

OUR GOLD FIELDS.

There Are Now 400 Stamps Dropping.

Not since the four California miners discovered gold in Griffin's gulch in October, 1861, has there been such favorable conditions for mining as has been experienced in the eastern Oregon gold fields during the last eight months. With an early spring and a late fall, with little snow or mud to interfere with travel, the mining industry has progressed as never before in Baker and adjoining counties.

While "the woods" have been full of prospectors, and greater development work has been done than ever before, there have been few new strikes reported of any consequence. This is accounted for by the fact that much of the prospecting has been done by companies who have bonded old claims and continued the work already done, while the prospecting done on new ground has been simply to hold the property till next year, when a large amount of development work must be done.

One year ago there were nine regular producing mines in the various camps and 14 irregular producers. At this time there are 15 producers with about the same number of irregular producers, or mines where machinery is being constructed for reducing ore. The new mills, or mills having new machinery put in for enlarging their plant are, the Gold Hill, 10 stamps; the Empire, 10 stamps; the Brazos, 10 stamps; the Mammoth, 10 stamps; the Bald Mountain, 20 stamps; the Goldconda, 10 new stamps; the Columbia, 10 new stamps.

There are 400 stamps that are supposed to be dropping in the various camps in Baker county. Some of these stamps are temporarily idle, due to various causes. Mills are being enlarged, new machinery being put in—or pending sale—or explorations being made for deeper work. There are about 100 more stamps in the district that are idle, not mentioned in the above list. These are in mills on old properties that have been worked out, or, if not exhausted, then ruined by bad management and in bad shape.

There have been just eighty stamps added to the active workers in the last year. There are also about the same number in process of construction which will be ready for next year's work.

A large amount of hoisting machinery has also been put in place and considerable deep sinking has been going on. The district east of the city has taken a new start and present indications are that the old Virtue district will rival Cracker Creek, Bonanza and the Granite districts before the close of the coming season.

A most conservative estimate indicates that before the close of the season of 1901 there will be no new dividend producing mines added to the list of producers in the eastern Oregon gold fields.

Approximately the district has produced \$3,000,000 in gold this year, 1900. The improvements which are in process of construction will raise that figure to at least \$5,000,000 for the year 1901.—Baker City correspondent in holiday edition of Boise Statesman.

Captain Thompson's Placer Proposition.

A very important step was taken by the Gold Bullion Mining company of Oregon, when the owners met the other day and reorganized, by increasing their capital stock from \$100,000 to \$500,000, and the purchase of 640 acres of placer ground. The company owns a dredger on Snake river at Big Bend, where their placer grounds are situated. The company contemplates putting in an electric plant at Parma, where the water is ample, and convey the power to operate the

dredger a distance of 10 miles, saving thus the useless expense of hauling coal to the dredger. The raise in the capital stock was found necessary to secure adequate funds to carry on this enlarged project, as it has been demonstrated that by cheapening the cost of power a fair profit can be made from the cleanups of the dredger. The owners of the property are, J. S. Kenyon, Captain C. H. Thompson, A. S. McComas and Hon. William Smith, thus showing that this is practically a home enterprise.—Republican.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 1, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 1, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ORLANDO C. KOONTZ of Hereford, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 711, for the purchase of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 35, and $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 36, in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1901.

He names as witnesses: Thomas Arvidson, E. H. Ware, James Fleetwood, Jr., Fred Perry, all of Hereford, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of March, 1901.

Jan 9—27 E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 1, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, December 17, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 1, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

LINDEN D. STETLER, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 730, for the purchase of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 35, and $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 36, of section No. 14, in township No. 10 S., range No. 17 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1901.

He names as witnesses: D. S. McCoy, V. R. Mead, Clarke Snyder, and Irwin Gatewood, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of March, 1901.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

To the honorable Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Oregon.

We, the undersigned citizens of Bourne Precinct, Baker County, Oregon, humbly petition your honorable body to grant a license to Anderson & Marsh to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in the town of Bourne, for the period of three (3) months from February 1, 1901, and for such other petitioners will ever pray:

Thos. McGuire, Frank McCann, John Connell, Thomas Ward, Frank Weir, E. G. White, Ph. Holz, F. E. Johnson, H. R. Caddis, C. H. Cook, Tim Shea, Wm. Flint, John T. Rusk, S. A. Bowers, W. M. Francis, A. H. Steele, G. N. Taylor, Allen McPhee, J. Anstead, Chas. Engle, David Eveland, R. D. Warnock, T. P. Oakes, D. G. Branner, Pat Murry, Chas. G. North, John Reagan, Barney McKenna, A. J. Goldthorp, E. C. Brayford, W. T. Campbell, Henry Engle, Chas. M. Boston, Wm. Blair, W. J. Evans, Alfred Casanbon, John Snor, Pat Voronda, C. F. Kear, A. J. R. Dress, A. J. Tadlock, Ward O. Grant, J. C. Post, I. R. McNamara, M. W. Beckwith, G. W. Rankin, John McGill, Geo. G. Hale, L. L. Day, I. H. Akins, I. C. White, J. Neiderkorn, P. Harkins, H. H. Wilson, Ed. Rawson, W. H. Spencer, Chas. C. Hall, W. S. Bonner, R. N. Wall, W. H. Balesry, Ben G. Ross.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the said Anderson & Marsh will apply to the said county court of Baker county for the granting of said license on the 1st day of January, 1901, or as soon thereafter as their petition can be heard.

ANDERSON & MARSH.

Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court of Baker County, Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of Annie Clemens, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, L. T. Brock, administrator of the estate of Annie Clemens, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said estate, to exhibit them together with the necessary vouchers, within the next six months after the first publication of this notice, to wit: The twelfth day of December, 1900, to the administrator at his office, at the corner of Granite and Mill streets, in the town of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, the same being a place for the transaction of business of the said estate in said county.

L. T. BROCK, Administrator.

Dated, Sumpter, Ore., December 12, 1900.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To Steve Leyden and W. W. Thurmen:

You are hereby notified that A. J. Tadlock, your co-owner in that certain mineral claim known as the Peacock, being situated on the McCully fork about four and a half miles northwest of Sumpter and near the granite road in Baker county, has performed assessment work as required by law and you are required within 90 days from date hereof to pay your proportion of the expenditure upon said claim.

A. J. TADLOCK.

Sumpter, Oregon, December 10, 1900. First publication Dec 10, 1900, last March 20, 1901.

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