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CRACKER AND CABLE COVE.

SCENES OF GREAT ACTIVITY IN MINING DEVELOPMENT.

**Many Promising New Properties Being
Opened Up—Some Old Mines Re-
suming Operations—Roads to Be
Built This Season Will Give Cable
Cove District Renewed Impetus.**

Among many others who have been in the Cable Cove district recently, is Al Hillier, interested with Dr. Fisher and Major Glisan in the Golden Rule mine, located there. In a brief review of his trip, Mr. Hillier speaks of the War Eagle, which is being worked by Major Glisan, just above the Golconda power house on the Cove road. This vein is a parallel to the Golconda ledge and at the present time is opened by a 150-foot tunnel and a shaft 50 feet in depth. A new working tunnel is being started to catch the bottom of this shaft. The War Eagle has good values on the surface and a large ledge below, and is thought will make another mine.

Indications of new life around the Silver Dick property, just beyond, are in evidence, this being the property incorporated in the past week in Sumpter by Washington, D. C., New York and Ohio men, who with local parties will begin immediate operations.

The Dunkirk, parallel to the Free Coinage, is being worked by Jeff Forrester, who recently relocated the claim.

At the Standard, a new property, work is going on, the shaft being put down by Mr. Shanks, who has rigged an ingenious water wheel of his own device to work the pump, by which his shaft is kept dry. He has some good looking ore from a ledge four to five feet wide at present depth.

Operations at the California are going on in the regular channel; every day making more headway toward the objective ledge.

At the Herculean, preparation is being made to resume work on an extensive scale. This is an old and valuable property, owned by City Recorder Manning's father, who lives in San Francisco. It is patented ground.

The Crown Point, where Manager Price Copey is energetically and in a thoroughly mining manner driving the long tunnel to catch the big ledge, is a lively camp. Steam power drills are used and work never stops, day or night. Remarkable depth will be obtained here and fine backs will be theirs when in ore, which is expected every day. Unlimited money is behind this property for development and great results will doubtless reward its owner in time.

The Gipsy Queen and Gipsy King properties are each busy camps, where the miners are driving ahead in the tunnels. At the latter property the indications of approaching the ledge are more apparent and the miners are hopeful at each shift of cutting same. The pay chute of this ledge has been determined to an almost absolute certainty to be on the Gipsy King property, and recent assays taken from the ledge exposed in the creek, have shown values that, if continued further up where the ledge will be cut, will make the property a bonanza.

H. O. Hoffman is also working his as-

sessments on a large group of claims on Big Limber creek, near the Queen and King, and has some splendid showings for his labor.

Going on up to the Golden Rule, work is being started to put in shape the long tunnels driven there in former years, when ore that carried upwards of \$54 to the ton was shipped to the Everett smelter. This property is being sought by several purchasers and will likely change hands at an early day, when active operation will make it an immediate shipper.

The greatest amount of work in any district of eastern Oregon is now being done in the Cable Cove. This comes partly from the fact that only within the last few weeks the country has been free from snow and the claim and mine owners desire to make all possible headway while the summer lasts, that they may be the better prepared to continue through the long winter. The news of good roads to be built this summer into and through the Cove is hailed with delight by those interested there, and will be one of the greatest advantages that will eventually make the district famous.

REMARKS ON SUMPTER DISTRICT

Views of Seattle Mining Men Who Have Invested Here.

The mining men of Seattle know a good thing when they see it and the way they are becoming interested in eastern Oregon would indicate that that section has considerable merit as a mineral bearing region.

The man who may possibly claim the title of being the Seattle pioneer in that section is A. W. Anderson. He had for several years prospected in the Cascades with indifferent success, and a few years ago went to the Sumpter district in Oregon and made a few locations. By tact and perseverance he induced others to become associated with him and everyone is enthusiastic over the holdings, and considers them the best in that country.

"The beauty of mining in Oregon," said Mr. Anderson today, "is that work can be done winter or summer and there is an abundance of timber for mining purposes. It is also convenient to rail transportation, and mining can be carried on at a minimum cost. So far as I am able to learn all the ledges in that country improve in value with depth."

Last fall J. E. McManus & Son became interested in the Greenhorn mountains, twenty miles southeast of Sumpter. Since May John B. McManus has been on the property giving it a thorough exploiting. He has recently written to the home office and says they have uncovered a ledge 40 feet wide that is studded with free gold. Said Hon. John E. McManus today: "I have mined in six states and territories and in all my experience I find that eastern Oregon is the prettiest country to mine in in the west. It has more natural advantages, favorable conditions for wagon roads and plenty of timber and water. All of these are important in a mining country."

"A feature of the Sumpter country is that there has never been a failure when any considerable depth at attained and most of the ledges contain pay ore right on the surface."

Last week A. B. Ernst, secretary of the North Pacific Mining company, visited Sumpter and purchased for his company the Virginia, an old property that was partially worked several years ago. It is said to have produced the richest ores that have been taken from the Blue mountains and its ore bodies are not yet exhausted.—Seattle Times.

GOING BELOW FALSE BEDROCK.

Experienced Miner Prospect- ing Across the River.

Every once in a while some man comes along and picks up a good thing hereabouts from immediately under the noses of people who have been here for years, looking for just that kind of a proposition. A MINER man found a case in point a few days since while walking through the foothills west of Powder river, almost within the city limits. As late as May 15, S. S. Terrell, a recent arrival, located two placer claims there, adjoining A. W. Ellis' ground, less than a half mile from THE MINER office, and plainly in sight from that point, the throbbing heart of the camp.

Mr. Terrell was found sinking a shaft in the low ground of his claim. He didn't hesitate to tell of his plans, though he seemed somewhat averse to having them published. He said that he has been engaged in placer mining for thirty years, making Salt Lake his headquarters for a dozen years past, until coming to Sumpter. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, evidently knows exactly what he is doing and means business. He says he is now merely prospecting the property; that he finds colors everywhere on the benches, and is convinced that rich ground is located somewhere on the low basin, in the old channel. His idea is that it will be found below the false, or "webtoot", bedrock and that is what he is now sinking for. This opinion is his own, having never before heard of Professor Selwyn's theory, which coincides exactly with his own. This false bedrock may be twenty, or possibly fifty feet down.

Some of this ground was washed off with hydraulics a long while ago, perhaps twenty-five years, by the pioneer miners, and, as was the custom in those days, only the richest streaks were worked, and in but few places was bedrock reached. Some weeks since he found a Chinaman working with a rocker on this old ground. He claimed to be taking out only six bits or a dollar a day, but by watching his daily cleanups, it was found that he was making the fair wages of from five to ten dollars a day.

Mr. Terrell has recently built him a comfortable home in a most enchanting spot, and he and his wife are living there.

George Chambers Killed at Bonanza.

A shocking accident occurred at the Bonanza mine sawmill yesterday, by which George Chambers, a well known former resident and logging contractor here, lost his life. The deceased was engaged at the time of the accident in tightening a pulley wheel in the mill, which for some cause not known broke, one of the sections striking him on the head, breaking the skull. Dr. Pearce was at once summoned to the scene and had Chambers brought to the hospital here, but as was evident from the first, he was past all medical aid and died last night, after being operated on by Drs. Pearce and Anderson. The body was prepared for burial by the Case Furniture company and was taken to Baker City this afternoon by the brother and brother-in-law, E. E. Chambers and

James Cavin, respectively, who came up for it. They stated the burial would likely take place at Wingville, near Baker City. George Chambers was a son-in-law of ex-Sheriff Kilbourne, of this county.

Same Old Circus, Same Old Jay Crowd.

A large number of people went from Sumpter and vicinity Monday to attend the circus at Baker City. The show was all right; what a circus necessarily is, largely the same old thing with a few new variations, a positive delight to the little people and a sort of annual necessity to the grown folks, a reminder of the fading glamour of youth. The crowd that gathered in the big tent was an interesting study. It was "jay" from the grass roots up to the roof. The farmers, their wives and children drove to town in their Sunday best, ate striped candy and peanuts, drank red lemonade and reveled in perspiring wonder and admiration. To one who has lived in the new towns of the new West for a number of years, when inspecting these people, could but be carried back to the days of childhood in the old eastern home, where apparently the same crowd attended the same circus—the only change being in himself, a dulled sense of appreciation. The weather was intensely hot, the streets dusty. On the treeless mountain peaks to the east, seemingly not an hour's walk away, great banks of snow still remain—a species of spiritual torture rivaling that invented by the cruel genius of Grecian mythology, of the apple just out of reach kind.

Why Dr. Cleaver Went to Baker City.

Dr. Lon Cleaver, who is now located at Prairie City, looking after the large interests held in that district by Cleaver Brothers, went to Baker City Monday, returning Tuesday. If THE MINER had not promised to say nothing about the trip, it would tell the truth, that he went there to go to the circus; but under the circumstances it is probably best to call it a "hurried business visit." But if any body thinks he overlooked a bet in a business way, neglected an opportunity to inform people what a great country the John Day really is, he doesn't know his man. Dr. Cleaver says some good finds have recently been made in a virtually virgin section, between Austin and Quartzburg. Their value have, of course, not been proven as yet, but the indications are most encouraging.

They Invest Eastern Money Here.

Charles Hedges, assistant superintendent of the free mail delivery system, with headquarters in New York city, and Frank Baldwin, a capitalist from Ohio, have been in and around Sumpter for a week past. These are the gentlemen whom L. V. Swiggert induced to come out here and join him in the organization of the Oregon King Gold Mining company. They have visited the several districts surrounding Sumpter and are more than pleased with the country in general and the Oregon King property in particular. Mr. Hedges leaves this afternoon for coast points, before returning east. Mr. Baldwin will remain here as the representative of the eastern stockholders.

Read page 10 of this paper and see what THE MINER offers its subscribers.

T. G. Harrison, agent for Giant powder company.

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