

GYPSY QUEEN GROUP.

Contract Let For 500 Feet of Tunnel Work.

J. E. Alden, of the Sumpter Grocery company, visited the Gypsy Queen group this week and reports that he saw one of the best looking prospects in the Cable Cove district. It is situated on Big Limber creek and about two miles in a northerly direction from the Crown Point mine.

Several months ago E. A. Kingman, of Boston, secured it on the strength of the report of W. H. W. Hamilton, the well known mining engineer of this place. Since Mr. Kingman's return to Boston, a company was formed to purchase the property. Its officers are, E. A. Kingman, president; Dr. G. B. Sawtelle, vice-president; Horace Chester, treasurer; C. K. Chester, secretary; with W. H. W. Hamilton as one of the directors, and who has since been appointed general manager of the property.

The company has a nominal capital of \$500,000, divided into 500,000 shares of a par value of \$1.00 per share and non-assessable. One hundred and fifty thousand shares were placed in the treasury and as yet have not been offered to the public.

The property consists of the Gypsy Boy, Gypsy Girl and Gypsy Queen, besides a splendid water right which controls all the water in Big Limber creek, sufficient to drive all the machinery that will ever be needed on the property.

Since the company was formed, Manager Hamilton has kept a force of six to eight men busy erecting buildings and making preparations to push development all winter.

Most of the development, so far, has been on the Gypsy Queen, which shows a true fissure vein with seven feet of solid ore averaging from \$14 to \$16 per ton in gold and a little silver. Selected samples have assayed up to \$30 per ton, which go to show that the discovery of higher average values remain to be revealed through the medium of exploration.

The principal development this winter will be a tunnel on the vein. The first 500 feet of this was let to J. D. Patty, who is on the property pushing the work.

Mr. Hamilton says that he will have all the work done by contract this winter, but next spring he intends putting in machine drills and a Leyster compressor, to be driven by water power, and will then stay at the property himself and have the work done by the day.

The Gypsy Queen is an ideal drifting proposition, as by driving the tunnel just started 1300 feet, 1000 feet of backs will be obtained, consequently no hoisting and pumping machinery will be needed for years.

Judge Newbury in Portland.

W. S. Newbury, now a mining man of Sumpter, is spending a few days at the Imperial. He is connected with the Astoria and Melbourn Mining company, which has its base of operations within six miles of Sumpter. Mr. Newbury says the value of the ore at a depth of eighty feet is \$60 per ton, although at the surface the assays give it but \$12. The ledge is twenty feet wide and the indications point to its widening as the miners penetrate into the mountain. He shows large photographs of the entrance to the tunnel, which is surrounded by a large force of workmen, while the building devoted to the bunkhouse, cookhouse and messhouse looks the picture of comfort and convenience, though built of logs, after the style of the pioneer settlers of Oregon. Mr. Newbury says that conditions in the Sumpter district are different from those of any other district in the country and experts who come from Colo-

rado, Montana and California are consequently often deceived by appearance, and thus condemn what they know nothing about. The number of producing mines in that vicinity, however, proves the value of the district and indicates the permanency of eastern Oregon gold mines. Mr. Newbury will remain in Portland for a few days.—Oregonian.

BEING A ROCK SHARP THE FAD.

"Mining Men" Who Don't Know Coal From Quartzite.

One of the rich men of Portland who is interested in eastern Oregon mines was in camp a few days since. He says it is now quite the fad among all classes and conditions of men in the Webfoot metropolis to affect a knowledge of mining and a familiarity with ores—that you can't throw a brickbat on one of the business streets without hitting a rock sharp.

A week or so ago while drilling a well on a piece of land which he owns near that town, a narrow strata of half formed coal was encountered. A young nephew of his who has heard much mining talk of late, noticed some of the stuff that was brought to the surface, and came to him with several samples, very much excited, thinking that he had found a bonanza right at home.

The gentleman put a piece in his pocket and a few days later exhibited it to a group of these above-mentioned recently become "mining men." They knew that he had acquired a gold mine or two out this way and concluded at once that this specimen was from one of his properties. They all agreed that it was very fine ore, that he was the "luckiest dog" on the list, but differed in their opinions as to the proper method of treatment to extract the values.

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