

**WANTED RED
BOY BULLION.**

Highwaymen Captured Monday Near Geiser.

Monday morning Sheriff Huntington and Constable Baker brought in two men who are supposed to have been implicated in the highway robbery of Messrs. Godfrey and Tabor, owners of the Red Boy mine, which occurred Saturday morning on the Granite road near the summit. They were trailed from the point where the hold up was committed to their camp near Geiser. They were awakened at four o'clock Monday morning and when they opened their eyes were gazing into the muzzles of two business like appearing guns. They arrived here in time to take the forenoon train and were landed in the jail at Baker City.

When Messrs. Godfrey and Tabor arrived here Saturday morning and announced that they had been held up by three masked men, considerable excitement was occasioned, as it was generally believed that they had secured the monthly cleanup from the Red Boy, amounting to between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The gentlemen were entirely non-communicative—for publication—and a dozen more or less fool stories were circulated. According to the best information THE MINER can secure, the owners of the mine had a dummy brick in their rig, while the gold bullion, in a gunny sack, was in a buggy ahead, occupied by Mr. Godfrey's brother and his wife. The highwaymen secured several hundred dollars in cash from the men held up. They appeared indifferent to the loss, didn't seem to care whether the men were captured or not, which conduct mystified the mob and started the improbable rumors.

As soon as George Baker was informed of the incident, he secured his trusty Winchester, of the vintage of '02, carrying a ball the size of a ruffed grouse egg, and started on the war path to Justice Felix's office to secure a warrant for the arrest of John Doe, Richard Roe et al. And he got his men, too; acting with the sheriff. Their names are Phill McGinnell and Henry Hanby, both of whom, it is said, had worked at the Red Boy. The officers claim to have information which convinces them that Charles Stewart is the third man and that they know who and where he is.

PRAIRIE DIGGINGS MINE.

One of the Completely Equipped Properties in Grant County

But few people of Grant county are aware that there is at present in operation near Canyon City one of the best equipped mines in eastern Oregon. In this the Prairie Diggings mine is referred to, a valuable quartz property owned by R. A. Hines and Peter Helmer, and situated but a few miles east of Canyon City.

It will be remembered that they purchased this property of the Frederick Lohman estate several years ago, in a practically undeveloped state. Since that time they have driven over 750 feet of tunnel on the property, and have fully as much tunnel which can be used with little repairing. These tunnels develop the property thoroughly to the depth of 100 feet, and are so connected with shafts that ore taken from the surface, or any one of the tunnels, can easily be delivered in an ore car in the lower tunnel.

Since they became the owners of this

property they have erected a five-stamp mill, equipped with modern machinery, such as a concentrator, ore crusher and roaster, and all the necessary appliances for handling the ore from their mine to the best advantage. All of this machinery is propelled by water power, and so arranged that one man can superintend every department.

On their claim they have three well defined parallel ledges. One of these ledges is about two hundred and fifty feet in width and the width of the other two is not yet known. The ore from each of these ledges assays well, the ore averaging about \$15 per ton, while considerable ore has been taken out that assayed several hundred dollars per ton. The ore from this property is easily mined, requiring only the labor of three men in the mine to keep the mill in continuous operation, reducing at the rate of from twelve to fifteen tons per day. They have had their plant in operation since July 4th, and expect to make their first cleanup, since adding the concentrator and roasting furnace, at the expiration of thirty days run.

The owners, Messrs. Hines & Helmer, have had opportunities to bond their property to eastern capitalists, but having gone to the expense of putting in all the necessary machinery to successfully reduce the ore from their mine, their property is not for sale at the present time. They expect to continue its operation, and will be handsomely rewarded monthly for their efforts. They have a proposition that in the opinion of many is equally as good or better than the famous Bonanza or Red Boy mines.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Activity in the Virtue District.

For some time the most serious problem that faced the operators of the newly organized Uncle Dan Gold Mining property in the Virtue district, was the lack of water for milling purposes. A large well was sunk in the gulch and an ample supply of water has been secured. F. W. Thompson was in the city yesterday and he stated in connection with this item of news that there would now be plenty of water for all practical purposes. Mr. Thompson said that six men were at work on the property in a winze, and they were finding exceedingly rich ore. On both walls is good pay ore and it is getting richer as the development work extends. The owners of this property hope to have the mine in operation within ninety days. Rebert Fullerton, the veteran prospector, who located the Mammoth mine and sold it to local capitalists, came into town yesterday from his property in the Virtue district. "I never saw so much activity in the Virtue district. There are hundreds of prospectors at work and the sounds of 'shooting' remind one of old mining districts. I have prospected all over the mining regions of Oregon and other parts of the west and I say, candidly, that I think the Virtue district is the richest I know of."

Within the next few days a crosscut tunnel of 300 feet, which may be extended to 500 feet, will be commenced on the property of the Oro Mining company. This claim lies between the White Swan and the Uncle Dan properties and joins the latter. The contract for this work will be let as soon as Secretary Pearson returns home from a business trip to Butte. The tunnel will cut four distinct ledges.—Democrat.

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