

**RICH STRIKE IN THE TINHORN**

**Seven Feet of Solid Ore Carrying Wire Gold.**

John Bartlett, the prominent citizen of Geiser, was in town last Friday, and told of a wonderful strike that had two days previously been made on Billy Jordan's property, at East Geiser.

It is now being worked under bond by A. F. Garrison, Dan McLeod and William Rogers, who have named it the Tinhorn Mining company. They have sunk a shaft 120 feet and at that point struck solid ledge matter carrying large quantities of wire gold. No assays have been made, but the values certainly run high in the thousands. Seven feet of ore had been exposed, with only one wall in sight and wire gold everywhere.

Mr. Bartlett assured the writer that it is the most valuable find ever made in the Bonanza district. It is about a half mile from the Bonanza mine, and is supposed to be on that ledge, although it has not been definitely traced the entire distance.

Billy Jordan is one of the oldtimers in eastern Oregon, has been mining here for thirty years and is still washing out gold from his nearby placer ground. He located this property many years ago. Messrs. Garrison, McLeod and Rogers have also resided in the district for a long time and are all well known miners, whose many friends are congratulating them over their success.

Unfortunately, this rose, like every other one, has its thorn. There is a contest over the title. Charley Forbare, of Sumpter, claims a prior title. His side of the story is that Mr. Jordan located the property as placer ground; that he discovered the ledge and located it as a quartz claim. If this is the case, as everyone knows, Mr. Forbare's claim will be sustained by the courts, where, it seems, the case will surely go for settlement.

It is understood that Mr. Jordan claims that this ledge is a blind one, discovered ninety feet below the surface, and has no connection with the one Forbare located. And that puts the whole question in a different light.

**24 MILLS IN OPERATION.**

**Spokane Man Tells of This Wonderful Mining District.**

"The Sumpter mining district has in actual operation twenty-four mills and cyanide plants," said John R. Cassin yesterday. "The output of gold ranges from \$5000 per month from the smaller mills to \$75,000 per month from the larger mills and richer properties."

"Extensive development is in evidence in the district. At the Bonanza mine a new hoist is now in operation which cost \$150,000 to erect. The Red Boy is adding sixty stamps to the twenty already in operation. Several new mills are under construction and the Red Boy company is working on a gigantic water power on Olive lake, which it expects to utilize to supply electric power for its plant and for other properties in the vicinity of the Alamo group of claims, near the Alamo townsite."

Mr. Cassin is secretary of the Alamo Consolidated Mining & Milling company, a Spokane corporation, organized to develop the Alamo group of six claims. It has several hundred feet of development work. The company has just increased its capital stock preparatory to putting in a mill. When asked concerning this property, Mr. Cassin said:

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"W. S. Eberman, mining engineer of

New York city, recently examined the property and estimated the ore blocked out in the upper levels to be worth \$825,400.

"The ore is free milling gold, averaging in mill tests from \$7 to \$12 per ton. Several rich streaks of ore were encountered in the No. 2 level, gold being visible to the naked eye, and it is expected, as has been the case in the big producing mines in the district, that higher grade ore will be encountered in the lower level.

"The stockholders of the Alamo Consolidated Mining & Milling company are chiefly Spokane people. Up to this time there has been expended on the property \$30,000. We are now putting in a water wheel and fan to supply air in the lower level. As soon as we cut our lead in the lower level men will be put to work driving right and left, aiming to block out ore as rapidly as possible, while the main tunnel will be continued on 300 feet further to cut a parallel lead which has been developed to some extent on the surface. This parallel lead is not as wide as the main Alamo lead, but carries higher values in gold.

"The company is in condition, as soon as the ore body is struck in the lower level and the detailed character of the mill suitable for handling the ore determined, to start immediately upon its construction, and the company expects to have it in operation before the close of the present year.

"Mining in the district is carried on on an extensive scale. The mills already erected in the district are modern and kept in excellent repair."—Spokesman-Review.

**Copperopolis Elects Officers.**

The Copperopolis company, at their annual stockholders meeting, held in the office of the company, 607 Marquam building, July 11th, elected A. H. Willett, president; A. W. Dunn, vice-president; Mose Marks, Omaha, Neb., second vice-president; W. W. Gibbs, secretary and treasurer. Several of the stockholders of this wide awake, progressive company were present, and expressed themselves highly pleased at the progress that had been made and the financial condition of the company. Mr. Willett, president, and Mr. Gibbs, secretary and treasurer, have been untiring in their efforts, having given the company nearly their entire time and attention, and we must congratulate them, as there is no property in any of the famous mining districts of our fair state that has more promising showings for becoming one of the greatest copper mines in the United States than the Copperopolis. Such untiring energy as that shown by the president and secretary can only result in ultimate success.—Pacific Miner.

**Production of Gold and Silver.**

While some silver was mined in 1891, it was not a good year. The total production of the world amounted to 174,851,301 ounces, valued at \$103,074,891. The amount mined in 1900 was 114,151,391 ounces, or \$10,859,723 greater than the year following. There was a difference in the price of the metal during the two years, however, the quotation for 1900 being 61.33, and only 58.95 in 1901. The output of gold during 1900 was \$260,743,830, and in 1901 it aggregated \$264,840,477. Of this vast sum for 1901 the United States contributed \$80,211,545 and Australia \$77,058,938, which is about \$2,000,000 more for the United States for 1891, and \$4,000,000 for Australia for the same year over 1900. During the two years the two countries produced 58 and 59 per cent of the total output of the world.

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