

MINES AROUND ALAMO

Many Properties Showing Up Under Development.

One of the mining camps in the vicinity of Sumpter most likely to obtain prominence is Alamo, the new town established last summer about two miles above the Red Boy mine, on Olive creek, which is the center of as many well developed prospects approaching the producing mine, as any other spot in eastern Oregon. THE MINER will endeavor to mention a few properties that have been visited recently, while a representative was making a trip with Paul Poindexter, who is gathering data and ore samples, preparatory to an extended trip through the southern and eastern states, where he will acquaint many people with the mineral resources of this country.

About three-quarters of a mile from the Red Boy, on Clear creek, is found the Yellow Daisy group of claims, owned by a prospector named Dougherty and associates, who have a net work of several ledges running parallel and at right angles through their claims, on one of which they have a tunnel on the vein, nearly 200 feet of which shows from eight to twenty feet of ore, with values said to run from \$13 to \$34 in free gold.

On a parallel ledge to the rich Concord mine, Mayor Grant Thornberry, of Granite, has a bond on the property in which a recent strike was made, the vein averaging three feet with a value of \$7 on the surface. This vein is being traced through the entire length of the claim. The formation in nearly all this vicinity is slate hanging and porphyry foot walls, the same as in the Red Boy, and acknowledged to be the best for carrying free gold ores.

The St. Anthony group of six claims, on Olive creek, within a stone throw of the Alamo postoffice, is under the management of L. G. Wheeler and is owned by himself and Milwaukee capitalists. This big property has four known distinct ledges, which for width are equal to any thing heard of in the country. Number one ledge is sixty feet in width and is absolutely free milling. Forty samples from this gave an average of \$5.54. Number two, forty feet from the first, is fully fifty feet in width and runs from \$8.30 to \$12.40 in sulphide ore and gives splendid pan prospects on the surface. Number three ledge is 152 feet in width between walls, and is all quartz without any apparent break or fault. Samples of this were taken every ten feet, from the drillings, showing values of \$3 to \$23. The trend of the ledge is northwest and southeast. Ledge number four is crosscut thirty-five feet and no wall as yet. On the surface this ledge shows to be seventy feet and one assay across the width of the tunnel gave \$22.77.

On the St. Anthony the development work consists of about 550 feet of crosscuts and drifts. At the face of the present crosscut a depth of 300 feet is attained and continued 400 feet more will give 700 feet of backs. The tunnel is sensibly built, 5x6½ feet in the clear and is a fine specimen of timbering. In fact, the grounds, buildings and general improvements are not only a credit to any camp but a recommendation to L. G. Wheeler, the original locator and present manager, who has brought this property to its present high standing. His idea of future development is to run a crosscut in far enough to determine the width of ledge four, thence to start shifts drifting both ways on all the ledges, thereby blocking out ore sufficient to warrant the installing of at least a 100-stamp mill.

The values at present depth, from a conservative estimate, when milled in a plant of this capacity, would net the owners over \$1 per ton, and as greater depth

is reached on these immense ore bodies, it is very reasonable to suppose that greater values will be obtained and give the owners a handsome profit. "Doc" Wheeler, as he is familiarly known, has many friends who wish him the success which seems now within his grasp.

The Rand-Packwood tunnel site, across Olive creek from the St. Anthony, is a continuation of the latter's number three and four ledges. This property consists of two full claims and is expected to show something unusually good when the ground has been thoroughly prospected, as high values are to be found from surface croppings. John L. Rand, of Baker City, and Wm. Packwood, Sr., the auditor at the Columbia mine, are the owners.

Parallel to the St. Anthony workings, William Waugh is now doing his annual assessment work on the "Big 4" group. He has a good big ledge of free milling quartz.

Passing up Clear creek westerly, on the opposite slope, Dr. Pearce, William Reese and associates, are driving a crosscut tunnel which is now in over 400 feet. At a distance of 250 feet, the ledge was tapped at a depth of 200 feet, at which point a width of 60 feet was revealed and an average assay from wall to wall was said to give \$14, which seems almost fabulous.

The Alamo group, from which the nearby town took its name, was located by A. J. Murphy and has been stocked in Spokane by J. G. McGuigan. A 200-foot tunnel has developed a fine body of high grade quartz which give pan prospects of free gold, that make a miner's or stockholder's eyes stick out. At the bottom of the 70-foot winze, pan samples have actually given as high as \$1.25 to the pan. This property has, doubtless, a great future.

The Aldrin Tunnel company, at the left of Clear creek on Quebec mountain, is at work on a tunnel 7x12 in the clear, which when completed will be 3000 feet in length and will give 1200 feet of backs. The Tunnel company has consolidated with several of the property owners in the vicinity, whereby it will receive a royalty from the properties tapped by this venture.

The Hottentot group, on the north side of Clear creek, on St. Anthony mountain is owned by John Kissel and George Wilgand, who are actively at work. The development there consists of several hundred feet of crosscuts and drifts which intercept five distinct ledges, ranging in width from 100 to 400 feet. The values are principally in gold, with some small percentage of copper. This property will pan free gold, as is characteristic of nearly all the ground in the vicinity.

The Quebec, on the mountain of this name, is owned by Allison, McGregor and Grant brothers, of Salt Lake, and is being worked by a force of men under the direction of the first two named owners. This property was bonded by Captain Wood, a prominent mining man from the east, last summer, but was given up because of some misunderstanding in the terms of the bond or price. Two long tunnels which thoroughly prospected the two veins within its lines, have shown this to be a fine property, as was asserted by Captain Wood when here.

The Printer Boy bunch of claims was originally located by an old printer, whose name is now unknown. It consists of the Printer Boy, Galley Boy and Marguerite, and is owned by Bowen, Levinger and Wallbrunn, of Baker City. They have at present about 100 feet of miscellaneous work done. In the face of one drift on the Printer Boy, a good live body of quartz nearly twenty-one feet wide has been exposed, giving values of \$12 to \$15, practically at the grassroots. Recent development on the Marguerite claim showed arsenical ore that pans numerous colors.

The Strassburg Consolidated, on Olive creek, Quebec mountain, is owned in Tacoma and is under bond to W. H.

Remington of that city. The property is about one-half mile from Alamo and is said to be the oldest patented ground in Grant county. There are four claims in the group and the work done consists of some 500 or more feet of crosscuts, drifts and winzes. A contract has been recently let for a 400-foot crosscut tunnel to tap the main lead at a depth of 325 feet. Various values from \$12 to \$96 have been had from this property.

Adjoining the Strassburg is the Leviathan group, in which is one of that name, Little Gertrude, P & B, Lucky Tom, Hardware and Locust, owned by Poindexter, Basche, Bowen and Wilson. Some 400 feet of drifts, crosscuts and shafts have been done here and a tunnel on the main ledge is now being driven under the direction of Paul Poindexter. Pan samples on the property give free gold colors. The ground was originally located by William Turner, Sr. Three distinct ledges can be traced on the surface through as many of the claims. Olive creek passes through the Leviathan claim, where at this point William Wren, now living at Pendleton, is said to have taken out over \$60,000 in placer gold in one season. This placer ground was well known as the old Carpenter diggings. The Leviathan has all the ear marks of a mine.

The VanAnda property is now at a standstill, on account of some hitch between the owner, William Turner, Sr., and the Blewetts, who some time ago bonded it for \$500,000. The property is known to be a good one and it is hoped and expected it will again soon resume work.

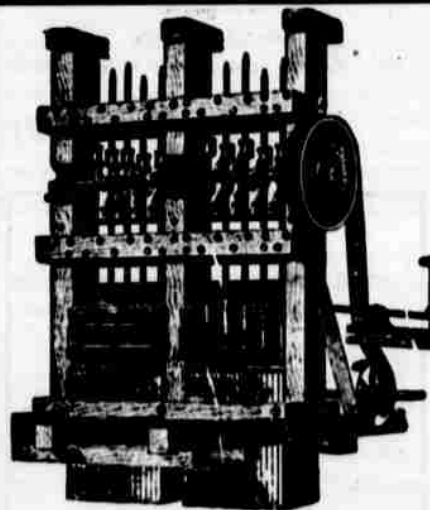
The Yellowstone, across Olive creek, opposite the Leviathan, is owned and operated by A. J. Trimble and George Barrett. They are now starting a new crosscut tunnel on this property.

The Paymaster, Brunswick and Paymaster No. 1, make up the Paymaster group, owned by Mark Daniels and C. H. Fisher, of Baker City, on Olive creek about one mile from Alamo. These men are working on both sides of the creek and have a 135-foot tunnel on the right side of the gulch, and another on the left of 35 or 40 feet. The tunnel on the Paymaster No. 1 is intended to reach the Brunswick beyond. On the surface are croppings indicating a ledge twenty-five to thirty feet, and in an open cut outside the tunnel eleven feet of sulphide ore and five feet of black quartz is visible. The tunnel, 100 feet in, averages \$12.40 across the face, while other samples show \$25 and \$29 values.

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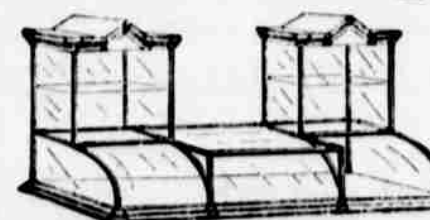


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