THE GOLD HILL MINE

Company's Books

long since to say something, when I had \$540 to \$1360 per ton. something to say, impels me to address you at this time.

I have for the past two months been sojourning at this little town on the O. R. & N., thirty miles east of Baker City, station.

of a mile, which is adapted to agriculture section is naturally a stock country. Al- is now on the road, arrives. falfa hay is principally grown and sells in the stack for four dollars per ton. In addition, placer mining in many of the pressor at the mine. Coal is used for guiches coming down at intervals into the fuel, costing \$5.75 at the station, which river proper, has for many years been carsied on; while the mountains have numerous quartz lodes which have been develno systematic and extensive quartz mining pleted. has been carried on here.

I today made a visit to one of these partially developed properties which is known as the Burnt River Gold Mintog and Milling company, but usually called the Gold Hill mine, Colonel James A. Panting be- list in the near future. ing the general manager.

It is located on Gold Hill mountain four miles east of Durkee. The company is composed of Cincinnati and New York about four years. During that time ex- place. Apply at this office. tensive devalopment work has been made and the indications today point with certainty to its being a very valuable prop-

Composing the property are twenty-five claims, altogether, and they cover an area of over six hundred acres, for which a patent has been granted. There has been run 1870 feet of tunnels and twice as many of crosscuts, prospect tunnels, upraises, etc. The company has a ten stamp mill completely equipped with 1000 pound stamps, ore crusher, four concentrators and a capacity of thirty tons a day, located on a creek one quarter of a mile from the mouth of the tunnel. There is a comfortable two story house occupied as a residence and office by the superintendent, a boarding and bunk house, assay office, barns and other outhouses.

The greatest depth attained by the tunnel is 700 feet, and at the end a new ledge was struck day before yesterday, ore from which came out today while I was present, of the most promising character. It is highly mineralized, and while no assay has, as yet, been made from it, the foreman assured me it would show values very high, judging from the character of the ore and a comparison with other bodies in the mine, of known value. The new find is four feet wide, with a streak over a foot wide carrying the promising ore men-

tioned. To show the general character of the ore I was, upon request, given access to the books in the assay office, in which were found the values obtained from samples before the mine was purchased by the company, and upon which they bought the mine. I found them as fol-

lows, from the different claims sampled at the time: Spring Gulch, \$16; Lookout, \$10.30; Bonanza, \$26.40; Senator Jones, \$5 60; Auzinger, \$10 40; Gone Goose, \$4.20. From the Spring Gulch ledge Facts and Figures From the there has come shipping ore yielding \$124 per ton; from the Gem vein, \$104. From iron pyrites, taken from the top of the hill, where the ledge is from four to two hundred feet in width, four dollars per ton has been taken. There has been some EDITOR MINER:-A promise made you ore worked at the mill which yielded from

Hitherto none of these figures have been given to the public and it was with reluctance they were given me.

As the mine is not for sale, and as I obtained the data from the books of the which is the metropolis of the Burnt River company, reliance can be placed upon the mining district. It is an embryo city, statements. During a period of thirty known to postal authorities as Express, days, when the mill was last run, two but to the railroad world as Durkee years ago, the battery samples ran from \$10.40 to \$37.20. At that time crushing Although yet in its swaddling clothes, was suspended, awaiting more extensive it is growing and bids fair, in time, to be- developments in the mine. It is estimcome of considerable importance. Along ated there is 12,000 tons of ore on the the banks of the Burnt river, or creek, dump, wich if it yields what is considered there is a belt of low land, varying in a low estimate, \$8 per ton, it will go a width from a few hundred feet to a quarter long way toward paying the cost of the mine up to date, which, including the purand is mostly utilized as meadow and hay chase price, amounts in round numbers to ranches. As the adjacent hills and moun- \$150,000. The mill is to be started up tains afford good grazing in summer, the again as soon as new machinery, which

Steam power is used to run the mill, and a gasoline engine to run the air commakes it cheaper fuel than wood.

The company has secured water rights on Eagle creek, thirty miles distant, for oped just enough to prove that rock exists an electric plant, sufficient to give four in paying quantities. In two or three in- thousand horse power. It is expected to stances mills for reduction have been furnish power and light to other comerected, but it can be safely asserted that panies along the line, when it is com-

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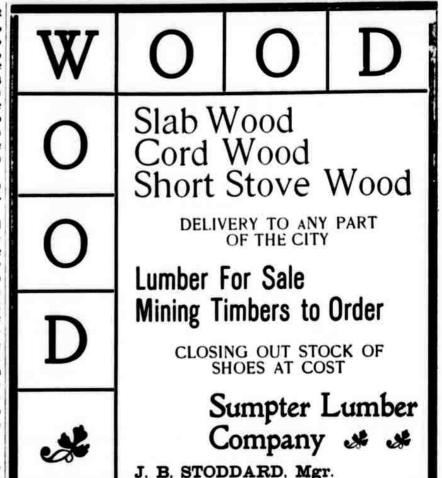
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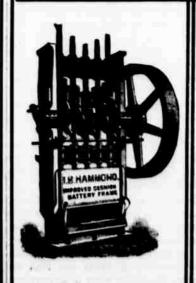
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