

QUARTZBURG DISTRICT

Talk of Wagon Road From Badger to the Smelter.

A Miner reporter made a trip to Quartzburg Saturday and visited the Copperopolis, Dixie Queen, Cougar, Present Need and other claims, where the owners were not present at the time of the visit.

The Copperopolis will, without doubt prove, when developed, one of the very best mining properties on the coast. It has a solid body of copper, gold and silver ore of a width of 70 feet, and it is known to run at least for 1500 feet, assaying from \$1 to \$20 per ton. A. W. Dunn, the manager, says they have started a tunnel which they will run in about 900 feet, on a 900-foot level, cross-cutting the main ledge, besides cross-cutting many smaller veins. They are only working with a couple of men at present, but will put on a large force as soon as they get their machine drills, which they soon expect to get.

Mr. Dunn says he will soon commence work on his own gold mine again, which is almost a mint in itself.

Dixie Mining & Smelting company, Mr. Haseconck, manager, are running a 600-foot crosscut tunnel, in which they are now in about 200 feet, having cut across some smaller, but rich, veins, but will continue until they reach the main ledge.

The Cougar & Blue Mountain Chief, M. Howell, manager, has run a 263-foot tunnel in on the ledge, and is now sinking a shaft for ventilation. In this shaft they are now down 20 feet, and are taking out ore assaying \$65; this vein measuring 2 to 10 inches of base ore, but in which there is considerable free gold.

They will run it through the Laurance stamp mill. That company has besides the 263-foot tunnel, a 174-foot and a 150-foot tunnel.

The Present Need is striking some rich ore, which streak of ore does not average more than about one foot, but is good paying property. Mr. Morey, the owner of the Present Need mine, has leased the Laurance stamp mill and is now running it night and day, getting about \$50 worth of free gold to the ton, besides the concentrates, which is shipped to Baker City to the sampler there. They are now in about 600 feet in the lower tunnel and are working upward towards the upper tunnel.

Besides all this rich ore, there is some fine granite, which can be made valuable for building purposes whenever the railroad comes into this country, as here are several large mountains of solid granite, which looks like it might take a fine polish, and undoubtedly some day will be made valuable.

We acknowledge a pleasant call of J. S. Hughes, of Quartzburg, who is largely interested in the Standard mine, or Copper King, but having been absent for several weeks visiting in Pendleton and vicinity, he had not as yet posted himself on the progress of the camp, but we were shown some very rich looking ore by that gentleman, rich in copper, cobalt and gold. This mine will yet surprise the world in its richness, as soon as the smelter, which that company has purchased, is at work there. The smelter will be in operation some time this summer, so we are informed by the owners of this claim. Mr. Hughes said that the Badger mine, in the Susannahville district, is now considering the advisability of making a good wagon road from that mine to the Standard smelter and save costs of transportation. He says this road can easily be built, as the cost thereof will only be nominal.

There is only about twelve miles of road to be built, and in that distance only about a half a mile of grading will be necessary.—Prairie City Miner.

Hasten Development of the Big Jeffries.

W. B. Sargent, manager of the Big Jeffries mining company, which recently made important developments near the Red Boy, was in town yesterday and confirmed the report that has lately been current here concerning the size and character of the ledge. Mr. Sargent says that he has no desire to boom the mine and will be satisfied if the actual facts are understood by the people here, who hold most of the shares. The Big Jeffries is near the Red Boy and the ore is exactly similar to that which has made the Red Boy famous. It is not a high grade ore but is free milling, and since the limits of the ledge have not yet been discovered, Mr. Sargent believes that it offers big things for the stockholders. It cannot, of course, pay dividends within a year, but that is a short time in mining development. "One of my chief objects in hastening the development of the mine," said Mr. Sargent, "is to make a little money in mining enterprise for the people of La Grande, who hold most of the stock, in order to arouse an interest in mining. The town is neglecting some of the finest opportunities in the northwest only a few miles distant, and if the people were once convinced of the value of mines to a city, they would develop at an early date the mines that are destined some day to make the town famous.—La Grande Chronicle.

Eight Ledges in the Brooklyn Group.

Near the summit of Canyon mountain is being developed property that is destined to become one of the most valuable properties in this part of Grant county. This is known as the Brooklyn group, which includes eight ledges owned by Jack Chambers, D. F. Page, L. O. Peone and M. J. Collins. These were located last year and up to this date only the location work has been done. This work disclosed some valuable ore on nearly every claim, assays from which ranged from \$10 to \$35 per ton. Messrs. Peone, Chambers and Page are now doing the assessment work on the various claims of this group, and are taking out ore that shows a remarkable increase in value, which is conclusive evidence to the owners that their ledges in this group are well worth developing. The main claims in the group are the Brooklyn and Columbia, on each of which there are large well defined ledges. Ore from each of these claims is on exhibition at the Elkhorn hotel.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Weiser Smelter Capacity 180 Tons.

In conversation with Mr. P. H. Scott, the gentleman in charge of smelter construction at this point, it was learned that the capacity of the stack now being put in is much greater than has been given. Mr. Scott claims it will be fully 180 tons per day. The size of the furnace is 38x120 inches and nine feet deep and one of the same size and character was built by him in Colorado three years ago for a 100-ton stack, but it has been turning out 180 tons ever since. This will be interesting news to mining and milling men of Baker, Owyhee and Wood river, as well as those of Washington and Idaho Counties.—Weiser Signal.

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