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CABLE COVE CONCENTRATES.

VAST IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT THE CALIFORNIA.

**Sumpters Most Promising Tributary Camp
—District of Strong, Permanent Ledges
Carrying High Values—Sacking Ship-
ping ore from the Surface.**

The mining experts and operators of this country who have visited the Sumpter gold fields during the past year, and have examined the Cable Cove district, have been unanimous in their opinion that the future greatness of this camp depends largely upon the development of that section. The formation is such as gives every indication of permanency of veins, and previous development has proven that values increase with depth. What might be considered extensive development, however, has not been carried on by any of the companies interested in that district, although the California and Imperial mines have been exploited sufficiently to prove the above statements.

The Turnagain Arm Gold Mining company, of Minneapolis, is the first concern to go into the district and carry on operations on an extensive scale. Sometime ago they purchased the California mine and since then Cable Cove has been the most active of all our rich mining districts. A large force of men has been continuously at work on this property, under able and efficient management, since they have taken charge of it. A number of new buildings have been erected, consisting of bunk and boarding houses, general merchandise store, laboratory and office, to accommodate the largely increased demands.

Roads have been graded along the mountain side to the different tunnels; the county roads have been greatly improved; water flumes have been constructed and new and large timber sheds built.

Application has been made for a new post office, which will be called Cable Cove. The Inland Telephone company is setting poles and stringing wires for a telephone exchange, and connections will be made this week. Thomas McEwen, manager of the Sumpter Transfer & Livery company, will soon establish a stage line from Sumpter to the mine.

These things, taken in connection with the active development of the Baby McKee, Last Chance, Imperial, Gypsy King, Crown Point and many other good properties, point to a bustling little town at the California mine in the Cable Cove district.

The management of the property has been placed in charge of Mr. Killen, who is an experienced and conservative business man, while the mine superintendency is in charge of W. S. Eberman, who is one of the best authorities on mines in the north and west. General Manager Killen was seen by a representative of THE MINER last evening, on his return from the mine, and in answer to enquiries stated:

"Everybody who has visited the California and made any examination of it has expressed great faith in its merits, but the present showing of the mine surpasses our greatest expecta-

tions. We are drifting on the main ledge on four levels. In the level which is farthest into the mountain and has attained the greatest depth, we are in over eight feet of good ore. The next level below shows the ore chute widening and values increasing as depth is attained. Near the top of the mountain, where the pay chute crops out on the surface, we are sacking high grade ore for shipment. This chute will soon be tapped at a great depth by our lower levels, and when this is done we shall certainly have ore that will be a surprise to even those who expected the most from the mine. We are making no pyrotechnic display of what we are doing, but are conducting everything on a quiet, conservative basis, as instructed by the officers of the company."

THE MINER is glad to see such people as the Turnagain Arm Gold Mining company come into this district and, better, it is glad that they have chosen a good property on which to operate, for they will not only make money for their stockholders, but add prestige to this district. Messrs. Michaels and Ovitt, who with their attorney, Henry M. Farnham, represented the company, impressed all who met them as conservative business men, and under their administration the California will make one of the most productive mines in this entire section.

Quakers Buncoed Him for \$200.

While the Quaker doctors were here, J. A. Scott put up \$200 on a guarantee that they could cure a cancer on his lip. They treated it, pulled down the money and left town in search of other fish. A few days later Mr. Scott, of course, discovered that he still had his cancer, but was shy \$200. He went to Baker City, thinking the aggregation was there, to have the doctors arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, but they had gone. He swore out a warrant and had it sent to Portland, but they could not be found there. The chances are that if arrested, no criminal charge could be made to stick, as the head of the outfit is smooth, very smooth; is thoroughly onto his business, and among other things, knows where the loop holes are.

Wanted—Position to cook for eight or ten men in a mining camp, by a lady who has had fifteen years experience, and one who is a fine cook. None but responsible parties need answer. Will not accept a position where a lady has charge of the house. Address Mrs. A. B. R., North Powder, Oregon, Buckeye mine.

THE MINER has arranged with the Press Publishing association, for some special inducements for subscribers to this paper. Read page 10; put on your thinking cap and take the benefit.

The Capital Hotel is again under the management of Mrs. George B. Tedrowe, which fact guarantees the best of service to all patrons.

Wanted—A boy fifteen years old or over to learn the printing trade. Apply at THE MINER office.

Don't overlook an opportunity to secure one of the cash prizes advertised on page 10 of this paper.

The most powerful and popular explosive—Giant powder.

Always reliable—Giant powder.

CLEANUP FROM THE DON JUAN

THIS OLD MINE AGAIN PRODUCING BULLION.

Five Days Run Pounds Out \$22,000—Rich Property remained Idle for Years on account of Litigation—Phoenix, Another long Neglected Mine, now Being worked Under a Lease.

After years of idleness, the old Don Juan mine, in the Bonanza district, is again being operated. Sunday Manager E. D. LeClare, accompanied by N. H. Thibault, of Montreal, one of the men who recently acquired control of the property, came in from the mine with the first clean up since operations were resumed. It was the product of only five days run of the mill; was in the form of amalgam, which weighed twelve pounds and was worth about \$22,000.

The Don Juan has always been known to be a rich mine, with the ore bodies scarcely touched, but has long been idle owing to litigation and discord among its owners. Last season the mill on the Ohio was moved to the Don Juan, but has not been operated, for some unknown reason, carefully guarded by the close corporation. The mill has ten stamps and if they are kept dropping, they will pound out a great fortune of the yellow metal for the fortunate owners.

The Phoenix, just across the gulch, is another old property, long neglected, that is now producing much bullion. It is worked under a lease, the ore being treated at the Pyx mill. Recently a contract was awarded for hauling a large amount of ore to the mill. Some weeks since it was reported that this plant, which is owned by the Guisers, was to be moved to a mine east of Baker City, but THE MINER was today informed that the plan has been abandoned and that it will continue to crush rich rock from the Phoenix.

Griffith Placers are Great.

R. S. Neill returned from a trip to the Griffith placer mine yesterday. Dick says he has read the published description of what this property is and what was being done to develop it into a veritable bonanza, all of which he was inclined to think was considerably overated, but after seeing the hundreds of feet of sluice boxes and the way they are constructed, not to mention the many other splendid improvements made since the present company has had the property, he has concluded that the newspaper talk was very conservative. He predicts a small fortune will come from these placers the first, or next season, alone. He also has a small vial of the yellow product from there, washed by himself, as a souvenir.

Owner of Alamo Townsite Here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawley, of Portland, arrived in Sumpter yesterday afternoon from Alamo, where they have been for two weeks past. Mr. Hawley owns the townsite of Alamo, and has been to that live camp to inaugurate a series of improvements, notably the grading of the streets. He says that there has been much business activity there this summer, but next season

there will be a great increase in its population, and necessarily, the number of buildings. The town is surrounded by some of the best mines in eastern Oregon; the Quebec, which a few days since began to drop ten stamps on rich ore, the Oro Fino, Alamo, Belcher, Saint Anthony, all of which will doubtless be bullion producers within half a year, and a half dozen other promising propositions on which development work is being prosecuted. With such backing Alamo can't help from being a live, substantial camp. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley left today for home.

LIVELY IN THAT GULCH.

Four Adjoining Cable Cove Mines Being Opened Up.

During the past week there has been a revival and expansion of activity in the Big Limber gulch, Cable Cove district. Several days since W. H. W. Hamilton received a telegram from the Boston people who own the Gypsy Queen to put more men to work and hasten the driving of the tunnel into the hill. This was called forth by correspondence that has been going on for several weeks past, and means that ample funds have been provided for an extensive plan of development, submitted by the engineer and approved by the men who "pay the freight." This plan is to first drive the tunnel 500 feet further into the mountain, making it 700 feet long. The work will be done by contract, let 100 feet at a time.

Across the creek, on the Gypsy King, General Manager Bartholf has put all the men he can secure at work running open cuts, to trace the ledge from the creek to the steep mountain side. The vein has been stripped and revealed by open cuts for a distance of over 200 feet, showing up strong and wide and carrying high values wherever exposed. As soon as it is traced to a point where a tunnel can be driven to advantage, it will be run in on the ledge. It is now thought that the ore body for which the crosscut was being driven is not the main ledge from which the phenomenally rich ore has been taken, near the creek, which is the reason for changing the plan of development. On this property, Contractor Harrison is building a boarding house, and will also erect a blacksmith shop and work house as soon as the tunnel site is selected.

Further up the gulch, 1,400 feet, on the Evening Star claim of the Constellation group, as was stated in these columns last week, work has been commenced driving 500 feet on the vein. Two or three days since this company made a most gratifying discovery. On the Lucky Kid claim, 3,000 feet distant, this same ledge was uncovered, showing eight feet of talc and mineral, four feet of which is solid ore. The work of drifting 100 feet on the vein at this point is now in progress.

Contractor Pattie, who was formerly in charge of the work on the Queen, is now superintendent of the Owl and Elephant and the Mary B groups, adjoining the Constellation on the Lake creek side, owned by Maryland capitalists, and is inaugurating a system of extensive improvements.

A telephone line will be built to the gulch this fall, from the California.

Notice on page 10 what THE MINER offers immediate subscribers.

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