Wednesday, June 18, 1902

DEVELOPING

THE BLUE BIRD

Property Has Five Parallel and One Cross Veins.

George W. Wheeler, the New York banker who is financiering 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 en tirely 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 are sent through the mails, stamped. 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 elaims, 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, eovering 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

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as any prospect can be.'

close touch. About five years ago he history of civilization has there been 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 cager 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

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



of timber, strong ledges and an ideal courtesy of the managements of those tunnel proposition-all in a district incomparable mines, and can now talk proven by deep sinking, with no failure and write with faith based on knowlyet recorded. It is as near a sure thing edge. The fakirs will begin soon to base their operations on the fame of the gold To the writer, Mr. Wheeler talked fields of eastern Oregon, but that is an most entertainingly of the world-wide apparently inevitable evil, which, in itmining situation, with which he is in self, speaks well for the country and must be endured with fortitude. I am added to his business that of mines and pleased to learn that the section has mining stocks, and says that not in the thus far been so unusually free from the pests. You have here, however, a far such a widespread interest in any indus- more dangerous element, the "knocktry as there is in mining at the present ers." I have become aware of their presence myself,"

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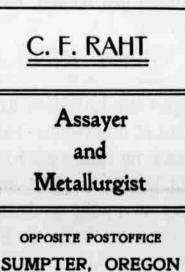
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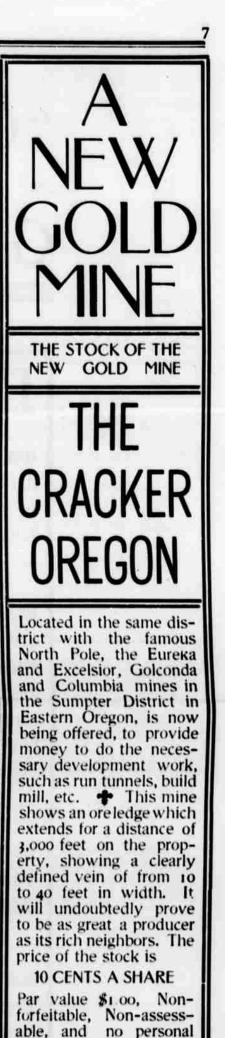
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