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The mere fact that the New York Engineering and Mining Journal has sent a representative to the gold fields of eastern Oregon to "solicit business," is proof that the district is assuming a position of importance in the mining world. There is nothing small about the Engineering and Mining Journal; it pays no attention to kindergarten mining affairs. But THE MIXER, not needing this proof, regrets to note this evidence of our growing importance, for the Journal is the coarsest, most impudent blackmailer on the American continent. There is not a camp in the West that has ever amounted to anything worth while, that has not either been "turned down" and maligned by, or else paid an exorbitant price for the Journal's favorable comment. Butte and the Black Hills are two striking examples, victims, of its holdup method, with the details of which the writer is more or less familiar. And the Journal's silence, or even commendation, is not worth the price it always charges. THE MIXER unhesitatingly advises promoters to refuse point blank to be intimidated into paying for advertising space, for the paper can do either them or the district no harm. It circulates almost exclusively among assayers, mining engineers and others who regard it as something of an authority on scientific subjects. It is read by sellers, not buyers of either stocks or mines.

The gold fields of eastern Oregon are indebted to the often unjustly reviled promoters for spreading their fame broadcast over the earth. They are doing a splendid work and doing it well. When THE MIXER was first issued, in September, 1899, the oldtimers were wont to boast that there was not a share of stock in an eastern Oregon mine on the market. The district was then a

curiosity to all who happened to drift this way—in that it had been known and worked for thirty or forty years and so little progress had been made. At that time a prospective stock proposition was regarded by the pioneer with grave suspicion.

THE MIXER proceeded at once to advocate the organization of stock companies, claiming, as every one familiar with the development of other regions knew to be a fact, that it was the only method to secure capital for the development of prospects. The system was inaugurated. It worked slowly at first, with discouraging results, but the wisdom of the policy is demonstrated now.

More money has sought investment here during the past two years than during the previous twenty, as has also more development work been done, with entirely satisfactory results. The district has been proven and not only is there now a large, ready sale for stocks, but men representing large capital are coming in daily to buy both mines and prospects, and to the promoters, the mining stock brokers, and THE MIXER is due the credit.

### Rich Rock From Cracker-Oregon.

Everett Brown was out to the Cracker-Oregon yesterday and brought back with him some very attractive ore specimens, taken from both the lower and upper tunnels. The latter, started only a few weeks since, is in forty feet. Mr. Brown showed THE MIXER man two assays of this rock, one of which was for \$101 and the other \$126

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