

GOLD FIELDS OF EASTERN OREGON.

F. J. Hard's Good Story in Daily Mining Record.

The Daily Mining Record, of Colorado Springs, issued an excellent special Mining Congress edition July 22, in which is an article on the "Undeveloped Fields of Eastern Oregon." Though it was not signed, it was evidently written by F. J. Hard, of Portland, and in part is as follows:

Your correspondent just returned from a fortnight's sojourn in eastern Oregon. The term eastern Oregon signifies that one has been within 100 miles or so of Baker City and is satisfactory to the residents of the state. If we are talking to wheat and grain men, they know exactly where we have been; to stockmen, they know where we have been, and if mining is the topic of conversation, everyone knows that we landed at Baker City, via the fast train of the O. R. & N. railway and it is pretty certain that our departure from that town was over the Sumpter Valley narrow gauge, over which the genial Joseph Barton holds the reins and tells Conductor Baird to treat the boys right.

Sumpter is the live city about thirty miles distant, where the distribution is done, and from whence the Alamo, Granite, Bald Mountain, Cracker creek and Cable Cove districts are connected by stage lines. * * *

Three days were spent most agreeably with A. W. Dunn at Quartzburg, whose stories of the present and past were of the same size; those of the past being early days in Colorado and the famous San Juan. Many of the old-time friends and acquaintances were talked of, and the opening up of that great country, thrilling accounts of its early development were well gone over, but as Mr. Dunn showed these chunks of gold and the plats of his Yankee Boy group, his eyes glistened and he said: "Fellows, you can't beat that in Colorado." This group extends from his cabin to the summit of Cougar ridge, embracing much of the western slope of the ridge, which is all of 1800 feet above the creek.

On the east side, a little below the summit, commences the property of the Copperopolis company, extending to the east fork of Dixie creek. This is a wonderful proposition, substantial buildings are completed, the company has also built a good wagon road and have commenced driving a large working tunnel, which will give a great depth, and if one-fourth of what is shown on the surface is verified as to either quality or quantity, it will make one of the largest ore bodies in the northwest. No one but our friend Dunn could find such properties and he says thanks to the downfall of silver, as that is what drove him from his Colorado home.

The description of these copper-gold ore bodies are too large to be told and the present development reveals so much that one has to see it to believe it. Close by these properties is the Copper King group, a most promising property carrying large values in copper and gold, also cobalt in paying quantities is being mined by this company. This company has done much intelligent development work, has purchased a smelter and is arranging to erect it on the ground; has a large force of wood cutters piling up many cords a day, and they hope before fall to be treating their own ore. In the district is the Cleveland group and also the Willie Boy claims, both promising properties. The Sherbundy group have a fine copper ledge and further up on the ridge is the Cougar property, with a

vein giving good values in gold. The Present Need claim, owned by Mr. Morrey, of Portland, has shipped ore and is being developed in a systematic manner. Many other claims in the district show sufficient to warrant their owners in developing the Quartzburg district.

Again passing down Dixie creek, turning our backs on the beautiful John Day valley, which we could never leave were our object the next grandest view in the world to that of the yellow metal, returning to Sumpter only to start again, this time for the Bald mountain district, up McCully fork, where Manager McCallum has without doubt the smoothest running 20-stamp mill in the district, pounding away night and day and producing a full treasury for his company, which proposes to start immediately on a long working tunnel, gaining depth and giving them ore for years to come. Next is the property of the Huronian Gold Mining company, owned by Portland people, a fine group of five claims with considerable development work and a prominent ledge carrying gold, that can be cut on the property at great depth. The claims are favorably located, the Bald mountain on one side and the well-known IbeX mine on the other side, which has large bodies of ore blocked out and some of it being extremely rich and showing free gold in large quantities. * * *

There is no best, for they are all good. The Baisley, the Virtue, Cable Cove, Bonanza, Quartzburg, Cracker Creek, Granite, Alamo, Bald Mountain and Cornucopia districts, and the Greenhorn district, where the Sunrise company, which owns property joining the Inter-Mountain, is being extensively worked by Seymour Bell and associates, of the Sumpter Electric Light company. Talk about what one has to say about this eastern Oregon section in one article—you would have to devote all the columns of the Record, and then some. Every indication points to rapid development of this great district. Hotel registers show the signature of the representatives of the largest mining men and mining companies in the land. Perfect harmony exists between the mine owners, general good feeling between those interested in the various districts, plenty of work for all good mining men. Everybody seems to be doing well, and best of all, blackmailers and knockers seem to have taken up their abode elsewhere. * * *

Eastern Oregon will probably produce between four and five million dollars this year, and among the largest producers may be named the Bonanza, Columbia, North Pole, Red Boy, Badger, Golconda, Bald Mountain, Cougar, Mammoth, Quebec and Baisley-Elkhorn. New mills and various plants of machinery are coming in and an immense amount of development work is on the program. Here is a partial list which shows that there must be something worth going after in this country. So far all intelligent extensive development has met with success. Red Boy mine, sinking shaft 2000 feet; Badger mine, sinking shaft 600 feet; Bonanza mine, sinking shaft 600 feet; driving 1000 foot tunnel; California mine, 950 foot tunnel; Columbia mine, sinking 400; Cougar, tunnel 100; Don Juan mine, tunnel 200 feet; Golden Eagle, sinking 500 feet; Golconda, sinking 400 feet; Little Giant, tunnel 1,300 feet; North Pole, 1,700 feet; Bald Mountain, sinking 400 feet and 2000 foot tunnel; Huronian, 2000 foot tunnel; Quebec, tunnel 1600 feet; Concord, 1600 foot tunnel; Strassburg, 720 foot tunnel; Diadem, 400 foot tunnel; Imperial mine, 1500 foot tunnel; Crown Point, 800 foot tunnel; Tempest 600 foot tunnel; Copperopolis, 600 foot tunnel; Standard, 1000 foot tunnel; Liberty Bell, 500 foot tunnel; Inter-Mountain, 1000 foot tunnel; Dixie Creek, 500 foot tunnel; Yankee Boy, 1000 foot tunnel; Leo, 450 foot tunnel; Rex, 1050 foot tunnel; Constellation, 500 foot tunnel; Fidelity, 200 foot tunnel; Wisconsin, 400 foot tunnel; Astoria-Melbourne, 300 foot tunnel; Tillamook, 500 foot tunnel.



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