

CABLE COVE DISTRICT.

New Companies Operating in That Lively Camp.

In no district in eastern Oregon is there more mining activity than in the Cable Cove. For months past there have been frequent mentions in these columns of the extensive operations at the Baby McKee, under the able management of Colonel Grayson, representing a Cincinnati syndicate.

Some weeks since W. H. W. Hamilton negotiated the sale to Boston capitalists of the Gipsy Queen group, on the west side of the divide, on which property active operations are now in progress. Mr. Hamilton is directing this work. He was out to the mine last week, a few days after the main ledge had been cut, sixty feet in. He brought to town samples of the ore, which assayed \$64.02, two ounces of gold and the remainder in silver. Mr. Hamilton declares that he knows of a no more promising proposition than the Gipsy Queen.

This property was located last June by Eugene Bartholf, an experienced miner from Colorado. He says that at that time all the western side of the range was practically new ground. Some inexperienced prospectors had been there, for he saw where they had been digging pot holes in places, but the leads were "blind" so were not discovered and no locations were made. During the season he located three groups of claims, the Gipsy Queen, on the west side of Big Limber creek; the Gipsy King, on the east bank of that stream, and the Evening Star group, 1400 feet south of these. Last week he sold the latter to local capitalists and at the same time took a contract to run a 100 foot tunnel, on which he is now at work.

The Gipsy King will be incorporated and worked by a company, Mr. Bartholf retaining a large interest. The company will be known as the Gipsy King Gold Mines company, capitalized at \$1,000,000; with \$250,000 in treasury stock. The incorporators are John F. Alden, C. F. Brodie and G. H. Dedrick, all well known business men of Sumpter. Several other residents of this camp are interested in the company, which has perfect title to three claims, the Gipsy King, the Orphan Boy, located by Mr. Bartholf; the Lela May, located by S. Harrison, and an excellent water right.

The ledge on this property is the same as that on the Gipsy Queen group; in fact was first discovered on the King and traced across the creek to the Queen. One of the prospectors who had been there before dug a ten-foot hole within three feet of the vein, but failed to find it. It has been stripped for 100 feet and exposed by a half dozen open cuts up to the apex, a distance of 3000 feet. It is a strong, well defined ledge, five to six feet in width. The ore is an iron pyrites, and assays on the surface from \$14 to \$49; principal value in gold, with considerable silver, some lead and copper. It is thought that its character will change to galena with depth.

The company intends to begin active work at an early day. The plan of development will be to drive a tunnel on the ledge. A depth of 1100 feet can be attained with a 1500-foot tunnel.

Fabulously Rich Strike in Malheur County

The Malheur country, which is the southern extension of the Inland Empire of the Golden West, is to the front with one of the most remarkable gold strikes that has been made in Eastern Oregon for many years. It was made in the mine of a couple of flock-masters who have followed gold mining as a side issue to sheep and wool growing. They are the Ward

Brothers, whose flocks graze in Malheur county, just over the line of Baker county. They located claims some time ago and have diligently prosecuted development, and are opening up a property that has all the ear-marks of being a big bonanza. It is a ledge containing quartz which holds leaf and cube gold, besides gold bearing mineral of a refractory nature. Any kind of an assay can be obtained, running way up into the tens of thousands of dollars per ton. Full particulars are not obtainable at this writing, but there is no doubt but that the report of the strike is bonafide, for the information has come in from different sources and specimens of ore, exceedingly rich in free gold, are exhibited here in corroboration. There is no excitement, apparently, in the country where the strike was made, for the simple reason that gold is not uncommon there. The people are mostly engaged in pastoral occupations and do not get the gold fever very readily. Moreover, the district is out of the general route of travel and the news of its strikes does not quickly find its way to the outside world. The strike in the Sheepmen's mine, however, will doubtless cause an influx of prospectors to that country next spring. There is too much snow now to permit of successful prospecting.—Baker City Correspondence in San Francisco Mining Review.

Co-Operative Irrigation Scheme.

And now comes Eagle valley with a big co-operative irrigation scheme that bids fair to bring a large tract of rich but arid land under cultivation. Fifty farmers have joined in the construction of what is known as the Fuller canal. Their plan is to irrigate the land of those interested in the company. The ditch or canal will be 14 miles in length when completed. It takes the water from Eagle creek on the south side and far enough up to cover the low hills by the time it reaches the valley. This land, whenever irrigated, produces fine orchards and alfalfa fields. It is estimated that 10,000 inches of water can be diverted from the creek without interfering with the water rights now in force. This ditch will reclaim a large tract of land that is now useless except for pasturage. When the farmers and stock-raisers see that it is to their advantage to work hand in hand and on the co-operative plan, and suit the action to the thought, great things can be accomplished in eastern Oregon valleys.—Democrat.

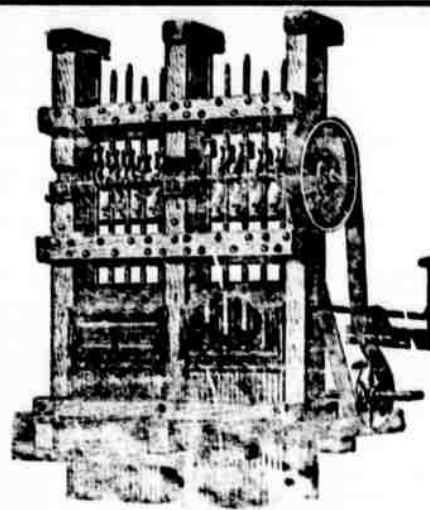
Colonel Donan Writing of the Northwest.

In a letter to THE MINER Colonel Donan says, incidentally: "I have turned in recently the manuscript of a revised edition of my book on "Oregon, Washington and Idaho," that will be a top-pager. And I am under contract to furnish copy for two more, between now and January 1—one on the mines and mining of the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and the British Columbian region; and the other on Pacific Northwest scenery—mountains, rivers, glaciers, cataraacts, etc. In the same time limits, I have contracted to grind out thirty newspaper and magazine articles on these and kindred subjects."

Saw Mill Moved from McEwen to Baker.

The large saw mill plant of Stoddard Brothers that has been in operation near McEwen for several years is being removed to Baker City. A large part of the machinery has arrived on the site just west of the O. R. & N. depot and the new machinery to be added will increase the capacity of the mill to about 100,000 feet of lumber per day, making the plant the equal in output of any mill in this part of the state. The location of the Stoddard mill here means an increase of Baker City's payroll over \$2000 per month and will generally increase the importance of Baker City as a lumber shipping point.—Democrat.

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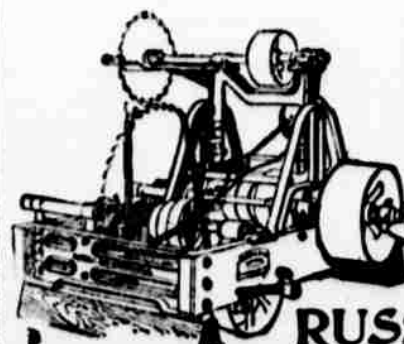
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