

WIND CREEK DISTRICT

Several Promising Mines Being Developed.

Wind creek forms a juncture with Powder river on the Bourne road near the Halfway house, and the section above is in the Sumpter mining district.

About three miles above the Halfway house, following the creek, one first comes to the ledge known as the Independence, owned by King & Ranpach, and there is a series of claims above and to the west which are destined to attract a good deal of attention in the near future.

The Independence was located about one year ago. A tunnel was started on it January 1, and it is now in over two hundred feet. The tunnel follows the hanging wall, which is composed of porphyry quite heavily sulphureted. A cross cut forty feet in length was run, but did not reach the footwall. The ore is of a promising character, and that on the dump carries from \$3 to \$12 in gold per ton. The owners have a large and comfortable log house, a blacksmith shop and other improvements and are confident they have valuable property.

The creek near this point has a branch coming in from the west, and up this branch a hundred yards or more is the house of James Bumgardner, a successful prospector and one of the pioneers of the district. He has altogether four claims on the creek and its tributaries, and is enthusiastic over the outlook there. His principal ledge, and the one he regards as most valuable, is called the Porcupine, running down from the Elkhorn mountains. The ledge, as far as exposed, is twenty five feet wide. It lies in the contact between slate and porphyry. Assays from rock on the surface shows from eight to sixty-three dollars in values, and an average clear across the ledge went seventeen dollars per ton. The owner is already for doing development work for this season. The outlook for a good mine here is first class, when the character of the rock, the size of the ledge and the conveniences for work are taken into consideration.

The extension of the Porcupine on the southwest is called the Justice. It is owned by a stock company and the surface showing is fine—the assays running from seven to seventeen dollars per ton.

On the main creek, above the Independence, is located the Fidelity ledge. It parallels the Porcupine. It is from twelve to twenty feet wide and assays well. It is also owned by a stock company.

Just above, Kear & Weigand have a group of three claims, with a large ledge and good values.

Valentine & Co. have three claims on the head of Wind creek.

R. L. Turner has three claims that assay twelve dollars on the surface, and Seattle parties are doing the location work on eight claims. Besides there are numerous other locations, the names of which are not known.

A good wagon road can be built on an easy grade from the Halfway house up to these claims, thus giving as good and easy an outlet as the mines on the Cracker creek have.

It is a very promising district and will speak for itself the coming season, as development work will be made on all the claims there.

Last Payment of \$20,000 on Appomattox.

The deeds conveying the title of the Appomattox mine from Clark Snide and W. F. Taft and wife to the Columbia Mining company, were filed for record in the office of county recorder last evening. The consideration named was \$50,000. The deeds in escrow were put in the First National bank, of this city, about two years ago, since which time the Columbia

Mining company has made its several payments as required, the last payment of \$20,000 being made yesterday. The Appomattox is situated between the Columbia and Golconda mines, on what is known as the great Cracker creek lode. Messrs. Snide and Taft came into possession of the property many years ago. Mr. Taft, we believe, being one of the original locators. At the time of the first mining excitement at Cracker creek, about ten years ago, M. L. Durkee had an interest in the mine, but sold it for a mere trifle. The proximity of the Appomattox to the Columbia makes it invaluable ground for the company purchasing it.—Democrat.

City Council Proceedings.

A. W. Ellis was in the chair at the council meeting Saturday evening. Very little business was transacted. The committees on health and police and streets and public property submitted reports on the Auburn street sewer, the open cesspool near the depot and the garbage dumping ground proposition, that on the last being the only definite point in the report. C. S. VanDuyn offered ground west of the river and a quarter of a mile south of Granite street, provided the city will burn the refuse. This offer will doubtless be accepted. The bid of Morris Sullivan to deliver gravel for street repairs at 70 cents a yard, was accepted, provided he will furnish a team at four dollars a day.

Placer Claims for Sale.

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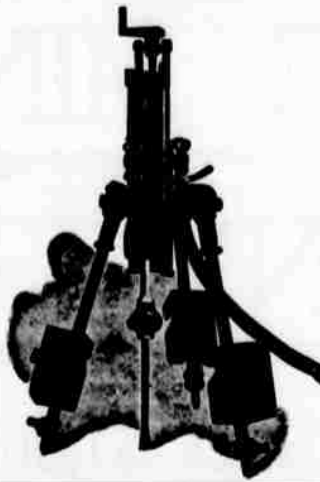
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