McMANUS' GREAT PROPERTY.

Seattle Operator Has a Bonanza Over in the Greenhorns.

John E. McManus, of the firm of John E. McManus & Son, of this city, recently returned from a trip to the Halma mining camp, in the Greenhorn mountains, eastern Oregon, where his firm has extensive mining interests.

In speaking of his trip to a reporter of the Seattle Mining Record, Mr. Mc-Manus expressed himself as much surprised and gratified at what he found at the Halma camp. Astonishing reports and specimens of very rich ore had been forwarded from the camp from time to time, until he had become thoroughly convinced that he either had an immensely rich property there, or else he was being humbugged by those in charge. His trip was to determine, through a personal inspection, just what he really did have. As a result of a careful and thorough investigation, Mr. McManus says he is more than pleased with the properties owned by the Halma Gold Mining company, destined eventually to make one of the greatest mines in eastern Oregon.

These properties originally consisted of the nine claims-Big Bird, Hematite, Halma, Wise Mike, Gold Cloud, New Hope, Follett, Adele and Rover. After a careful examination Mr. McManus concluded that the first four named were not worth developing, and decided not to do any work on them. In their stead he secured for the company the New Halma, Lost Sheep, John B. and James A., which are considered valuable prop-

The five original claims, belonging to the company, are situated on Halma hill and extend over the summit and on both slopes of the same. These claims cover a ledge at least forty feet in width, which is claimed to yield an average value on the surface, across the entire width of the vein, of not less than \$6 per ton in gold. In this large vein are some small pay streaks of great richness, some of which have produced ore that assayed nearly \$1300 per ton. The formation is slate, porphry, talcose slate any syenite.

Halma hill is remarkable, said Mr. McManus, in that every foot of dirt pans free gold, some pans showing as many as a dozen colors.

On the opposite side of Vinson creek, from the Halma hill property, is located the New Halma, Lost Sheep, John B. and James A. All of these claims have produced strong evidence of being rich in free gold, but they are not yet sufficiently developed to ascertain the full extent of their values.

Mr. McManus arranged for a large amount of work on these properties, in the construction of buildings, a bridge across Vinson creek, development work,

Just below the Halma hill property a fall in Vinson creek furnishes an excellent water power for all purposes desired in the operation of the mines and in the reduction of ores. Convenient to this water power a working tunnel will be driven into the hill 400 feet to tap the Gold Cloud ledge. This will give 400 feet as stoping ground at the point where the vein is tapped.-Seattle Mining Record.

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