

QUARTZBURG NEWS.

Marshal Houser Will Erect a Smelter on the Standard.

M. E. Baine came in Saturday from the Quartzburg district, where he has been for six weeks past, working on a property which he has under bond. He reports that there is considerable activity over there at present. The recent sale at a good figure of a half interest in the Willie Boy, to Rees & Nutting by Ed McIntyre, has had an encouraging effect on claimowners. Since the sale two crews of miners have been put to work and the property will be developed extensively during the present season.

The force on the Gold Issue has recently been doubled. The owner, J. F. Batchelder, was at the property last week and expressed himself as much pleased with the showing made. It is his intention to make a mine of this group as fast as money and men can accomplish the work.

On the Sherbundy, all efforts are being concentrated on driving the long crosscut in the Hawkeye claim, that will give great depth and establish the value of what is considered the largest body of high grade copper ore in the district. It is rumored that a sale of this mine is pending, at a six figure consideration.

The Present Need has improved more than any mine in eastern Oregon in the last sixty days, the ore body having widened very rapidly with depth, and the values increased amazingly.

United States Marshal Houser and J. F. Batchelder returned from Quartzburg Sunday. The latter confirms the report brought in by Mr. Baine. Asked regarding the rumor that he intends putting a smelter on his Standard mine, Mr. Houser stated that such is a fact. He tried to buy the smelter plant here, but thought the owner asked too much for it and he passed it up. It has not yet been decided just what kind of smelter will be installed, nor its capacity; but that one will be erected has been definitely determined.

Large quantities of ore have been blocked out in the Standard and there is no doubt but that a smelter of forty or fifty tons can be supplied from this mine alone. Both gentlemen are enthusiastic over the outlook for that district.

Characteristics of the Mining Operator.

Certain it is that the mining industry develops a peculiar type of man and the most prominent characteristic dominating this type is that of resourcefulness. The successful mining man is one of unbounded resources, not in the sense of having unlimited capital, but in having faith in his ability to do what he sets out to do. The trials of the successful miner, using the word in reference to the man who promotes and manages a successful mining enterprise, are many, and only men of great natural ability can successfully combat them. Show us a successful mining operator and you will find that he is quick to act, has splendid judgment and is far from being radical in thought and action; indeed, he is one of the most conservative of men. The impression obtains generally with the public that the successful manager of mines is a man of hasty enthusiasm and rainbow hope, and that his success is largely due to a thing called luck. The truth is far from this. He is enthusiastic but he always has ground for his enthusiasm and he holds it well under control. It is not the successful operator who furnishes the "rich strikes and the big assay stories" to the press. He will seldom talk to any one about his operations and very, very seldom, if ever, to a newspaper representative. His hope is based upon his ore body, his values and

the natural facilities for handling his property. His judgment brings millions to him for investment, but he first establishes his ability and capacity before it comes. And he is persistent and fights until things come his way. The three most prominent characteristics of this type are resourcefulness, perseverance and substantial enthusiasm.—Northwest Mining News.

Money for Developing Prospects.

Increased activity in the various mining districts throughout the Northwest indicates easy money markets, and especially those in the east. Daily reports are to the effect that mining properties are changing hands with a view to greater development, and that an area of prosperity seems to be opening up for quartz mining in all sections. The drift of investments is largely in the direction of developing promising prospects into mines, and is therefore along healthy lines that promises much for the mineral industry. There is a lull in the sale of big mines, but smaller capitalists propose to assume their proportion of the risk of making big mines out of small ones. A better condition for the industry could not be prescribed.—Western Mining World.

Gowan's Opinion on the Senatorial Contest.

Hon. A. W. Gowan, of Burns, passed through Sumpter Friday, en route home from Portland and Salem. Regarding the senatorial situation, he is of the opinion that if a senator is elected at this session of the legislature, it will be either Mitchell or some dark horse not yet entered. He says that he believes Corbett's claim, that he can secure forty votes at any time, is well founded. The other nine or ten above his apparent strength are bought and paid for democrats, and certain republicans who are closely watching the game, with a view to being on the winning side at the finish. Mr. Gowan thinks it not at all improbable that an election will result on the last night of the session.

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