

GREAT IS CABLE COVE.

Expert Says It Is Most Promising District in the State.

In my travels all over Oregon I have at last come across a district that inside of two years will come forward so as to astonish mining men. I base my prediction on the geology of the district, consisting of gneiss and granite, belonging to the Archean order, or primitive rocks. I have seen the same in the Black Hawk mine, near Central City, Colorado. As I stated, the Cable Cove district is the place I have seen signs of permanency, also an increase in values as depth is attained, and the veins also widen out.

There are a number of mines being operated there now, notably, the Imperial, Baby McKee, Last Chance, Gipsy Queen and Gipsy King, Lucky Boy, Monitor and Gray Eagle. A crosscut tunnel is being run on the California to intersect the vein, which will give a vertical depth of 400 feet when the vein is reached. I would also call attention to a section northeasterly from Cable Cove, showing a copper sulphide, merely prospects at present. The altitude is 7000 feet by the barometer, a good wagon road from this place making it easy of access and while there is a heavy fall of snow in winter, yet work can go ahead without any interruption.

The projected electric road will be necessary to accomodate the transportation of ores. Then I look for Sumpter to come forward as a solid mining town.

Having been in most all the mining camps of any note, I can see as a practical mining man, that the camp has great merit, though capital is necessary here, combined with intelligence in directing operations. This summer will prove my high opinion of Cable Cove district.

Properties situated in this district are ideal tunneling propositions and can be mostly developed by tunnels, hence heavy sinking machinery will not be necessary for some time. The ores at present are gold, silver and lead, but from past experience I can safely state that with depth there will be a telluride ore. I also believe that inside of two years it will produce more gold than any district I know of in Oregon.

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More Work and Less Talk Than Ever.

I. J. Simmons, who is pushing work on the Mining mine—or as the owners speak of the property, the M. & M.—came down the last day of the year on business and remained a couple of days. This Morning mine is one of the two claims owned by Ames & Simmons, situated at the head of Big creek, about three miles from Robinsonville. One claim, the Mark Hanna, has only had one assessment done on it; but the Morning has been worked for two seasons and has a tunnel 130 feet long, showing a strong ledge of free milling ore. The location of the mine is admirable, having plenty of wood, water and a fine tunnel site. Mr. Simmons reports that more work is being done all through these mountains, and less said about it than ever before.—Blue Mountain Eagle correspondence from Susanville.

Stalled by Snow on Strawberry Butte.

Jay and Frank Ferree returned Monday after their second unsuccessful attempt to reach the Cleaver group, where they expect to spend the remainder of the winter driving the big tunnel which is intended to crosscut the entire mineral belt of this great copper proposition. They first started December 22 with twelve pack horses loaded with supplies, but were stalled by the deep snow on Strawberry Butte, about a mile from their cabin. Caching their outfit, they returned

to town. Last Friday week they started again, intending to sled the supplies to camp. After spending three hours and a half going two miles from the Indian Creek sawmill, their ten-foot-skees letting them down to their knees in the light snow, they concluded to return. The trip back to the mill was made in fifteen minutes. They will make their third start as soon as the snow settles.—Prairie City Miner.

Good Ore in the Last Chance.

About four and a half miles south of Canyon City, on Miller mountain, is located the Last Chance group of quartz claims, consisting of the Last Chance No. 1 and Last Chance No. 2, which are among the most promising quartz properties of this vicinity. This group was discovered several weeks ago, but until lately little work has been done on it. With development, however, it shows up well, and there is no doubt but in the near future this group will be numbered with the dividend payers of Grant county. The ledge varies from three to six feet in width and traverses the entire length of both claims. Assays obtained from samples taken from this ledge give returns of from \$30 to \$800 per ton and no doubt picked samples would go up into the thousands. The ore varies from a white quartz, carrying free gold, to a brown hematite, heavily charged with sulphates and carrying the highest values. The Last Chance No. 1 is owned by R. A. Hines, and the Last Chance No. 2 by W. J. Silsbee, Hines and Powell.—Grant County News.

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