

BLIND LEDGE IN GIPSY KING

Cut by Tunnel When Twenty- Three Feet In.

President Bartholf, of the Gipsy King Gold Mines company, returned Sunday from that property, where he had been to lay out the tunnel work contracted for early last week.

He had already selected the point at which to begin driving. It is about 200 feet from the creek end of the claim, affords ample and convenient dumping ground and the tunnel will gain a depth of fifteen inches to every two feet driven. It will cut the vein in the shortest possible distance, about sixty feet, at nearly a right angle.

When Mr. Bartholf left the mine Sunday afternoon, the tunnel was in twenty-three feet and another blind ledge had been cut. It has well defined walls and about three feet of ore, some of which he brought to town. It is entirely different from the main ledge, for which he is driving, being white quartz carrying very little pyrites of iron. At this writing no assays have been made, so its value can not be stated.

Just beyond this ledge the workmen penetrated a body of very hard, dark colored gneiss, on which comparative slow progress will be made. Of course, it cannot be stated how thick this formation is. On the Evening Star, 1400 feet away, there was twenty-five feet of it.

There is still much snow at that high altitude, nearly 7000 feet.

Union County Mineral Deposits.

James Pennell, the veteran miner and prospector, was in the city this week, having returned from a visit to some of his mineral properties. Mr. Pennell says he knows of one of the largest copper deposits in the west, being located near the headwaters of Catherine creek. He is familiar with the entire mountainous country east of Union and expresses the opinion that said section is filled with rich deposits of copper and gold ores and it is only a question of time when it will be teeming with mining industry. This view is confirmed by other parties who have visited that section. The country is quite rough and it has scarcely been seen even by the rugged prospector. What it has in store for the commerce of the world only the future can tell, but lying as it does in the rich mineral belt of eastern Oregon and giving evidence of such wealth it may be almost positively stated that the future will show it to be one of the greatest mineral fields in the Northwest. The country lies east of Union and is reached by roads leading up Catherine creek from this city. It affords one of the best fields for prospecting in the state.—Union Republican.

Surveying Party Leaves Ontario.

A press report from Ontario, under date of March 21, says: "A surveying party headed by W. F. Camp, of Spokane, left here this morning for the interior. It is well equipped with cooks and supplies for a six weeks trip. Malheur lake is to be examined and the land in certain districts put on record. A survey is to be taken of a portion of the remote interior and plats filed. The survey will give the bearing of some of the richest ore deposits in Harney and Cook counties." THE MINER makes an off hand guess that this is a railroad surveying party in the interest of people controlling the Columbia Southern.

Gold for Arts and Money.

The annual production of gold has increased from \$100,000,000 in 1873 to \$320,000,000 in 1900. The consumption

of gold in the arts is estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000 a year, and this would leave a rapidly increasing amount available as use for money. According to the estimates of the United States mint bureau about \$500,000,000 in gold was consumed in the arts during the decade from 1880 to 1890 and the world's production for the same period was \$1,060,000,000, thus leaving \$560,000,000 available for the world's supply of money.—Northwest Mining News.

California Buys Machinery in Spokane.

An order was placed with the Edward P. Allis company, of Milwaukee, through their Spokane office, by the Mountain Copper company, limited, of Keswick, California, for machinery for a copper converting plant, consisting of three stands of converters, blowing engine, electric crane and all the necessary appurtenances belonging to a converting plant. It is expected that the plant will be in operation in about six months. The total shipping weight of the machinery sold is approximately 500,000 pounds.

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The company owns 4500 feet of this ledge ranging from 7 to 40 feet in width. The vein has been opened by shafts, tunnels and open cuts for a distance of 2100 feet, showing a pay shoot 160 feet in length and 7 feet wide. A shaft has been sunk on this pay shoot 35 feet in depth, showing that values hold out and increase with depth. Samples taken from this shaft assayed from \$5.30 to \$46.15 per ton and picked samples have assayed as high as \$210.78 per ton. The shaft was thoroughly sampled across its entire width of 7 feet, every 5 feet for its entire depth by two reliable experts giving an average of about \$10 per ton. Outside of this payshoot the average runs about \$5.30 per ton.

Beside this ledge the Company has three other ledges on which the assessment work only has been done showing values from 41 cents to \$7 per ton.

The claims are heavily timbered and well watered, having 4 small streams which flow the year round from the west vein which is a contact between slate and granite, and will furnish power enough for a 10 drill compressor. The formation is the same as all of the large mines in the neighborhood, being a black metamorphic slate; that lying next the foot wall having the appearance of quartzite.

The development consists of 125 feet of tunnels, over 100 feet of shafts and about 350 feet of open cuts. The ledge can be tapped at a depth of 635 feet by a cross cut tunnel 1012 feet in length, the ore can be brought through this tunnel to the mill by gravity, thus saving expensive hoisting and pumping machinery. There is a good substantial blacksmith shop and outfit of tools on the ground and good wagon roads into the property.

The officers of the company are James Clark, president; Leon H. Long, vice president; George H. Linsley, secretary and treasurer and H. W. B. Smith, general manager, the above named gentlemen together with J. C. McFadden, of Walla Walla, form the board of directors.

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