

GREENHORN DISTRICT.

Many Mines Being Opened Up Over There.

The section almost directly west of Sumpter known as the Greenhorn district, in which some extensive work has been done the past summer, will be the scene of much activity during the coming winter. Heavy supplies of provisions and miscellaneous mining material and equipment have recently and are yet being freighted in, and although the snows are unusually heavy in the mountains, the men can make themselves warm and comfortable as anywhere else and for many of them the spring will doubtless show up with telling effect after the long winter season with pick, hammer and drill.

A brief mention is made here of a few of the working mines in this district, among which is the Ben Harrison group, owned by Gillham and son, relatives of Banker J. H. Robbins of Sumpter. The development consists of over 300 feet of tunnel work, and a shaft 50 or 60 feet in depth, opening up a four-foot ledge, in which the values run from \$11 to \$36, gold and silver; principally the former. This property is mentioned as one of great promise.

W. E. Hurd is opening up a "bakers dozen" of properties and has accomplished a vast amount of work for one season, that shows an intelligent expenditure of money and labor. Dividend payers will no doubt be the ultimate result and help to convince the Portland skeptics that mining is a good place to invest some of its money.

The Dewey, owned by Richard Knapp, of Portland, has four feet of ore, running as high as \$76 in gold, silver and copper, in a formation of green stone and deorite.

The Smuggler group, owned by Peter Gagnon and "Black Jack" Gordon, consists of five claims. From the three tunnels and a shaft ore is being taken with values from \$25 to \$53 per ton in gold and silver.

Joseph McKee, the Portland liquor man, who is often seen in this section, is spending his money on some apparently fine properties and expects big returns in the near future.

The Carbonate mine with two claims, owned in Pendleton, has some 500 feet of tunnel work and a 40-foot shaft. It has a good 15-foot lead, with values said to be about \$12 per ton.

The Ruby mine is owned by Omaha men and has a 500-foot tunnel, showing a solid 4 foot vein of good ore, with \$18 values in same.

The Chloride mine has Utah men for its owners. Their work consists of 300 feet of tunnel, in which a 3-foot ledge is encountered, the values in which are said to average \$42. It is a smelting proposition.

The Tempest group of six claims yields some very high value smelting ore, said to run as high as \$506 per ton. Bennett & Bennett are its fortunate owners, and are doing good work; having opened a seven-foot vein of ore while running 225 feet of tunnel and a 30-foot shaft.

The Ornament, owned by Portland men, has 700 feet of tunnel work; a four-foot ledge and can boast \$30 average assay values from this property.

The Tiger group of four claims, owned by Weidler, Powers and Ordway, of Portland, is being managed by Jack Powers, the well known prospector and miner who first came into the Greenhorns in 1887, where he has sicne been, with the exception of a short season at Nome, from which delusive place he is glad to return to the Greenhorn country and remain. The Tempest has a 200 foot tunnel and a 60-foot shaft, at the mouth of which the ledge started from one and one-half inches and increased to four feet at the 60-foot depth, where there is now good solid ore. Cer-

tificates from Assayer Robbins show values from \$37.83 to \$45.03 in gold. This property is situated on the head waters of Boulder creek.

The Morris property, owned by Grant Thornberg, has about 600 feet of tunnel and a 35-foot shaft. Eight hundred ounces of silver and three ounces in gold are said to have come from a ton of this ore.

A preliminary survey is now being made from the Tempest mine to Robinsonville, which will cross the south end of the Greenhorn range. The wagon road will be about four miles long and will cost approximately \$2000, the expense of which will be borne by the mine owners in the Greenhorn. This will bring the district within sixteen miles of the end of the Sumpter Valley railroad, where it is claimed ore can be delivered on a down-hill pull for five dollars per ton.

In speaking of Robinsonville, it brings to mind a character known to every one there as "Forty Nine Jimmie," whose name is James Diffin. He was born in the county Armaugh, north of Ireland in 1824. He has lived in his present cabin for 32 years and celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday the sixth of the present month. He crossed the plains in 1849. No one believes in the mineral virtues of this country more than does "Forty Nine Jimmie."

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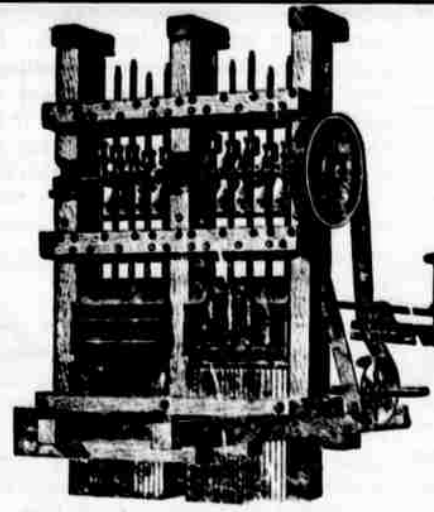
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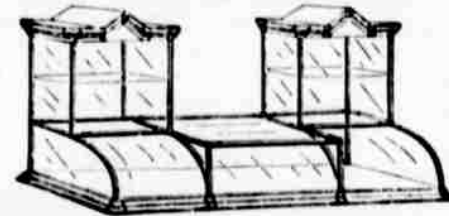


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