

SUSANVILLE DISTRICT**Work Now in Progress on Twenty-five Properties.**

In its last issue the Canyon City Eagle publishes an excellent story about the Susanville district, giving the facts as to work now in progress on twenty-five different properties. In part, the story is as follows:

To a person who has been acquainted with the Susanville mining camp for the past ten years, a visit to that place at the present time would present many noticeable changes. The only activity in the camp then was the operation of the placer mines on Elk, Deep and Big creeks. The entire country was covered with quartz locations, but no great amount of development work was being done, and there was not much in sight to warrant the expenditure of much money to ascertain what existed at a depth that would show up the value of mining property.

At the present time, no mining camp in eastern Oregon has a brighter future. Rich bodies of ore are being disclosed where in past years such was not thought to exist, and as depth is attained the ore is found to be remarkably rich.

The owners of the Badger group of mines have completed a new mill building and are now installing stamps and rolls that will easily handle between sixty and eighty tons of ore daily. A tramway from the mine to the mill building has been completed, and as soon as the machinery is all in place the operation of the new plant will begin under the management of Superintendent Kennedy. A new tunnel, 1000 feet in length, is being driven to tap the Badger ledge at a depth of 450 feet. When completed, it is understood that the hoisting machinery will be transferred to this level, from which point ore will be sent to the mill. The shaft on the property has at present reached the depth of 450 feet.

Messrs. Ames and Simmons continue at the head of a company that is developing the Stockton group of mines. The shaft has reached the depth of 250 feet on this property, where a force of men is kept continuously busy taking out exceedingly rich ore. This company has a 1000 foot hoisting plant in operation, being one of the best plants in operation in Grant county at the present time. Messrs. Ames and Simmons are also engaged in the development of some valuable quartz property in the Greenhorn mountains. There they have a tunnel driven to the length of 700 feet, which, when complete, will crosscut two ledges at great depth.

The Chattanooga property is being developed by Messrs. Heaton and Graham. They have a shaft one hundred feet in depth, from which they are taking ore, much of which assays from \$100 to \$200 per ton. They contemplate making several shipments of ore during the present season.

The Admiral and Monitor ledges are the property of Wm. Cooper and Frank Couper. These properties are located on Quartz gulch and are producing the richest free milling ore being taken from any of the properties in the camp.

The development of the Rex mines, on Bear creek, by Messrs. Bates and Vorse, continues. This property was formerly owned by the Ives brothers and produces ore rich in galena and gold and quite valuable for smelting purposes. These gentlemen are engaged in driving a 240-foot tunnel to tap their property at a depth of 400 feet. By the use of Burleigh drills they have 150 feet of this tunnel completed.

The Empire ledge, at the mouth of

Deep creek, has one tunnel 140 feet in length, and the owners of this property whose names your correspondent did not learn, are engaged in driving another tunnel to tap a rich body of ore.

STEIN MOUNTAIN MINES.**Developing a Mammoth Free Gold Proposition There.**

From accounts given by H. and Chas. Rambo, who came in yesterday from Andrews, Oregon, a promising mining district may be opened up near there ere long. The former is accompanied by his wife and they will leave for their home at Bisbee, Arizona, tonight. The latter is here to buy supplies for the new camp, which is situated in the Stein mountains, about fourteen miles from Andrews.

These mines have been referred to before in these columns. They were discovered by H. Rambo while he was on a hunting trip in the Stein mountains, about eight years ago. He located a number of claims, but no work was done on them until last summer, when Rambo, then a resident of Bisbee, Arizona, succeeded in interesting a number of fellow miners and a company was formed to prospect the claims, several men being sent out to do the work. The showing was so satisfactory that six weeks ago a dozen miners, all interested in the claims, came here from Bisbee and went out to go to work in earnest on them.

The district is in the heart of the Stein mountains and the snow was so deep that the party had much difficulty in reaching the place. Mr. Rambo says that twenty-seven claims have been located on the big blanket ledge, which is the largest he has ever seen. The ore is easily crushed, free milling and from the assays which have been made will average about \$5 a ton.

Two companies are now operating, one known as the Bisbee Oregon Gold Mining company and the other the Gold Hill Mining company. Development work is being prosecuted with vigor and there is good reason to believe that the companies have the biggest low grade free gold properties ever discovered.

The ore can be easily worked by the cyanide process and it is the intention to put in a plant as soon as possible. The water supply for power and other purposes is unequalled and the only drawback is the distance from the railroad, Winnemucca being the nearest point.—Winnemucca (Nevada) Silver State.

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