

## GREAT STRIKE AT GIPSY KING

### Worthless Looking Ore Assays \$54 in Gold.

Several days since water drove the miners from the shaft in the Gipsy King, when down only nine feet, the hand pump being ineffective even at that shallow depth.

W. H. Mather and Al Otness came into camp to get material for constructing an overshot water wheel, with which to operate a force pump, bringing in a lot of the ore with them. It was as unpromising looking rock as was ever found in Oregon, having the appearance of dried mortar, carrying some microscopic particles of sulphurets, white as silver. The ore was unlike any ever found in that vicinity. The people here interested in the Gipsy King and who have had unbounded faith in the property, time and again putting up money to continue development work when the sale of treasury stock was slow, were unquestionably discouraged.

President F. C. Brodie selected some samples for assay, saying that it wouldn't surprise him if the best of them would go as high as ten dollars. Others thought they might carry a trace, but they wouldn't be willing to bet on it. It was a mere matter of curiosity that prompted the investment of five or six dollars in assays. One of these samples consisted of ore taken clear across the ledge, which weighed several pounds. It gave fifty-four dollars in gold and a few cents over one dollar in silver. All the other assays were good. One of the surprising features of the returns was that the ore selected as being the best, carried the least values, and the average sample was the highest of all. It is evident that the character of the rock has changed within depth distance of a few feet. All other rock taken from the property carried about half its values in silver. It can be readily concentrated.

When this solid ledge matter was first encountered at a depth of two feet under the heavy wash, it was only eight inches wide. Seven feet further down it is twenty-six inches wide and will unquestionably reach seven or eight feet before the shaft is sunk 100 feet, as it spreads out like a fan. It goes down almost perpendicularly.

The work of installing a water power and pump is now being hastened and every effort will be made to sink as rapidly as possible and take out ore. The plan is to have enough ore on the dump by the time the smelter here is ready to accept it, to pay for development work all winter.

### MONEY MADE IN MINING.

#### What Some of the Widely Known Properties Have Produced.

People who have not studied the subject have for the most part very imperfect ideas as to what is being done, not only in the United States, but also in various foreign countries, in the way of gold and silver mining. To such, may be recommended a consideration of the facts and figures set forth below. The record that has been made by some of the individual gold and silver mines are simply amazing.

The Comstock lode, of Virginia City, Nevada, has produced in gold and silver the enormous sum of \$320,000,000. Most of the ore yielded but eight dollars per ton in gold.

The Calumet has paid \$50,800,000 in dividends alone.

The Anaconda, of Butte, which was

sold for \$40,000,000 to the Rockefellers, paid that amount in dividends before selling.

The Alaska-Treadwell gold mine, with ore running less than three dollars, has paid \$3,995,000 in dividends.

The Ontario, of Utah, has paid \$13,557,000 in dividends.

The Granite Mountain, Montana, \$13,000,000; the stock selling from ten cents per share to \$75 inside of two years and paying fifty per cent in dividends each month.

The Homestake, of South Dakota, on three dollar ore, has paid \$3,333 in dividends every day it has run for the past ten years.

The Whitewatersrand, of South Africa, produced in the first year (1887), only \$405,000, but in 1895 it had increased to \$40,000,000, while the output for the last ten years exceeds \$250,000,000. For 1898 it was \$75,000,000, placing it in the lead among the gold producing countries. —Miner and Electrician.

#### That Forest Reserve is Created.

United States Commissioner Chance received a telegram Saturday from the land office at La Grande, stating that advices had been received from the Interior department to the effect that the much discussed forest reserve had been officially created, and that filings would not be received after that date. The Oregonian of Sunday published the letter of instructions sent out by Land Commissioner Hermann, of the department, at Washington, which gives the land withdrawn, by sections. The territory covered is about the same as has heretofore been published in these columns. The closing paragraph of the letter is as follows: "This temporary withdrawal, or any permanent reservation which may follow, will not affect any bona fide settlement or claim on the lands which is properly initiated prior to the date hereof and duly of record within the statutory period."

#### Sumpter Band Will Give a Dance.

Arrangements are being made by the Sumpter band to give a dance at Ellis opera house next Tuesday evening, August 12. The object is to secure funds for the purchase of instruments, music and other equipment for the band. The committee in charge consists of O. P. Bradley, G. W. White, A. G. Davidson, Leon B. Stoddard and J. H. England. Everybody should turn out and help the boys put their organization in more effective shape for their enjoyable and appreciative concerts.

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