

**DEVELOPING  
THE BLUE BIRD**

**Property Has Five Parallel and  
One Cross Veins.**

George W. Wheeler, the New York banker who is financing the Blue Bird company, returned from the mine Friday evening. He was accompanied by A. L. McEwen, the eminent mining engineer, who experted the property. Mr. Wheeler expressed himself as being entirely satisfied with the showing made on the Blue Bird group. This is his first visit to the mine, having bought an interest on a report made by one of his engineers. He said the feature which pleased him most is the positive knowledge gained on this trip that the Red Boy's Monarch ledge runs diagonally across the Blue Bird, T. T. and a corner of the Sullivan No. 3 claims of his group, giving nearly 1500 feet of that marvelously strong vein. The course of that ledge is southwest from the Blue Bird, through the Red Boy's Monarch claim and across the dyke into the Gray Eagle.

Mr. Wheeler stated that he will furnish all the money needed for development and as fast as it is needed, and also for the erection of a mill, which he hoped would be before the close of the present year. Regarding the character of the property and the plan of development, he referred THE MINER man to Mr. McEwen, who, he said, was at liberty to make public any information which he thought best.

What A. L. McEwen doesn't know about a mine wouldn't make much of a book. He has three prime requisites of a mining engineer, scientific training, practical experience and common sense. He knows that a newspaper doesn't want a learned thesis, filled with technical terms, the meaning of which the readers will not know, so he gave this concise description of the property:

The Blue Bird group consists of five claims, a fraction and a mill site. The claim of that name and the fraction, located as the Little Rock, are situated at the bottom of the canyon on Clear creek, adjoining the Red Boy. Adjoining these and parallel with them are the Diana and T and T; then comes the Sullivan No. 3, and last the S. W., the east side line of which reaches the summit, covering a distance of 2400 feet from the creek up the mountain side.

On this property are five parallel veins and a cross ledge, cutting the others at an angle of sixty or seventy degrees, with a northeast-southwest trend. Three shifts of men are at work driving a tunnel on this cross ledge, which is a blind lead. The tunnel is therefore both a drift and a crosscut. It will probably have to leave the ledge after going in 300 or 400 feet further. It is now in about 200 feet, fifty feet from the first ledge, which will be cut in two or three weeks. It is now gaining the remarkable depth of foot for foot and will maintain practically this proportion until the last vein is encountered.

Ore from the ledge on which the tunnel is now drifting assays \$47, a most gratifying showing. Float from all the parallel veins are also entirely satisfactory. There is scarcely a doubt but that this cross ledge will greatly enrich all the others at the intersections, as this is almost the universal rule. It is this condition that obtains at the Golconda, where the fabulously rich ore is now being mined.

Concluding, Mr. McEwen said: "All conditions are favorable there for making a valuable mine; an excellent mill site with plenty of water, an abundance

of timber, strong ledges and an ideal tunnel proposition—all in a district proven by deep sinking, with no failure yet recorded. It is as near a sure thing as any prospect can be."

To the writer, Mr. Wheeler talked most entertainingly of the world-wide mining situation, with which he is in close touch. About five years ago he added to his business that of mines and mining stocks, and says that not in the history of civilization has there been such a widespread interest in any industry as there is in mining at the present time; nor was so much money ever before going into one line of business. He has his regular customers in every civilized country on the globe quite one hundred in Russia and half that number in the Philippines. So eager are people to invest in American mines that he does not find it necessary to have his literature printed in other than the English language, that prospective buyers have it translated into their own tongues.

As an illustration of the magnitude of his own business, he stated that when he sent out announcements offering 200,000 shares of Blue Bird stock for sale, within six days orders were received for double that amount, and no orders had then been received from foreign countries.

He has sent out 50,000 prospectuses of this company, accompanied by an equal number of his pamphlets on Oregon's Resources, both excellent books from a literary standpoint and superbly printed. He also issues monthly 25,000 copies of the North American Miner, which are sent through the mails, stamped.

Eastern Oregon is fortunate in having attracted the interest of so enterprising a gentleman. His efforts are sure to work great good to the entire region, to advertise it more extensively than it has ever been before. In conclusion, he said:

"I am glad that I have taken the time to come out here and inspect what I believe to be the greatest mining section on the globe, of which opinion I am going to inform the world. I have been down into the workings of the Red Boy, Columbia and Golconda, through the

courtesy of the managements of those incomparable mines, and can now talk and write with faith based on knowledge. The fakirs will begin soon to base their operations on the fame of the gold fields of eastern Oregon, but that is an apparently inevitable evil, which, in itself, speaks well for the country and must be endured with fortitude. I am pleased to learn that the section has thus far been so unusually free from the pests. You have here, however, a far more dangerous element, the "knockers." I have become aware of their presence myself."

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