

SENSATIONALLY RICH STRIKE

In the North Drift of the Red Boy's Monarch Ledge.

Several days since it was reported that there had been a rich strike in the Red Boy mine. THE MINER made no effort at the time to secure the facts and details, knowing that the policy of the management has been to say nothing about the property for publication. A reporter of one of the Baker City papers, however, attempted to interview Clark Taber, one of the owners of the mine, on the subject and verify the report. He went about the business in rather an adroit manner, and succeeded in making the Sphinx say: "I haven't been to the mine in a couple of weeks, but have heard of no new strike there. Had there been one, I suppose some one would have told me." Then the newspaper man remarked that it was reported that a body of \$150 ore had been uncovered, and Mr. Taber forgot himself for a moment and admitted that: "There is lots of \$150 rock in the Red Boy. A strike of that kind wouldn't excite any special interest in the company office."

That was an important admission, coming from the source it did, so the writer determined to once more make an effort to penetrate the forbidden realm of secrecy enshrouded Red Boy affairs. Now, Hon. J. H. Robbins, treasurer of the company since its consolidation with the Concord, which deal he engineered, differs in opinion with the officers of the old company, in that he does not consider a mine a sacred thing, nor yet to discuss its character a profane sacrilege; so he very readily and courteously talked of the most recent strike, prefacing his information with this significant statement:

"You know, the Red Boy is not a specimen mine. Its ore bodies are large and uniform in value; varying, of course, in different localities. No pockets have ever been found. When unusually rich ore has been found, it has been a shoot, of various lengths and always goes down. This new strike is, therefore, an important and valuable one. I haven't seen it myself and can't give you the details, but am going out in a day or two to see what it looks like."

Mr. Robbins then proceeded to state what had been reported to him, in his official capacity. Like the great Goldconda strike, this marvelously rich ore body was found by sinking a winze. It was sunk on the tunnel level, in the drift known as the "Monarch north;" that is the drift on the Golden Monarch vein north of where it is cut by the tunnel, a vertical depth of only about 400 feet. It is up near the Excelsior company's property. The shaft, perhaps 1000 feet to the south, is 200 feet below the tunnel level, and no such ore has been found there, so this find indicates that the ledge carries greater values the further north it goes, which increase with depth. As a matter of fact, considering the character of the vein, this discovery seems to prove conclusively that values increase unusually fast with depth; that fabulously rich ore will be taken from the Monarch vein near its northern end line and near.

Mr. Robbins could not give the assay value of the ore, but stated that it was the richest yet found in the Red Boy mine, and that those who had examined it are very much elated over the find. Asked as to values found in other workings, he said that the highest previously found were in the Concord claim, where there is a body of ore blocked out that runs from \$900 to \$1000 a ton in gold. So

it can be seen that this Monarch strike is something entirely worth while. The ore is largely free milling.

The additional information was volunteered that E. J. Godfrey, who had been in town that day, informed him that a large body of most excellent high grade milling ore had also been encountered in the north drift of the Blaine vein, and that he seemed to be equally as well pleased with that as with the more sensational Monarch strike. Mr. Robbins stated further that in the various workings of the group there is any quantity of ore that mills and cyanides \$25, in ledges twenty feet wide.

Leigh Hunt's Mines in Korea.

Harry F. Meserve, general manager of L. S. J. Hunt's mines in Korea, arrived in Seattle on the 4th inst. In an interview with a Daily Times reporter, some interesting news was furnished. The mines are 300 miles from Seoul, the capital of Korea. The concession from the government covers twenty five square miles. The rock is gold bearing quartz, some of it low grade and some of it very high grade. "Just at present we are operating 120 stamps on the properties and two cyanide tanks," said Mr. Meserve. "We are now building an 80-stamp mill which is very near completion. This will give us 200 stamps in all. In addition we have our own retort works and assay offices. The product of the mines is shipped to Japan in the form of gold bars. We are now employing 7000 miners, including between 75 and 100 Americans. The others are Koreans, Japanese and Chinese. The Asiatics receive twenty-five cents in gold or fifty cents silver money per day, on which they live very well. They are excellent workmen. The Americans are used as overseers. The head office of the company, which has a capital of \$5,000,000, is located in New York. I spent three days with Mr. Hunt at Shanghai three weeks ago. I am glad to say that he is rapidly recovering his health and never looked better in his life than he does today. He is in good flesh and in excellent spirits."

Biggest Mines in the West.

Ben Ross, of Bourne, passed through Baker City yesterday, en route to La Grande, where he goes on land office business. "Bourne," said Ben to the Herald man, "is the king bee mining camp of the golden hills. The town is rushing completion of its water works system, and will add further metropolitan airs by the establishment of a bank in a few days. At Bourne is one of the biggest mines in the west—absolutely the greatest mining property since the Cripple Creek Independence startled the world with its richness. If I should tell you that not long ago five stopers in two shifts took from the North Pole mine in ten days \$162,000 worth of shipping ore, you would not believe me. Yet I know that this is a fact. I have no way of knowing, but this I am convinced of—that \$10,000,000 in gold coin of the realm couldn't buy the North Pole.—Herald."

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