

CONNOR CREEK MINES.

Great Activity in Both Quartz and Placer Properties.

The Connor creek quartz and placer mines are considered better property than ever before, and not a man can be found in the district who has the slightest doubt of the camp's great future. Considerable excitement is now prevalent in this district over a recent strike made by Charles Akins, manager of the Connor Creek Mining company, whose property is located a mile above the mouth of the creek. A Jap in the employ of the company as a cook was strolling down the creek a short time since, and as fortune would have it, he stopped and with a pocket knife began picking in the rich gravel bed of the creek, and to the great surprise of the foreigner the yellow metal loomed up to the naked eye amid its brilliancy. Mr. Akins, who was immediately informed of the strike, took from a pan of dirt taken from this spot \$100 and some cents of coarse gold, one nugget weighing \$17.82.

This valuable placer ground is owned and operated by an Omaha company, which has spared no work and expense to develop this mine to its fullest extent to ascertain its real value. This property is an old eastern Oregon placer mine and was sold to the Omaha people three years ago for \$20,000, and it has yielded a very handsome revenue since its beginning. Owing to its great success in the past the company has just added entirely new equipment for future operation of the mine.

The Connor Creek quartz mine, located three miles up the creek, and which property has a 35-stamp quartz mill, has resumed operations, and it is reported that the mill will begin crushing ore at an early date, as there is a large amount of ore on the dumps and an abundance in sight. With the advent of the Northwest railway, and that the whistle of the locomotive will soon be heard is now doubted by none, there will spring into existence a mining camp that will astonish all not acquainted with the prospects and bright future of the camp.

The Gold Coast development company, of Portland, owning valuable placer diggings on Burnt river, two miles above Huntington, are perfecting the necessary arrangements for the placing of flumes along their property on this stream, to operate and work the bedrock of the river this coming spring. It is said of this property that it is the richest gravel bed on Burnt river, and should the flumes prove a success the company will erect a \$60,000 dredge on their property and will operate it by electricity, to be generated from a plant on Snake river.

Pipes and giants are now being shipped by the Powder River Mining company to their property located at the mouth of Powder river on the Snake. The company is shaping itself so that it can do development work on a more extensive scale this spring than ever before, as the mine is a very promising one and has always yielded a handsome income and ample to satisfy the promoters.

Another prominent placer digging is the Sturgill Bar placer mine, which has recently purchased new pipes and giants for the opening of this rich placer ground. It is the intention of the company to largely increase its working force this spring as the water supply promises to be sufficient to support a much larger force.

The Flick Bar placer mine has been leased by James J. Grant, who is now operating the ground very successfully, having brought in with him yesterday over \$1,100 worth of gold, the result of a two weeks run. He reports that the water supply was never better and has more than sufficient to work the ground.

No startling strikes in his district have been made of late, but several new comers have arrived and are panning out gold along the shore of Snake river.—Democrat.

LAWTON NEWS NOTES.

(From the Standard)

J. W. Larkin, of the Cougar mine, is absent on a trip to Spokane. The deal for the sale of the Cougar, which is said to be pending, has not yet been consummated.

On the 18th instant the mail route will be extended to Alamo and daily stages will ply between Sumpter and that point, via Lawton and Granite. In the future the run will be all daylight and two drivers will be required to perform the service.

Mrs. J. H. Robbins, Mrs. Carlson and Edna Carlson were over Sunday from Sumpter visiting Mr. Carlson at the Concord mine. Mr. Carlson will fit up a house at the mine and move his household belongings and family there to reside permanently in a few days.

The new law regarding the sale of liquors within a mile of an established mine will have the effect of perceptibly increasing the number of incorporated towns in Oregon. Alamo and Lawton will incorporate. These mountains are becoming decidedly metropolitan.

As stated in last week's Standard, Alamo will incorporate. Attorney W. B. Sargent was up to that burg Wednesday preparing the preliminary measures to that end. The new law regulating the sale of intoxicants within a mile of a working mine is the cause of the attempt to assume metropolitan airs.

Indications are that the crosscut tunnel at the Little Giant mine will soon reach the ledge. The formation is becoming softer and the presence of water indicates the near vicinity of a large fissure of some character. As soon as the ledge is encountered the quartz mill machinery will be installed and a large force of men will be put to work in the mine and mill.

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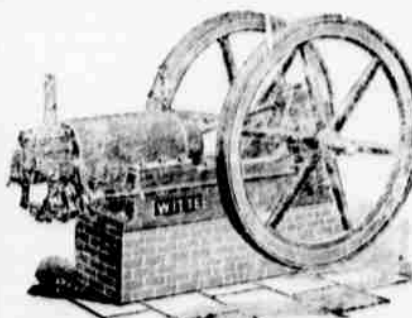
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