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ELK AND MOOSE SOLD.

Tacoma Capitalists Buy and Will Develop This Promising Property.

W. C. Calder has negotiated the sale of a controlling interest in the Elk and Moose mining claims to a party of Tacoma capitalists, who also furnish ample funds for development. These claims were located and owned by Charles Stockman and are situated at the head of McCullough fork, near the rich Mammoth mine.

This property is said to be a very promising one, the ledge being five feet strong and lying in soft yellow porphyry between slate and granite formations, and from this source the rich placers just below were fed. The pinnings from different points on the ledge show unusual amounts of coarse gold.

J. Win Wilson, on whose opinion the property was accepted, reported to have also found some high grade gold bearing sulphurets that had been overlooked by the prospector. Mr. Wilson is winning his way to the front rank among mining men in this district. Another important deal in which he figured was the sale of the Gail Borden group, in the Cracker Creek district.

The price paid for the Elk and Moose is not made public, but all parties concerned seem to be satisfied with the transaction. Work will be prosecuted energetically from now on.

John Day Placers in Operation.

The many placer mines in and about Canyon City are being operated at present, work having commenced much earlier this season than usual, on account of the light snow in the mountains and the exceedingly early spring. At Marysville, C. L. Roddick and Francis R. Sels, with the assistance of Irwin Blunt and Frank Fitch, are at work on their placer property on Quartz gulch, with the prospect for a

fair clean up for the season. William Clark and Farquhar Finlayson are each at work at their placer mines near the town of Marysville. On Miller mountain, the Hobo Mining company, composed of Herbert Powell, Irving Hazeltine and W. S. Hanna, are busy at work opening up their claims. Heretofore some work has been done on the land by the ground sluicing process, but little had been accomplished, though the ground paid well for the work done. The ground shows every indication of paying well, some coarse gold being picked up from the bedrock. The mine is full of quartz float that is very rich in free gold, and in much of it gold can be readily seen with the naked eye. The young men have arranged to save all the quartz taken from the mine and have it milled during the coming season.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

What Is the Apex of a Lode.

The Scientific Press published the following last week as the definition of an apex: "In mining term 'apex' does not mean a point. It means the top of the ledge or lode, that which comes nearest the surface. The part from foot wall to hanging wall at the top of the lode nearest the surface is the apex." Now that is misleading, and as the extra lateral title of a lode claim is controlled by the possession of the "apex," it is important that there should be a fixed definition of the word. There are many opinions on the meaning of the word, but nearly all agree that the apex is the highest point of the ledge. It is the top of the vein and therefore must be the highest point above or below the surface. "The top or the apex of the vein, within the meaning of the act of congress, is the highest point of that vein where it approaches nearest to the surface of the earth," says Judge Miller. "The top or apex of any part of a vein is formed by following the line of its dip up to the highest point at which vein matter exists in the fissure," says Chief Justice Beatty.—San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review.

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