

**RICH ORO FINO MINE**

**Proves to be a Great Property Under Wise Development**

The work of development continues on the Oro Fino mine, situated near Alamo, in Grant county. Since its purchase by Glass & Witherop, of Spokane, it has developed under very active management, in a most phenomenal way. In entirely new ground the crosscut at the end of the main tunnel, which was being driven through country rock by the former owners, a rich body of free milling gold ore has been found, averaging from twelve to eighteen feet in width.

This ore chute is now being drifted on and so far is demonstrated to be 110 feet long and has a depth of 140 feet from the apex. This ore is bristling with free gold and is so rich that it is reported that specimens are being stolen from the mine.

It was formerly thought that the pay chute had pinched out, but it now clearly demonstrated that the great vein had merely crossed the tunnel and by crosscutting at both ends and at intermediate points, its enormous strength and richness have now been demonstrated in the most conclusive manner, at each and every point.

On the east vein a depth of 224 feet from the apex has been attained and a clean body of free milling gold ore ten feet wide has been encountered. This all pans richly.

Cars and track have now been installed and new developments may be expected in drifting on the pay chute to the north. This work is now being prosecuted in a thorough, workmanlike manner under the management of A. J. Murphy, one of the best known and most successful developers in the Northwest; and who has the record of never having devoted his attention and talents to any mining proposition which did not finally become a great dividend payer.

**LA GRANDE LAND DISTRICT.**

**Statement for Last Fiscal Year Makes an Excellent Showing.**

The annual report of the La Grande land office for the year ending June 30, shows that there are in the La Grande land district 8,943,000 acres, of which 3,352,600 are appropriated and 5,590,340, surveyed and unsurveyed, are yet open for settlement. The district embraces practically all of the counties of Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker and over half of Grant and Morrow. In Baker county there are 1,100,806 acres in surveyed land and 448,602 acres appropriated; Grant, 935,643 surveyed, 358,576 appropriated; Morrow, 242,948 surveyed, 268,052 appropriated; Umatilla, 747,935 surveyed, 1,078,771 appropriated; Union, 523,942 surveyed, 755,190 appropriated. The total area of each county is: Baker, 1,686,000; Grant, 1,365,000; Morrow, 511,000; Umatilla, 1,991,000; Union, 1,405,400; Wallowa, 1,883,000. The only reserved land is the Umatilla Indian reservation, which embraces 151,300 acres.

The possibilities of the district may be judged from the fact that in Umatilla alone there are still open for appropriation and settlement over 900,000 and in Union county, reduced as it is by the loss of the "Panhandle," over 500,000 acres.

The report shows that there have been during the past year 1129 homestead entries. These are divided among the counties according to acreage as follows: Baker, 21,290; Grant, 17,742; Morrow, 12,436; Umatilla, 55,228; Union, 24,818; Wallowa, 56,218. Be-

sides the homestead entries there are 171 final homestead proofs upon which the office issued final receiver's receipts. There are also the usual numbers of desert entries, timber cultures, timber and stone entries and mineral claims.

The land of the district is classified as timber, mountain, grazing and farming. All three classes are to be found in all the counties of the district. But most of the homestead entries have been upon land classed as timbered or grazing land.

The quarterly report for the period ending June 30, 1901, shows that during the three months there were in the district 65 cash entries, 1 desert land entry, 4 mineral entries, 389 homestead entries, 34 final homestead entries, 1 final timber culture entry, 1 mineral entry, 19 timber and stone applications, 5 coal declaratory statements, 2 military bounty land warrant locations, 11 Indian school selections, all embracing a total acreage of 60,456.

**Rich Ore Snoot in Yellow Daisy.**

A rich strike is reported from the Yellow Daisy mine, above the Red Boy, owned by a stock company of which W. B. Sargeant, of the Lawton Lumber company, is president, and Charles Scott, of this city, vice-president. According to reliable information, 2½ feet of high grade free-milling gold ore has been encountered in the 120-foot main drift, which has been driven in for 20 feet without diminution of values in that distance. Assays range as high as \$192 in gold and three ounces of silver. The strike is practically among grass roots, little above 60 feet depth having been attained by the workings. The drift will be extended 20 feet further, when a crosscut will be driven to tap three other ledges known to exist parallel. The strike was entirely unexpected. A hole was passed through and the rich ore chute was encountered. Fair values had been secured throughout the entire length of the drift, but nothing to compare with the richness of the new chute. Five men are employed at the mine. Commodious bunk and boarding houses are being erected, and preparations made for the starting of a new crosscut tunnel lower down, which within 300 feet will afford 200 feet of backs.—Baker City Herald.

**New Map of the Cable Cove District.**

Engineer W. H. W. Hamilton has just completed a new map of the Cable Cove mining district, 17x23 inches in size, showing the various properties there, the mountain ranges, water courses, wagon roads and trails. Blue prints of the same are for sale at THE MINER office at \$1.50 each, sent postpaid to any address on receipt of the price.

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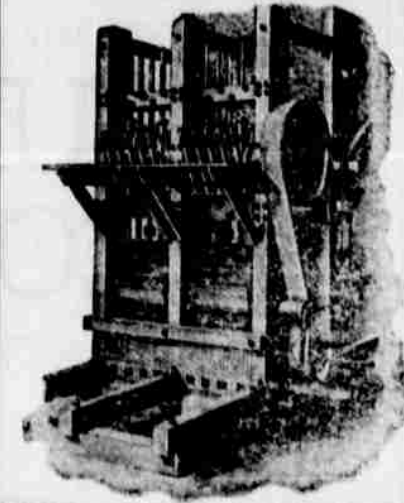
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