#### RICH SHOOT IN CRACKER-OREGON

#### A. L. McEwen Shows it to the New Owners.

Dr. Moulton, of Minneapolis, treasurer of the Turnagain Arm Mining company, which owns and operates the California arrived in Sumpter several days since and will remain here a month. Saturday he and Everett Brown, the local representative of that company and also of the Oregon Development company, which is developing the Cracker-Oregon, an extended notice of which appeared in THE MINER last week, accompanied by A. L. McEwen, the eminent mining engineer, went out to the last named mine to look over the property.

Messrs. Brown and McEwen preceded Superintendent Cable in climbing the mountain to inspect the old workings. While making this tedious trip Mr. Mc-Ewen told Mr. Brown this interesting story :

Several years since when Harrison & Burchard, two young Englishman, plungers in the mining world, were operating here, he was interested with them in a bond on the mine. In the shaft they found a rich pay streak and all three were sure their fortunes were made. Mr. McEwen was sent to Mexico by the syndicate which he represents, and when he returned he found that Harrison & Burchard had thrown up everything they controlled in eastern Oregon and gone to South Africa. The bond on the Cracker-Oregon had expired and the owners would not renew it for any reasonable price.

When Messrs. Brown and McEwen reached the shaft, the latter was willing to reveal the rich ore shoot, but thought it dangerous to descend as the timbers were rotten and a cavein at any time probable; but the former was interested and game, insisted on making the search then and there. A pick was secured and the two climbed down the shaky ladder. Mr. McEwen cleared away the debris and showed up near the bottom of the 60-foot shaft a streak of ore fifteen inches wide entirely different in appearance from that on either side. He stated that the lowest assay he had ever gotten was \$127.

Everett Brown took hold of the pick and knocked down about fifty pounds, which was brought to town. A. L. McEwen offered to bet a bottle of wine that a piece of the rock assaying lesz than \$100 in gold could not be picked out of the lot. C. F. Raht made an assay of an average sample, and Mr. Mc-Ewen didn't have to buy the large cold hottle-which Mr. Brown was perfectly willing to do.

Sunday J. W. Wood, of Pittsburg, arrived in Sumpter to examine this property for a syndicate, that is negotiating to buy a large block of the company's 11, 1902. stock. He was taken to the mine Mon-

day by Dr. Moulton and was, of course, very favorably impressed with the prop-

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