

IN THE DIXIE DISTRICT

Lady who is Successfully Operating a Mine.

Miners who have been working at cross-cutting in the Golden Star copper mine, owned and managed by Miss Eva Hasbrouck, have uncovered a large body of copper ore about seventy-one feet wide. The ore body is cut into by a small porphyry horse which shows one vein sixty feet and the other eleven feet across. The smaller vein is very high grade bronite ore carrying large values in gold. Miss Hasbrouck has started a tunnel on the bronite vein and will have the adit run in about three hundred and fifty feet and will crosscut at every one hundred feet, to determine the width of the ore bodies. This property was purchased by the present owner about two months ago from Messrs. York & Larance for \$1,000. She has since bought two claims adjoining the Golden Star, making her the owner of a body of fine mineral land 1200x 2400 feet.

Several ledges crop out on the claims and, owing to the location, is beyond doubt one of the most flattering copper prospects in the district, being the first extension of the Sherbondy group and adjoining the Copperopolis property. From present plans determined on by the lady miner, this property will be thoroughly prospected by tunnels and shafts. Mining experts and persons who claim to be authority on copper, do not hesitate to pronounce the group one of the most valuable and promising copper properties in Oregon and will beyond doubt bring Miss Hasbrouck a good price when placed on the market for sale, which will not be until development work has demonstrated the extent of the different ore bodies which crop out on the surface at different places.

The Dixie Mining & Smelting company has recently completed a commodious boarding house, also a bunk house and blacksmith shop, which are models in every way for convenience and access to the working of the mine. They now have one hundred and twenty five feet of the five hundred foot crosscut tunnel completed and will increase the force as soon as their steel rail and mining supplies arrive from Sumpter. They expect to crosscut the first ledge of fine ore in about two hundred feet, when they will upraise and open up stoping ground and still continue ahead until they crosscut four more ore veins that are shown on the surface. They will also start a crew of men on other veins on their holdings which are free and base gold prospects.

This property was formerly the Sam Jackson mine and known as the Gold Issue. They have taken out and sacked over two tons of high grade ore that will be shipped to the smelter at an early date for sample treatment. Later they expect to treat their ores at their own smelter, which is now at Sumpter awaiting transportation as soon the roads will permit the hauling of heavy loads to Dixie creek. They expect to have their smelter in shape for operation by the first of September.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

GOLD AND COPPER ON NORTH POWDER.

Bought a Farm and got a Mineral Bearing Ledge.

Hon. D. A. McAllister returned last night from a week's prospecting tour among the mines of the North Powder belt. The trip was taken partly but not altogether for his health. He has faith in the gold and copper prospects of that district and thinks that he knows of the location of some good ledges which he means to spot later on.

A year ago he encouraged his son

Frank to buy a stock farm there because it was in the center of the range and because it contained warm springs, desirable accessories to winter feeding. But the farm, which is only one mile from the now well-known Buckeye mine, has developed three ledges which may make it much more valuable than the purchaser ever dreamed it would be.

The Buckeye is proving a very valuable piece of property. The ledge of copper and gold is an unusually large one. The shaft has been sunk to a depth of 100 feet and a drift extended for 100 feet without finding the wall of the ledge. There are three distinct kinds of ore and each requires a distinct milling process. In its present stage it is therefore a smelting proposition. But the manager, who is a capable man, does not intend to ship ore or erect a mill until he has sunk to a depth of 300 feet. At that depth he thinks that one kind of ore will predominate so that milling will be an easy matter.

Just at present work on the Buckeye is suspended on account of water. A hoist will soon be erected to operate at the same time with the pumps.—La Grande Chronicle.

Much Damage Done by the Late Frost.

W. H. Shoemaker, proprietor of the Rock Creek flour mills, near Haines, was in Sumpter Monday on business connected with the handling of his product, the agency of which for this and other interior points, is with the Sumpter Forwarding company. Mr. Shoemaker is authority for the statement that all the fruit in the Baker valley and a large portion of the Grande Ronde valley was killed by the freeze last week, and that the grain is injured fully twenty-five per cent throughout all that country. Farmers and ranchers are replanting their potatoes, beans and such garden truck as will produce a late crop. The sugar beet crop has suffered severely, but to just what extent was not learned; most of the large fields being in the vicinity of La Grande, where the beet sugar factory is operated. The hay crop will also be about half short. Mr. Shoemaker thinks the price of flour will naturally be high and that the wheat market all over the country will have a decided upward tendency. He is particularly fortunate in having on hand a large supply of flour, and will carry over several thousand bushels of the last year's wheat crop. The Rock Creek mill enjoys a fine trade throughout eastern Oregon and Idaho, over which territory its owner is just completing a trip.

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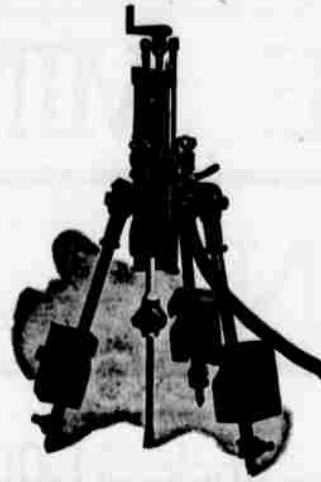
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