

STAMPS DROPPING AT THE GOLCONDA

Mill Started on a Continuous Run Sunday Morning.

Ten stamps of the Golconda Mill began dropping Sunday morning. Five more will be started in a few days, and the other five one day next week.

The object in only operating ten to start with, is that the batteries may be properly adjusted, which is necessary after the long shut down. No trouble whatever has been experienced with any of the machinery; the ten stamps are working to perfection, having crushed thirty tons of ore during the twenty-four hours ending at six o'clock last evening. C. J. Carlson is mill superintendent. He is entirely capable.

The management estimates that there is now enough ore blocked out above the 200-foot level to feed the twenty stamps for twelve months. There are ore bodies practically in sight sufficient to supply double this number of stamps for many years. The Golconda is a great mine, proven to be such.

And everybody is congratulating the company managers, tossing floral offerings to Superintendent Meikle and envying the fortunate stockholders, over the fact that these splendid results have been attained in a little over two months work, since the new company took hold. At that time there were skeptics who declared that the Golconda was worked out. It is a fact that there was little or no ore in sight. How it had happened that the ore shoots had been lost and the big bodies covered is a mystery that no one has yet been able to solve. Superintendent Meikle has in two months revealed all this lost and hidden wealth, breaking all records and surprising even the new owners of the valuable property.

And all this wealth remains in Oregon. Manager Robbins and a few others will circulate a lot of it here in Sumpter, and the Pendleton people, game sports all of them, will throw the greater portion of it at jackrabbits in Umatilla sage brush.

Montana Has Produced a Billion in Gold.

The report of H. B. Tatem, assayer in charge of the United States assay office at Helena, to the director of the mint for the year 1901, just issued, shows that the value of the gold, silver, copper and lead produced in that year was \$40,387,619.01. Of that amount \$4,802,717.39 was in gold, \$18,334,442.26 in silver, \$36,751,887.04 in copper and \$498,622.02 in lead. As compared with the production of 1899, the decrease is about \$3,000,000, due to the lessened production of copper.

The report shows that since the discovery of gold in Montana, 40 years ago, more than \$1,000,000,000 has been taken from the streams and mountains of the state. Little change in the value of the gold production, as compared with the previous year, is shown, and attention is called to the enlarged use of the cyaniding process during the year. There was also little change in the value of the silver produced. In the table showing the production by counties, Lewis and Clark lead in the value of the gold, with \$1,056,138.32. Granite leads in the value of silver, with \$2,353,304.39. Silver Bow in copper, with 228,742,262 fine pounds. Meagher leads in the production of lead, with 2,500,000 fine pounds.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 1, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, July 5, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 1, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

PEARL BRADSHAW, of Ellensburg, county of Kittitas, state of Washington, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1187, for the purchase of the s e 1/4 s e 1/4 of section 10 and e 1/2 n e 1/4 and n e 1/4 s e 1/4 of section No. 15 in township No. 11 south, range No. 14 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1902.

She names as witnesses: Frances Tice, of Ellensburg, Washington; Frank H. Mackey, Clark M. Bradshaw and Percy H. Bradshaw, all of Austin, Oregon.

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FRANK H. MACKEY, of Austin, county of Grant, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1186, for the purchase of the s w 1/4 n w 1/4 and n 1/2 s w 1/4 of section No. 14 and n e 1/4 s e 1/4 of section No. 14 in township No. 11 south, range No. 14 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Clark M. Bradshaw, of Austin, Grant county, Oregon; Frances Tice and Pearl Bradshaw, of Ellensburg, Kittitas county, Washington, and Percy H. Bradshaw, of Austin, Grant county, Oregon.

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CLARK M. BRADSHAW, of Austin, county of Grant, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1185, for the purchase of the n e 1/4 n w 1/4, n 1/2 n e 1/4 and s e 1/4 n e 1/4 of section No. 14 in township No. 11 south, range No. 14 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1902.

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FRANCES TICE, of Ellensburg, county of Kittitas, state of Washington, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1188, for the purchase of the s 1/2 s w 1/4 of section No. 11 and the w 1/2 n w 1/4 of section No. 14 in township No. 11 south, range No. 14 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1902.

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