

**MINES EAST OF BAKER.**

**Seven Per Cent Copper in the Union-Vinson's Carrol B.**

Work has commenced on the sinking of a 100-foot shaft on the Copper Queen, better known as Gilkinson's copper mine, located twenty miles northeast of Baker City. This property was recently bonded and the work is in progress under the direction of the new management. There is now a shaft about 40 feet in depth on the Queen, at the site of the old smelter, which was operated over twenty years ago. The present work will continue this shaft. A tunnel has been driven on another part of the claim a distance of over 400 feet.

On the property of the Union Gold Mining company, about ten miles southwest of Sparta, ore has been struck bearing 7 per cent copper. Copper has been detected in the ore of this property before, but not in such good quantities. A revival of interest in the copper district is noticeable, and holds promise of greater activity there next year than ever before.

W. S. Vinson, manager of the Carroll B mine, the Pleasant Valley district, nine miles southeast of here, announced today that his workmen had connected the new works on that property with the old shaft. When Mr. Vinson took charge of the property last fall, he immediately began sinking a double compartment shaft for work at a better location than the old one. This has been driven with all possible speed. At the 80-foot level, a crosscut was made to tap the old works and cut the vein. Both have been successful in every respect, and the management reports a lode sixteen feet in width at the point where the tunnel intersects. Four feet of this wide vein carries high values.

All development work has proven very satisfactory. Men who have kept faith in the eastern and southeastern district while rich developments in other districts absorbed interest, regard the work on the Carroll B, Brazos and possible renewed operations in the White Swan, as a good indication that the properties immediately tributary to Baker City will command much attention in the near future.—Oregonian.

**Sixteen-Foot Ledge in the Carrol B.**

The Carrol B mine, in Pleasant Valley district, being extensively operated by W. L. Vinson, is making extraordinary showing as development work progresses. The crosscut tunnel, at a distance of 50 feet from the bottom of the 80-foot shaft, cut a ledge 16 feet wide, the values clear across running more than \$10 to the ton. The rich ore shoot struck a few weeks ago and from which ore worth from \$10,000 to \$50,000 to the ton was taken, continues as rich as ever. Mr. Vinson has a force of twenty or more men at work at the mine and the showing being made will soon justify the erection of a milling plant for the reduction of the ore.—Democrat.

**Grant County Taxable Property \$1,447,080**

A press dispatch from Salem says that the summary of the assessment roll of Grant county was filed in the secretary of state's office Thursday and shows a net increase of about 36 per cent over that of last year, being one of the few counties showing that condition. The gross valuation for 1899 was \$1,081,774, and the exemptions 90,421, leaving the net valuation \$991,353. This year's figures will be found in the following summary:

Acres tillable land, 18,854.....	\$ 110,810
Acres nontillable land, 317,283...	410,810
Improvements on deeded or patented lands.....	148,000
Town and city lots.....	50,350
Improvements on town and city lots.....	51,100

Improvements on lands not deeded or patented.....	18,610
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines, 232.....	2,340
Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery.....	26,720
Merchandise and stock in trade...	73,530
Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc.....	24,410
Money.....	15,610
Notes and accounts.....	61,810
Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc.....	18,160
Horses and mules, 4680.....	56,200
Cattle, 14,430.....	214,860
Sheep, 98,561.....	142,920
Swine, 593.....	1,760
Gross value of all property.....	\$1,447,080
Exemptions.....	90,730
Total value taxable property.....	\$1,356,350
Total taxable property 1899.....	\$ 991,353
Increase.....	\$ 364,997

**WHERE IS A. E. STARR?**

**This Miner Has Not Been Seen Since November 14.**

On or about November 14, at midnight, A. E. Starr left what is known as the Mullen cabin, at the McNamee diggings, where he had been living, since which time no trace of the missing man has been obtained, and it is among the most probable of things that on his travels through the Greenhorn mountains on the night of his strange disappearance he fell down some prospect shaft and was killed by the fall, or being unable to extricate himself from the depths of the shaft, perished from cold and hunger.

A. E. Starr was a pioneer of the Robinsonville section, having mined there for the past twenty or more years. He was supposed to know every foot of the Greenhorn district. Why he left his cabin at midnight is not known, but hours before going he remarked that he contemplated a visit to the Carpenter claims a few miles away.

Prior to his going to Robinsonville to engage in mining, Starr resided at Prairie City, Grant county, where he became a Mason and has ever since kept up his membership in the lodge at that place. His strange disappearance having been reported to the Prairie City lodge, a searching party of seven or eight men was at once sent out and a diligent hunt throughout the country tributary to Robinsonville was instituted, but thus far all efforts to find any trace of the lost man have been in vain.

Members of Mr. Starr's family residing in Baker City are almost distracted over the reported absence of their parent and his probable death, and many friends both in Baker and Grant counties, will do all in their power to apprehend his whereabouts.—Democrat.

**Denver People Buy the Uncle Dan.**

Matt Barroch, of Denver, who represents a strong Colorado syndicate and who has been in Baker City and vicinity for several months pursuing mine investigation, has consummated a deal for the purchase of the Uncle Dan mine in Virtue district, a property long owned by Dan Cochran and by him quite extensively developed, so much so that the property has been making a magnificent showing of late, specimens of ore coming from there that show values anywhere from \$10,000 to \$40,000 to the ton. Mr. Barroch, when seen yesterday by a Democrat reporter, had few particulars to give of his purchase, but confirmed the report that he had bought the property and said he would go into details later on.—Democrat.

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