

## DIRECTOR OF THE MINT'S REPORT.

### Special Mention of Eastern Oregon Gold Fields.

The director of the mint has issued his annual report for 1900, which contains many interesting facts regarding the mining regions of the Northwest. The gold fields of eastern Oregon receive especial mention, in which there are some minor inaccuracies, naturally. It is impossible for the director of the mint or any other official or individual to secure accurate figures regarding the precious metal output, and these figures necessarily fall below the actual production. The value for last year, including gold, silver, copper and lead, is placed at \$1,666,772.47, an increase over the previous year of \$284,186.43. The gold product of the year is given at \$1,467,378.52. It is thought that much of this valuable data was collected by United States Assayer Wing, of Seattle, who spent a week or more in the district some time since. The report says:

"Over one-third of all the gold and silver finding its way to the mints and assay offices of the United States from the state of Oregon, either by direct deposit or through the medium of smelters and refineries of the country, was recovered from the placer and quartz ledges of Baker county. Of the total gain of \$284,186.43 in the state's production, this county contributed approximately one fourth, and in point of intense activity and intelligent progression it ranks first among the state's many valuable mining districts. Sumpter, its principal camp, has become the cynosure of attraction among its many mining men and capitalists. Within the limits of this camp there are at present some twenty mines equipped with stamp mills or cyanide plants, which have a total capacity of many thousands of tons of ore per month, while many new properties are constantly being gotten in readiness for active operations.

"Herewith is given a partial list of Sumpter mines upon which sufficient development work has been done to place them past the prospective stage. The list is by no means complete, but is prepared from the most reliable data obtainable.

"The North Pole mine, on Cracker creek, just out of Sumpter, is equipped with a 20-stamp mill and a 25-ton cyanide plant, and employs a large force of miners. The lower tunnel is completed for a distance of 1900 feet, and tunnel No. 2, 450 feet lower, about 1200. At the intermediate level, 400 feet above No. 2 is a tunnel nearly 700 feet long, 1500 feet above this there is still another 800 feet long.

"The lower and second tunnels are connected by a main upraise. There are also numerous shafts and raises connecting the different workings, all of which constitute valuable development. A gravity tramway, 1000 feet long, connects the mouth of tunnel No. 2 with the mouth of the lower. The mine has long been a producer.

"The Golconda, six miles from Sumpter, is equipped with a No. 4 Bryan mill of 90 tons daily capacity. About 2,000 feet of tunnel work, 300 feet of shafting, and 200 feet of raises constitute the development work to date. The upper tunnel has reached a depth of 800 feet. The ledge is 160 feet between walls and contains a number of chutes, all of which carry more or less value.

"The Columbia, on the same lead as the Golconda, is equipped with two 20-horse power boilers, a three-ton hoist, stamps, concentrating tables, saw mill, electric plant, and all necessary machinery.

"The E. & E., which is at present idle on account of litigation, is equipped with

a 20-stamp mill, concentrating tables and all modern conveniences. The ledge is 50 feet wide, and the vein has been exploited 1800 feet, the lowest depth being 600 feet below the apex of the ledge.

"The Free Coinage, owned by V. A. Schilling and W. A. Cannon, of Portland, is situated five miles from Sumpter. A 100-foot tunnel has attained a depth of 80 feet in ore assaying from \$10 to \$50 per ton in gold. The Ilex, six miles from Sumpter, is another big mine in the Cracker Creek district. A total of 1500 feet of tunneling and shafting represents the development work. The ledge ranges from 10 to 30 feet in width, and the ore will average \$20 per ton in gold.

"This group consists of three claims, and is located near the Golconda and Columbia, on the main ledge of that district. It is being thoroughly developed, and the mine is rapidly being brought in line with the other big mines of Sumpter. The property has a 60 foot shaft sunk on the ledge, and at the bottom an 80-foot crosscut has been run which, however, has not as yet traversed the ledge. Two tunnels of 150 and 300 feet, respectively, have also been driven, and in these assays run from \$2 to \$24 per ton.

"The Maiden's Dream lies parallel to the Ilex ledge and north of it. Development work consists of 1000 feet of tunnels reaching a depth of 150 feet.

"On Burnt river, about 35 miles southeast of Baker City, the Pomeroy dredger, an extensive plant, has been in operation for some time. It has a capacity of 3500 cubic yards of gravel per day of 24 hours, and is operated at a slight cost, not exceeding 5 cents per yard, in gravel running 25 cents. Results so far have been entirely satisfactory. On a tributary of Burnt river the Weatherby placers are located and have been good producers for some time.

"There are many other properties in the district in various stages of development, among them being the Baisley-Eikhorn, Gold Ridge, Mormon Boy, Consolidated Virginia and Flag Staff Mining company, Eureka and Excelsior.

"The placer mines of this district also yielded considerable gold, coming principally from the Never Sweat placer mine, Chicken creek, Rye valley, Flick bar and Clark creek.

#### GRANT COUNTY.

"The output of this county in 1898 was \$176,231.82, and for 1899 the production increased to \$303,686.53, showing a net gain of \$127,448.71. The largest production of lead and silver came from this county, and its principal producing mines are located in its extreme eastern portion, lying on the west slopes of the Blue mountains, in the vicinity of Granite, Susanville, Prairie and Canyon Cities. Among these are the Red Boy and Bonanza. This is strictly speaking, a subdivision of the Sumpter district.

"The Bonanza, equipped with a 40 stamp mill, has opened up 10,000 feet of tunnel, is lighted with electricity and thoroughly equipped in every particular. The ledges, which are cut by 2500 feet of crosscuts, are from 10 to 135 feet in thickness. Concentrates run as high as \$200 per ton.

"The Red Boy is equipped with one of the most complete and modern mills in the state and represents the expenditure of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, employs a large force of men and the mountain has been penetrated to a depth of 4000 feet, with a depth of tunnel 400 feet, making it one of the most complete mines in eastern Oregon.

"Golden Eagle is another prominent property, while on the Don Juan a 5 stamp mill is operating on high grade ore. Adjoining the Bonanza on the south is the Empire group of three claims, developed with several hundred feet of tunnel and a 10 stamp mill is in course of erection.

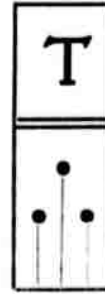
"Among other mines that are deserving of mention are the Belle View, on which a 10 stamp mill is in operation; Magnolia, which has a 10-stamp mill with a total of 1500 feet of tunneling, and a large body of ore opened up; the Cougar, on which a 250-ton cyanide plant has been installed; May Queen, Little Giant, Pys, Jay Gould, Banzette, June Bug, Black Bird and Phoenix.

"In the Greenhorn district the Diadem, Inter Mountain, Ben Harrison, Ornament and Surprise are among the principal properties.

"In the Susanville district the greatest amount of work has been done on the Badger, which has some 2000 feet of underground work and a 10-stamp mill. The Stockton group is also exposing a body of high grade ore in its 100-foot shaft.

"Thirty miles southwest of Sumpter is the Dixie Butte district, the principal mine being the Copper King, on which 250 feet of tunneling has been done. Ore averages \$14 per ton in copper, the total value being about \$40 per ton.

# Legitimate Mining Proposition



**T**HE GIPSY KING GOLD MINES COMPANY owns three full claims and water right on Big Limber Creek, in the Cable Cove district. The ledge has been stripped for two hundred feet from the water course and traced by means of open cuts to the summit of the mountain, 3000 feet, or the length of two claims.

The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000, one-quarter of which is treasury stock.

So far as prospected by these surface workings the ledge has an average width of seven feet. The ore is an iron pyrites carrying gold, (its principal value), some silver and a small per cent of lead and copper. Thirty or forty assays of this surface ore have been made, from samples taken across the vein, and the lowest returns were \$14.61, the highest \$49.62, averaging better than \$20.

Across the creek, on the Gipsy Queen group, where extensive development work is being done on the same ledge, by a Boston company, at a depth of 60 feet, samples from across the face of the tunnel assayed \$64.92. These workings demonstrate that the per centage of lead increases with depth, as well as the gold values, making the ore easy to treat.

The Gipsy King Gold Mines Company will begin at an early day to drive a tunnel, which will cut the vein at a distance from its mouth of from 50 to 60 feet and at a depth of about 35 feet. When the tunnel reaches the ledge, it will turn and drift from that point in ore that will doubtless pay to ship.

For the purpose of raising funds with which to prosecute this work, the first stock offered for sale has been placed upon the market. Fifty thousand shares are now offered at FIVE CENTS, no more nor no less. When this is disposed of the price will be raised. Every share of stock, except that placed in the treasury, is pooled for one year from January 1, 1901, so that this statement can be relied upon as strictly true. The market will never be flooded with Gipsy King stock. Orders for blocks of less than 500 shares are not solicited.

All money should be sent to the treasurer of the company, J. H. Robbins, who is president of the First Bank of Sumpter.

For prospectus, engineer's report, or other information regarding the property, address

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