

## MINES NEAR CANYON.

### Strong Ledges of Rich Ore on Miller Mountain

Almost within a stone's throw of Canyon City are mines on Miller mountain that are destined to become some of the most valuable quartz properties in Grant county. In one group are claims owned by R. A. Hines, D. G. Overholt, Messrs. Silsbee, Hines and Powell, O. Guernsey, and Messrs. J. A. Laycock and D. Ambler. On the claims owned by each, considerable development work has been done, and each is considerably encouraged from the appearances of his property.

The Last Chance No. 1, is the property of R. A. Hines, of Canyon City. On this property he has a ledge from three to six feet in width, assaying from \$3 to \$800 per ton. The surface of the ledge is free milling and assays from \$3 to \$50 per ton. As depth is attained the ore becomes base but carries greater values. From the base ore assays ranging from \$30 to \$800 per ton have been returned. These values are permanent and the result is of tests made of the general ore. Mr. Hines has a shaft on the Last Chance fifty feet in depth and a tunnel between eighty and one hundred feet in length. Considerable development work is scheduled for the present year. Mr. Hines has hopes of this property fully equalling the Prairie Diggings in value, which is now bonded to Colorado parties for a handsome sum.

Near the Last Chance property is the quartz claim of D. G. Overholt, of this city. On this claim is a three-foot ledge of free milling ore that runs very high in value. His property is developed with two tunnels of one hundred and one hundred and thirty feet in length respectively. In much of his ore, gold can be seen with out the aid of a glass.

The Last Chance No. 2 is the property of R. A. Hines, Wes Silsbee and the estate of J. A. Powell, deceased. It is a fractional claim and is supposed to be an extension of the Last Chance No. 1 ledge. The ledge on this property averages in width from one to six feet and gradually widens as depth is attained. Besides a shaft of about fifteen feet in depth, they have a hundred-foot tunnel on this property.

If you will ask O. Guernsey about his Miller mountain quartz property, he will tell you that he has the best property on the mountain. His property is adjoining the Last Chance No. 2 and the Overholt property. He has a four-foot ledge of free milling ore that assays well in gold. He has it developed with a thirty-foot shaft and a hundred-foot tunnel, and contemplates doing considerable work during the present year.

Judge Laycock and R. J. Ambler are interested in many quartz properties near Canyon City, but of all their mining property they place more value on their Miller mountain ledges than any they have and firmly believe that all it requires is development to prove its value. They have a four-foot ledge opened up with a fifty-foot shaft, also a tunnel. At the depth attained on their property the ore becomes base, but carries excellent values.

There are no groups of claims in any part of Grant county that make any better showing than the five properties just described, which some day will be numbered with the paying mines in the Canyon City mineral belt.—Canyon City Eagle.

#### Native Copper Found Near Burkemont.

Specimens of native copper, taken from a new strike in the Gilkinson copper properties at Copper Butte, under bond for \$50,000 to Judge Thomas Burke, of the North American Mining company, were exhibited in this city this week. The

samples are the most beautiful ever shown in eastern Oregon, and produced in local mining circles a big furore. They were taken from a 12-foot ledge between porphyry and diorite walls, uncovered at a point 300 feet east of the old workings. The new lead was accidentally discovered by a son of J. R. Gilkinson, owner of the property, and several open cuts exposed a 12-foot ore body, assaying across the face over 30 per cent copper and high in gold. The Gilkinson properties, which consist of four full claims and a fraction, adjoin the new townsite of Burkemont, recently platted by the North American company, and are closely contiguous to the proposed smelters of the Oregon Ore Reduction works. A force of men is at work on the new strike. If upon development the permanence of the copper deposit is proven, Burkemont will have every reason to rejoice in the applicable appellation, "The Anaconda of Oregon." —Baker City Herald.

#### Faulted Vein in Cougar "Picked Up."

A strike of considerable importance has been made in the Cougar mine, three miles from Lawton. J. W. Larkin, owner of the Cougar, confirms the report that a vein was tapped recently. Mr. Larkin thinks the ledge is the continuation of the main ledge, on which a drift of over 1000 feet has been made. This ledge was lost at what seems to be a fault. After driving a short distance ahead, a crosscut was run to the left, and at a distance of about twenty feet from a direct line with the original ledge, the strike was made. The theory is that the ledge faulted at this point about twenty feet, and has been picked up again. Drifting on it will proceed at once.—Lawton Standard.

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