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ROCK WORTH \$160,000.

RICH STRIKE MADE IN THE GIBRALTAR.

Owned by Paul Poindexter and Claude Basche—Located Near the North Pole Mine—Now Being Sacked for Shipment.

Last Saturday a wonderfully rich ore deposit was uncovered in the Gibraltar, about 150 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. This mine is located near the North Pole, in the Cracker creek district and is owned by Claude Basche and Paul Poindexter.

The latter was out at the property Sunday and brought in a sack full of the rock. It resembles the rich ore found in the Golconda which has made that mine famous. It is almost black in color, and is studded with free gold, many of the specimens carrying perhaps ten per cent of the precious metal. A hatful has been assayed and the certificate shows \$160,000 to the ton.

How much there is of it is, of course, not known. Mr. Poindexter says it is scattered across the entire five feet in the face of the tunnel. Where the ledge has been crosscut it averages about nineteen feet in width. The rock has carried only fair values up to this point, eighteen or twenty dollars, with the exception of at one place, where \$260 assays were obtained. Barren rock had been encountered just before this last rich strike was made.

Four men are now at work taking out and sacking this precious ore, which will be shipped to a San Francisco smelter for treatment. If a few tons of it is secured, there will be a celebration in this town at no distant day. The gentlemen have decided, however, to take the advice of J. H. Robbins and keep their shirt waists on until the money is in his bank.

Asbestos Near Baker City.

This morning J. C. Newton, of this city, came into town from a prospecting tour. He had with him some specimens of asbestos, a fiber used for making fire proof cloth, which he discovered near the main road about eight and one-half miles east of this city. Mr. Newton stated that there are 60 or 70 acres of land in that vicinity which contains this fibrous material. He has not gone down but a few feet on the property, but from every indication, after it is properly developed, it will be one of the main industries in this district. There has also been some asbestos discovered on Rock creek, about fourteen miles west of this city; the fibers in this asbestos are too short to consider working, but prominent men think that there is a large body deeper under the ground.—Republican.

Arrested For Assaulting His Son.

A complaint was filed before Justice Felix charging William Dean with assault and battery on his son Owen Dean and the case set for trial on Monday. When the case was called the principal witness, Owen Dean, failed to appear, and a warrant was issued for his arrest on a charge of contempt of court. The boy had been seen leaving the city on horseback and officers were soon on his trail. He was captured in the Burnt river country and brought before Justice Felix this morning, who fined him \$50 and ordered the officer to hold him until the fine was paid. His

excuse was that he did not care to appear against his father. The complaint against William Dean is to the effect that he took the boy over to the brush, made him take off all his clothing, and then proceeded to cut great gashes into the flesh on the boy's back. He used three willow sprouts matted together. The assault was committed Saturday evening and some hours later Mrs. Schulpius discovered the boy in the wood shed adjoining her house, where he was huddled up in a corner, naked, cold and bleeding from the wounds. Dr. Brock dressed the wounds and kind hands gave him clothing and a warm place to stop. The case is set for 10 a. m. Thursday before Justice Felix.

SUMPTER RACE MEETING.

Active Competition For Race Track Privileges.

Everything pertaining to the race meeting to be held here September 26 to 30, inclusive, is moving along satisfactorily. The grand stand is nearly finished and the track practically so. In two small spots the ground has "sagged," which is now being put in condition. Horsemen who have tried it say the track is going to be an unusually fast one.

There is an active demand for privileges on the ground. Al Jones has bought for \$50 the right to sell pools on the races. Other privileges, including saloon and gambling, have been sold for enough to raise the total amount from this sum up to \$180. A bid has been received offering \$250 for the grand stand during the meeting, but the proposition was declined.

General Passenger Agent Barton, of the Sumpter road, was here yesterday arranging with trustees to run daily excursions from Baker City during the meet. The reduced fare rate will be announced tomorrow.

Secretary Bell says: "Oh, there will be plenty horses. We are receiving applications for entries every day."

Smelter Running This Week.

The smelter started up Monday morning, with enough ore in the bins to run it a week, day and night. Monday night, after Superintendent Laughlin had gone to bed, about one o'clock, the green hands made some mistake in feeding the furnace and there was some temporary trouble regarding the flow. The superintendent rectified this without difficulty and everything is now running smoothly. The ore on hand will be consumed this week, and there is some uncertainty as to future operations of the institution.

The Colonel Donan Mine.

J. H. Brown, who was with THE MINER all last spring, writes that he has located some very promising claims near Malheur. There is a good vein of free milling gold exposed on one of these, which shows a string of colors in every pan. This he calls the Colonel Donan, and feels sure that the merit of the property and the mascot of that name will make a winner of the proposition.

All kind of cake, pies bread etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite the depot. All orders filled promptly.

Only the best of Wines, Liquors, Ice Cold Beer and temperance drinks at Barnard's Halfway House.

Five quart bottles of Olympia beer for \$1.00 at Henry Fingers'.

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HOTEL MONEY RAISED.

Building to be Rushed to Early Completion.

Just as David Wilson was boarding the train yesterday afternoon, he informed a MINER man that the big brick hotel proposition was a sure go, that work would be commenced today and that he would return here Monday to rush the structure to as early completion as possible. An hour and a half before the train left he stated that it was necessary to raise \$450 before train time in order to land the enterprise, and he was hustling to that end. Of course so small an amount would not be permitted to defeat the accomplishment of so important a project, and it was quickly raised, principally those who had already subscribed for bonds having increased the amount agreed to be taken.

Dan Yerger, M. Wilson's building foreman, will have charge of the work. That being done now is, of course, merely preliminary, cleaning off the lots preparatory to grading. Attorney Richards says that provisions have been made for all payments due at this time and that no hitch can possibly occur on this score.

The hotel will cost \$35,000, the site about \$10,000 and the furniture anywhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000, making an investment of something near \$60,000.

Dance Friday Evening.

At Ellis opera house Friday evening a dance will be given for the benefit of the Sumpter races. Money is needed to push that good thing along and everyone should buy a ticket, whether they wish to attend or not; for the cause is a good one. The dance itself will be all right and those who care for such things will get more than their money's worth.

Work Suspended on the Ibez.

Work on the Ibez has stopped, the pumps pulled out and the men discharged. There is, of course, much speculation hereabouts as to the whys and wherefores of this move. Manager Chapman, when asked if he cared to take the public into his confidence regarding the matter, said: "My advice last fall was that we quit sinking then. This policy has finally been adopted. We are now down about 750 feet and will begin drifting on the ledge in perhaps thirty days." Mr. Chapman confirmed the report that the boilers are of not sufficient power to operate the pumps to good advantage at that depth. He denies that other report that the mine has been sold by Ed Cannon, who is said to be looking for a buyer in Boston. The temporary shutting down of the Ibez is merely a private business matter of the owners, in which the public is not especially interested, as there is no question relative to the great value of the property.

Is the Winterville the Old "Blue Bucket"?

Minot Austin, who is a half brother of Judge Bellenger, and formerly lived in this section, removed to eastern Oregon in 1868. He says that some twenty-five years ago Stephen Winterville had a mine on the top of a little knoll there, from which he took out a million dollars in gold. About a quarter of a mile from this knoll, across Bennett creek, at the foot of a range of hills, is the Winterville mine, named for the old town. In March last, the Austin-McMurdo company started to hydraulic into the foot of this hill. They have had an average of eight men em-

ployed and have taken out \$11,000, and expect to make it \$15,000 when the flume is cleaned up. This amount of gold has been secured from a plat less than 120 feet square, so that the claim has only been tapped, and as the depth of rich gravel in the old river bed is great in places and its extent unknown, the amount of gold to be secured by following up this old river channel is incalculable. Many mining men who have seen the mine have no doubt but that it is the long lost Blue Bucket mine.—Oregonian.

GENERAL WARREN HOME.

Arrived Yesterday After an Absence of Several Months.

General Charles S. Warren returned home yesterday from Montana, where he has been for some weeks past. Greeted by a MINER representative, with the enquiry: "Well, what are you going to do now," promptly came the response, "Everybody."

He says that no one can do any business in Montana now, that politics has the center of the stage. The Amalgamated Copper company is backing the republican ticket against both Daily and Clark and that millions will be spent in this three cornered fight.

General Warren says he will move the ladies of his family to Spokane in a short while, for the winter, but that he will remain here most of the time. He owns a handsome home, which is the reason for his family returning there. Between now and the election most of his time will be spent in Montana, in which game he will take a hand, good cards having already been dealt him. He will then return to Sumpter for business.

Good Ore Found Near Malheur.

The reliable news was brought from Malheur City yesterday that an important strike of rich ore had been made in the Red White and Blue mine, under bond to Mr. Wilson, of Portland. In a crosscut tunnel a ledge of good width had been struck carrying free gold, so it is reported. Persons who saw samples of the ore say that gold was plainly visible all over the surface of the rock.—Democrat.

President Eccles Back From Europe.

David Eccles, president of the Sumpter Valley road, returned Monday from a trip to Europe. He has been absent from home three months. His presence in this vicinity at this time is very gratifying to many people who have been stood off with the stereotyped: "Wait until Mr. Eccles gets home," during the past ninety days.

Contract for Powder House Let.

The contract for building the California Giant Powder company's powder-house, for which the first bids were all rejected as too high, has been let to David Wilson and work will be begun upon it at once. The building is to be fireproof, of brick, iron and steel, and will be situated a quarter of a mile out on the Granite road.

George K. Burton, a man prominent in the mining and business circles of California and Mexico, was the guest of K. R. Casper during the week. Mr. Burton was very favorably impressed with the resources of Sumpter and will soon return.

When you travel the Bourne road remember Barnard has all the latest remedies for dust in the throat.

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