

BIG TIMBER RUSH ON.**Cruisers Are Making Money in Eastern Oregon.**

One of the biggest rushes for timber locations seen in the northwest is now in progress in various eastern Oregon counties, especially Crook and Grant. It is claimed that in Crook 20,000 acres have been taken up in the last 100 days. In Grant parties of prospectors have been met everywhere traveling through the woods in company with timber locators on a still hunt for corners and government stakes.

Along the north fork of the John Day and on the numerous creeks tributary to it a heavy belt of yellow pine, hitherto almost untouched exists, measuring several million feet generally to the quarter section. Small settlers are scattered through much of it, and the holdings of these men, located generally without regard to government corners, generally overlap somewhere. No difficulty of any account is being experienced with them, however.

A real harvest is being made by the professional timber locators, who, through a knowledge of the country are able to command \$50, \$75 and \$100 and even more from those parties who want to corral a good yellow pine tract. These locators are having a pretty busy time of it now, for some times a dozen timber hunters strike the John Day in a single morning. The outside world is just awakening to the fact that a virgin forest of pine is left in eastern Oregon.

The Palouse has furnished a large number of claim hunters. Others are flocking in from eastern Oregon towns, while some people on the spot themselves are beginning to look up quarter sections, lest the stranger come in and take everything there is before the residents get round to it.—Pendleton Tribune.

BADGER CONCENTRATES.**Are Being Hauled by Wagon to Pendleton for Shipment.**

The first loads of ore and concentrates arrived Friday evening from the Susanville mines to be shipped from Pendleton via the W. & C. R. and N. P. roads to Tacoma to be smeltered.

Dan McAlpin and James Griffin brought a load each and took them to the Hunt depot, where a car is being loaded. This ore is coming from the Badger mine, where an eight-stamp mill was recently installed, and is the first to come out.

In speaking of the Badger mine and Susanville camp, Messrs. McAlpin and Griffin said:

"The camp now has about 200 people who are drawing their supplies from it. While Susanville is not a city, or one of those boom mining camps which grow up in one day and perish almost as quickly, it is growing very rapidly and is as lively as could be expected. The Badger mine is one of the best properties in that territory—or it may not be the best, either, but it is being developed beyond any other and is showing what is in it. Many other properties are showing up fine and it only requires a few more mills in there to prove to the world that Susanville is a mining country not to be sneezed at.

"The roads between Susanville and Pendleton are excellent except for about 35 miles. This is from Dale into the camp. Part of the road is almost impassable with a load. The people of Susanville would like to see this opened, so they could haul their ore out and supplies back from Pendleton. While it is almost twice as far from Pendleton to

the camp, haulers would rather come here than go out any other way, because the roads are so rough and steep. It would only take a little money to make this 35 miles of road passable and something ought to be done toward it. Pendleton would get all the trade from Susanville if this piece of road was made decent. The rest of the way is all right." —East Oregonian.

Struck It Rich in the Blackeye.

W. H. Butler, the well-known mining man, and Sam Kershaw, who has extensive mining interests in the Spanish gulch country, returned Tuesday from a two weeks' trip to the Greenhorn district, in the northern part of the county. Mr. Butler stated to a News representative that he and his partner had struck something that was all right while over there. They have named their claim the "Blackeye." It is situated just west of Greenhorn City and the rich Psyche mine. The ledge is twelve feet wide and is literally lousy with free gold. Mr. Butler was offered a large sum for the mine while there, but refused it, saying that it would require \$25,000 to talk business. Messrs. Butler and Kershaw will return to Greenhorn in a few days and commence active operations.—Grant County News.

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