merits. For surface cropping there is not a property in the Granite district that can make a better showing, while assays on the ore at a depth of but a few feet have run as high as \$50 gold. The group consists of four claims and the bond given Colonel Drake called for \$5000. Should they not be able to make a turn in the near future, the owners propose to organize a stock company and let the property develop itself through the sale of treasury stock.—Special to the Spokesman-Review.

Rough Riders in a Railroad Wreck.

Uncertain rumors of a wreck on the O. R. & N. road near Pendleton, in which the east-bound train, carrying the members of Troop B, Sumpter Rough Riders, returning from the encampment at Salem, cannot be verified at this writing, though telephone messages from Baker City says such had occurred and that the train due there early in the forenoon would not arrive until midnight.

Ask for the Columbia beer, brewed in Sumpter.

BIG DEAL PENDING.

Capitalists Here to Make Large Investments.

Robert E. Strahorn, at present making his headquarters in Spokane, who has undoubtedly invested more New England money in the three northwestern states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, than any other one man, largely in the way of bonds and warrants, arrived in Sumpter Monday. He comes here with a view of making extensive and important investments in and around Sumpter.

Accompanying him are ex-Governor Black, of Utah, now a resident of Spokane and a frequent visitor to Sumpter, and attorney Dansen, also of Spokane. The latter is Mr. Strahorn's counsel, who comes here to pass on titles and conveyances in case the deal is consummated. Governor Black and Mr. Strahorn were schoolmates in Illinois and their paths have frequently crossed in this wide, wild West.

The party is visiting the several adjacent mining districts this week, the object of which is to determine the actual resources of the country, that some accurate and reliable idea can be gained as to the permanence of the present prosperity. The gentlemen declare themselves most favorably impressed with Sumpter, and say it is the best, most substantially built and orderly mining camp they have ever seen, and they have visited many of them.

It now seems very probable that this deal will go through and if it does, it will mean much good to this camp and district.

Two "Oregon-Colorado" Properties.

Mention was recently made of the Oregon-Colorado stock listed on the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange at Portland, as being that of property located at Quartzburg, and which is owned and operated by Sam H. Hayes, of Prairie City. Recent advices show that the stock referred to is that of a company located in the Bohemia district, in southern Oregon, which chances to have the same name as the eastern Oregon mines, and it is to be hoped the Bohemia property will compare favorably with its namesake over this way, on which is a five-stamp mill now being operated on ore from that and other properties in the vicinity.

Jack Power's Group Has \$500 Rock.

C. E. Beeson, representing Portland people's interest in the Intrinsic, or better known as the Jack Powers group, in the Greenhorn section, where he is superintending the development of said property, is here on business for a day or two at the Capitol hotel. Samples of ore exhibited from there are very fine, carrying principally silver, some gold and a little copper. Assay values from picked samples show as high as \$500, and over. Mr. Beeson will remain through the summer at least.

Work Begun on Robert Emmett.

The Robert Emmett, considered by many to be the best mine in the Cornucopia district, has changed hands, being now owned by the Elk Creek Mining company. The stock of the company is owned chiefly by Union people, though local money is also interested. Davis Bros. have the controlling interest. The company proposes to push operations as rapidly as possible and will begin work

Monday, July 16. Fred C. Dobler, the present head bookkeeper for the C. M. of O. company, has been elected superintendent and will take charge the 16th. The first task will be pumping the water from the shaft, of which there is some 50 feet standing. The crew will consist of some ten men to begin with, and more will be added as soon as they can work to advantage. This is a fine property and under Mr. Dobler's management we confidently expect it to become one of the best mines in all eastern Oregon.—Carson Tocsin.

PORTLAND PEOPLE PLEASED.

Inspected This and Adjoining Districts and Collected Specimens.

Zoeth Houser, Frank Richet and J. F. Batchelder arrived here yesterday from Prairie City on their way home to Portland, after an inspection trip to the Standard group, in which each is interested.

Mr. Batchelder has visited the mine once before, but not since much development work had been done, by which the very rich ore now being mined was unearthed. Consequently his enthusiasm is at highwater mark for this property, and, in fact, the entire district.

Mr. Richet is one of Portland's wealthy wholesale merchants, and this is his first trip to this section. He will return home with even more favorable impressions than were formed by what he had merely heard before, and thus it ever is with those who personally go through any portion of the various districts surrounding Sumpter.

Mr. Batchelder is also chairman of the committee in charge of the Portland permanent ore exhibit, and carries home with him samples of ore that will force the skeptical as well as the "knockers," to admit that the values are here. The Standard people are not stopping, but simply taking out the ore mined in their development work, several tons of which is now here at the smelter, and more will follow at once.

General Warren in on a Bonanza.

Montana papers have much to say of late concerning a marvelously rich gold strike that has been made in that state, in which General Warren is largely interested. One account states that the rock is running on an average of a dollar to the pound and that there is now \$500,000 worth of this kind in sight. Private letters from the General to his associates around the Townsite company's office here confirm these reports to a large extent. This is what is detaining him in Montana. He will probably not return home until the early part of August; his intention heretofore having been to arrive here about the 15th, last Sunday.

New Steam Laundry.

The Elite steam laundry commenced business here last Monday in its new building on South Mill street, where it has installed a lot of first class, modern laundry machinery and is prepared to turn out as good work as in any city. S. W. Sherrard, its manager, is an experienced man and should make the new institution a success. See advertisement elsewhere in THE MINER.

The California Will Be Developed.

W. H. Jackson, former superintendent at the Golconda mine, has accepted management of the California property in the Cable Cove district, and development work was commenced last week, to be continued indefinitely. This is one of the oldest claims in that district, but has not been developed heretofore.