

RICH CONCORD ORE.**J. H. Robbins Confirms the Reported Valuable Strike.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins returned last week from the Concord mine, in the Red Boy district, where they had been for a number of days. Mr. Robbins confirms the report which reached here several days since of a phenomenally rich strike in that property. He says it is good enough as it is, but that the magnitude and value of the find has been somewhat exaggerated.

Very rich rock has been found in two places. A tunnel was run in the mountain and the ledge cut at 205 feet. They began at once to drift on the ledge, and are now in 575 feet. For the last 100 feet they have been in porphyry. Ever since the ledge was encountered the values have been fair across the entire face of the tunnel.

Some days since, with a view to seeing what was below more than anything else, a winze was started in the tunnel at a point about 100 feet nearer its mouth than the porphyry was encountered. The character of the ore improved from the first pick stroke down. At a depth of twelve feet the remarkable rich ore was encountered. There is a foot of it which assays \$472.65. Some free gold can be seen in this, but not a great deal. The values are carried in a quartz almost black. Mr. Robbins says that, of course, no one now knows how much of this character of ore there is in the body, but they are finding out just as fast as they can. He does know, however, that there is a seven-foot ledge of ore at this point, all of which carries high values.

But the rock that drives the novice crazy, that is literally studded with free gold, plainly visible to the naked eye, is found five or six hundred feet up the mountain side; in fact, very near the apex. It is found in the same ledge, which outcrops at that point. This gold, with some rock mixed in it, is taken from a hole only a few feet deep.

Mr. Robbins has numerous specimens of these ores at his First Bank of Sumpter.

Promising Hillhouse District.

Mike Hoff, who has just returned from a visit to the new district between this city and Bridgeport, reports that the prospects are looking bright for that camp. He says the Hillhouse, owned by Chumley, Cooley and Jordan, of this city, is as fine a prospect as he has seen anywhere. There are others that show up well, for the amount of work done, and no doubt will prove equally as rich. Among others is the Keating claim, worked by the Keating boys by means of an arastra, and also the property in which Phil Hyl: is interested. The Keating property is about a mile from the Hillhouse. Hyl's property is about half a mile from the Hillhouse, and carries ore very similar in character to it. There are from 15 to 20 Colorado men in the camp, and they express themselves as highly pleased with the surroundings, stating that the formation of that section reminds them more of Cripple Creek than any other portion of the eastern Oregon gold fields. Mr. Hoff will pay another visit to the camp in the near future.—Democrat.

Monumental and Strasburg Resume Work.

It is reported that the once famous Monumental mine, the oldest in the Granite district, is to start up shortly with a force of 100 men. C. S. Miller, the principal owner of this property, has been busy the past two months cleaning out tunnels and shafts. He has had several Portland capitalists out to the mine, but as he has not yet been ready to take the

public into his confidence, his plans are entirely a matter of speculation. The Monumental was at one time a heavy producer. All the machinery in the mill was freighted from the Columbia river, and it shipped ore long before there was a railroad to Sumpter. It was at one time owned by an English syndicate. Mismanagement and the drop in silver are given as the reasons for its shutting down. The property has now been idle for about five years. As the gold values, however, increase with depth, it is believed the mine can be made a gold as well as silver producer. The lowest levels give good values ranging from \$10 to \$12 to the ton. The Strasburg mine, on Quebec mountain, seven miles south of Granite, which has been closed down for about a month, by reason of alleged mismanagement, is about to resume operations. W. H. Remington, of Tacoma, one of the principal promoters of this property, was recently here and paid off all of the obligations incurred by Manager J. L. Warner. The property has been released from attachment, and it is said a new force will be put to work. It is not known whether Warner is to continue the management of the property or not.—Special to the Spokesman-Review.

Good Prospects in the Grande Ronde.

Messrs. Corbett and Gilpin have returned from the Upper Grande Ronde district, where they accompanied a party of prominent mining men. One of the party of visitors was Mr. McQueen, whose opinion on mining is accepted without question everywhere. He is the gentleman who reported on the Union and Companion mines in the Cornucopia district, and he has investigated and made sales of many of the biggest mining propositions in the country. He gives a very favorable opinion of the up-river mines, which is a great card for that district. The extent and character of the quartz around the old Carson diggings is compared favorably with the mines around Butte, Montana. The old Hunter claim, in which Messrs. Corbett, Gilpin and other La Grande parties are interested, gives a fine showing in gold, silver and copper, and there seems to be no further doubt or question that the reputation of this district is about to be firmly established. Unless all present indications fail there will soon be some big transactions in that country, that will not only open up big paying mines, but will also hasten the construction of the proposed railroad up the river. If the plans carry out as at present projected, La Grande will soon have a busy, bustling mining camp right at her very doors. There are at least assurances that the up-river country has as good mineral prospects as can be found in any of the mining districts of eastern Oregon.—La Grande Chronicle.

Suit Involving Grant County Mines.

Frederick Lohman and several other members of the Lohman family, residing in Germany, have through their attorneys, Messrs. Gantenbein & Veasie, commenced suit in the United States court here against Fred Yorgensen, administrator of the estate of Herman Lohman, late of Canyon City, Grant county; Peter Helmer and others, also of Canyon City, to secure possession of mining property. The complaint alleges that Herman Lohman was at the time of his death, possessed of two quartz mining claims, in Grant county, known as the Fellows lode, and the Prairie lode. Fred Yorgensen was appointed administrator of his estate. Complainants ask that an injunction be granted forbidding them from working the mines, and that complainants be put in possession of the property.—Oregonian.

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