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## TWO LEDGES TAPPED

### ONE IN THE EVENING STAR, THE OTHER IN LITTLE GIANT.

**Tunnel in First Only Sixty Feet in, Latter Over 1000—Large Body of Ore Blocked Out and a Ten Stamp Mill Will Be Installed on the Little Giant—Buildings Already Finished and Machinery on the Ground.**

Two ledges were cut during the past week, both of which were important events in the eastern Oregon mining world.

One was the vein on the Evening Star, in the Cable Cove district, Eugene Bartholf having the contract for driving the tunnel. The location of this ledge was definitely known and was tapped at a distance of only sixty feet, at a depth of forty feet. The tunnel will now be driven on the ledge and a large body of ore will be easily and cheaply opened. This property is only 1400 feet from the Gipsy King and Queen groups, the former being operated by a local company and the latter by Boston capitalists, under the management of Mining Engineer Hamilton.

The other ledge cut was on the Little Giant, in the lower workings, a cross cut tunnel over 1000 feet long, the property which a rich English syndicate is developing. This information reached town a day or two since, but no details are obtainable. The mine is located about six miles beyond the Red Boy.

The upper tunnel has exposed a 12-foot body of ore that averages \$18. This tunnel has been driven 300 feet and the lower crosscut tunnel is designed to tap the same ore body at a considerable depth. Now, that the long tunnel has encountered the 12 foot ore body, if the values and character do not materially change, a 10-stamp mill and electric plant will be installed at once. New buildings for both have been erected and the machinery is on the ground. Superintendent A. G. Williams, formerly of the Bonanza mine, is directing work with a force of 20 men. The company's representative now on the ground is Charles Blamforth.

W. H. W. Hamilton and Eugene Bartholf came in from the Cable Cove district this afternoon, since the above was written. Mr. Bartholf reports that they are in on the Evening Star vein seven feet and there are still no signs of the further wall. He brought in some ore with him which carries a large per cent of lead. It has not yet been assayed. Mr. Hamilton says they are nearing the ledge in the Gipsy Queen and everything is all right. He has spent the last ten days at the mine.

#### Gold Scales for First Bank of Sumpter.

The First Bank of Sumpter has just received from the New York house of Christian Becker, one of the largest and most approved sets of gold dust and bullion scales that is manufactured. The mechanism of this expensive piece of bank furniture is simply perfect. A half grain of gold, of the value of about two cents, is as accurately determined as is the 1000 ounces, which can also be weighed on these scales at one time.

#### Stamp Mill for the Alamo.

J. G. McGuigan, John R. Cassin and W. R. Eisenhour, of Spokane, owners of

the Alamo mine, near the enterprising town of that name, came up yesterday morning and in company with W. H. Jackson, the well known mining man, visited their mine, to determine the advisability of soon placing a stamp mill thereon. Mr. McGuigan says it is only a matter of having enough ore mined to warrant continuous operation as the body and grade of ore has long since been proven. This property has an enviable reputation and will doubtless soon be a steady producer.

#### Rifle Made by Clark Tabor.

Harley Wood has on exhibition in his place a repeating rifle of about 50 calibre that is a most interesting relic. With the exception of the barrel, every part was made by Clark Tabor, without the aid of any tools other than those found in every mining camp blacksmith shop. He did the work while wintering in the Greenhorn mountains many years ago, and evidently it furnished him entertainment for many otherwise weary days. The iron work, of course, is crude, having had no means of polishing the parts. The lock and the mechanism which carries the cartridge from the magazine to the barrel is his own invention, and is similar in plan to that used in the Winchester at the present time. The stock is a handsome piece of walnut, and is polished as smooth as a mirror.

#### Ibex, the Stake in a Freezeout Game.

Simcoe Chapman has been in town for a day or two. He says his presence here at this time is of no especial significance and he will return to Portland tomorrow. Mr. Chapman does not discuss the subject with the public, but it is learned from other sources that the affairs of the Ibex seems to be about as far from settlement as when the trouble first commenced. Arthur Hill, the principal owner, simply stands pat and will do nothing, one way or another. Those who know something of the affairs of the company are of the opinion that a freezeout game has been inaugurated. No one seems to doubt the great value of the mine.

#### Three Ribs and Collar Bone Broken.

Dr. Brock went to Baker City yesterday. On his return in the afternoon he found a call awaiting him to go to Granite, to attend Mr. Lucas, a farmer down the valley, who had met with an accident while at Granite. The doctor returned this forenoon and reports that Mr. Lucas had three ribs and a collar bone broken. He was driving a load of hay into a barn, was struck by a piece of timber and knocked to the ground. No serious results will follow, but it will be some days before he can be brought home.

#### Golconda Pump Works Like a Charm.

Superintendent Stickney, of the Golconda, is in town today. He reports that the recently installed pump is working like a charm. There is a stand pipe down 400 feet, consisting of eighty joints. A water pressure of 3500 pounds is in the pipe and there is not a leak at any joint. Of course, Superintendent Stickney is not saying a word about the much talked of sale of the great Golconda mine.

#### Death of Thomas C. Martin.

T. D. Bellinger returned Sunday from Portland, to which place he accompanied the remains of T. C. Martin, who died at the hospital in Baker City one day last week. The body was sent to Oakland, California, for interment. Deceased was master mechanic at the Bonanza mine. He was an old friend of Mr. Bellinger, who was with him in his last moments.

## LOCATIONS IN 1900.

### Records Show That 1900 Were Filed in This County.

There is perhaps no person in Baker county who would have come within 1000 of guessing how many mining locations were made and recorded in Baker county last year, and the Democrat reporter who visited Recorder C. W. James in his office yesterday morning, was not even that well posted.

Mr. James is always courteous and accommodating, and this paper has yet to learn of an instance where the gentleman has failed to assist in every way possible all who have called upon him for information, but when the reporter meekly asked him for a copy of the mining locations made in 1900, that worthy official threw up both hands and exclaimed: "Great Scott, man, you don't seem to realize the enormity of that request. Why, it would take a stenographer a week to get started on them. No, I don't believe I can furnish you with a copy of them, but if you desire I will show you the records and you may help yourself. There must be a thousand or fifteen hundred of them at least. We will just glance through the books, however, and you may judge for yourself."

With the assistance of the gentleman a few interesting facts were gleaned. From January 2, 1900, to December 30, 1900, there were 1900 quartz and placer locations made and recorded, the majority, of course, being quartz. This is an average of over five for every day in the year, not excepting Sundays.

The first location for 1900 was made by E. F. Newton, January 2, and was a quartz proposition, located and recorded under the name of Mamie E, situated in the Virtue district.

The last location for the year was made on December 29, at 8 a. m., by H. S. McCullum, also a quartz ledge. This one was recorded under the name of the Annex quartz claim, situated in the Mammoth district, near Sumpter.

The first location of the twentieth century, L. L. Osborn has the distinction of making. It is called the Midnight and is located in the Virtue district.—Democrat.

#### Baker City Iron Works Busy.

R. W. Hardenbrook, one of the firm that recently bought out the Baker City Iron works, was registered at the Golden Eagle hotel last evening, and is today making acquaintances among the Cracker Creek miners. He is much pleased with his investment in the Baker City plant, and says they have more work than they can take care of without running overtime. Mr. Hardenbrook is looking for several tons of scrap iron in a hurry, with which to cast a large fly wheel for one of the lumber mills, and to fill an order for some architectural iron work, of which the institution is now making a specialty. They also expect to begin the manufacture of stamp mills at an early day and will add new machinery for that purpose.

#### A. W. Gowan Is "Out" for Mitchell.

Hon. A. W. Gowan, of Burns, the leading attorney of that section and formerly a member of the legislature, was in Sumpter Monday and Tuesday, en route to Portland and Salem. Mr. Gowan is in close touch with the political powers of this state and it is thought that he will play an important part in the senatorial

contest now on at the state capital. He is a pronounced Mitchell man and stated to a MINER man yesterday that he thinks it not at all improbable that Senator McBride will let himself down easy by throwing his strength to Mitchell when it becomes apparent that his own chances are hopeless. Mr. Gowan was in consultation with local republican politicians while here.

#### A Wise Man From the West

Who intends going east will see that his tickets read by way of Salt Lake city and the Rio Grande Western railway in connection with either the Denver and Rio Grande or Colorado Midland railroads, for these reasons: First, most magnificent scenery in America, en route; second, choice of three distinct routes through the Rocky mountains; third, it is the only transcontinental line passing directly through quaint and picturesque Salt Lake—the City of the Saints; fourth, perfect dining car service; fifth, three fast through trains daily between Ogden, Denver and all points east, connecting with all trains of the Southern Pacific, Oregon Railway & Navigation company and Oregon Short Line; sixth, through Pullman palace and ordinary sleeping cars from San Francisco, Portland, etc., to Denver, Omaha and Chicago. There are many other reasons why the route through Salt Lake City over the Rio Grande Western railway is the most comfortable and enjoyable in the whole country. By inquiry, you can learn a great deal on the subject of transcontinental travel. J. D. Mansfield, General Agent, 253 Washington St., Portland, Ore. Geo. W. Heintz, General Passenger Agent, Salt Lake City.

#### Delightful Winter Weather.

Old timers say that a thaw usually comes in January. For a week past the weather has been unusually mild. One day there was a light rain, but the remainder of the time the sun has shown brightly and overcoats have been a drug on the market. In fact, the weather during the entire winter, as was that of last winter, has been very pleasant; so much so that this country ought to advertise itself as an unequalled winter resort. Had there not been such a heavy fall of snow during the early days of this month, the ground would now be bare. The thawing in the day time and the freezing at night have had the effect of putting the snow roads in an ideal condition and freighters never had a smoother snap.

#### "Mayor Robbins Is all Right."

Mayor Robbins, of Sumpter, comes into office with the new year with a message that is applicable to every municipality in Oregon. His recommendations to the aldermen and other officers of Sumpter have a ring of sincerity and common sense which is truly gratifying to any one interested in city and town government. Mayor Robbins is all right and will do much for the best interests of Sumpter during his administration, if he has the proper co-operation of her citizens.—Lawton Standard.

#### One Train on Sundays.

Beginning with last Sunday, the management of the Sumpter Valley railway announces that hereafter until further notice, the afternoon train on that day will be abandoned. This gives the train crew a half holiday and Sumpter no afternoon mail on Sundays.

#### Music Lessons.

Wanted, music pupils, violin and piano. Address, Charles O. Morrell, corner Center and North streets, city.