

OVER AT QUARTZBURG

Work on Several Good Mines
in That District.

The report having drifted down from Quartzburg last Saturday that a strike had been made at the Present Need; that the big crosscut tunnel upon which work has been in progress with two shifts for several months had at last reached the vein, and that eighty inches of high grade ore is in sight, the miner man borrowed a cayuse and "a day off" and visited the camp on a tour of investigation.

The above reports were verified with the exception of that referring to the main lead. Fred Morey, the owner, expressed the opinion that merely a stringer had been intersected. Engineers were making a survey to ascertain the probable location of the ledge. This tunnel will give the Present Need the deepest workings in the camp—a depth of about 400 feet, in a length of less than 300. There are upwards of 600 feet of tunnels in the old workings. Included in the equipment are a new, modern, self-dumping arastra, operated by a 20-horse power boiler and a 15-horse power engine, a crusher and a roaster.

The Quartzburg M. & M. Co.'s five-stamp mill has been running for a week on low grade ore left on the Oregon dump by former lessees; the week's run of 38 tons having averaged \$13 a ton. Superintendent S. H. Hayes informed us that considerable ore of this grade remains untouched in the old workings, as it can not with present facilities be mined, hauled in wagons and milled on a safe margin of profit. In the old workings, which attain a depth of 150 feet, the important fact is demonstrated that the width of the vein increases with depth. The vein averages two and one-half feet; the greatest width of six feet two inches being in the Colorado. A new 20-stamp mill for this property is a possibility of the not very distant future. Mr. Hayes, who on Thursday left for the east to be gone two months, on business connected with this property, informed the Miner man that work upon what is to be the main working tunnel, a crosscut starting at the base of the mountain near the Present Need, to tap the vein about three hundred feet below the old workings, will be started February 1, with two shifts.

At the Cougar, under lease to Howell & McIntyre, one shift is driving "The Kid" tunnel to tap the vein at a depth of 70 feet in a length of 210 feet. Ten feet more remains to be driven. The \$85 ore recently milled at the Present Need arastra came from the 40-foot shaft, which will connect with this tunnel. On the dump of the Mountain Chief, an abutting property, Howell & McIntyre have fifty tons of base ore which samples \$31. This ore came from a 177-foot adit, without stoping. The vein is from five to eighteen inches wide.

At the Johnson arastra, on the east fork of Dixie creek, T. W. Norcross is opening up a big body of concentrating ore of unknown width and value.—Prairie City Miner.

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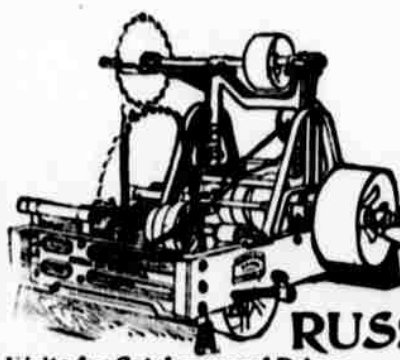
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