

RICH STRIKE IN OREGON MONARCH

Blind Ledge Cut That Pans Big in Free Gold.

Hon. J. H. Robbins and E. F. Warner returned Friday from a visit of inspection to the Oregon Monarch group, adjoining the noted Red Boy on the south.

At the time of their visit to the property a new strike was made, which at the present writing bids fair to equal anything heretofore uncovered in this favored section. This find was made in the breast of the long crosscut tunnel now being driven to develop all the veins on the company's property, on the opposite side of Congo creek, a short distance south of the Red Boy workings. The vein encountered was a blind one, no evidence of it appearing on the surface. Its size and extent is but little known at present, but for richness in free gold, it equals anything heretofore discovered in the district.

Messrs. Robbins and Warner took a shovel full down to the creek and panned it, with the result that as long a string of gold as is usually found in the most prolific gold bearing ore showed up in the bottom of the pan.

The Oregon Monarch group is located eighteen miles in a southwest direction from Sumpter. The property is owned by an incorporated company. Its holdings consist of nine full claims and a five-acre mill site.

Formerly the group consisted of the Nicotine, Merit, Atlas, Standard and Signal claims, but about six weeks since the company purchased the Monahan-Murphy group, comprising the Climax No. 2, Blue Bell, Gold Coin and Spokane claims and the mill site mentioned.

Surveys are now being made of the entire property so that United States patents will soon be obtained. The total area acquired is about 200 acres, and practically takes in the entire mountain.

The Nicotine, Merit and Atlas locations, the extreme westerly claims of the group, are on the same vein; thus the company has the lode for a distance of 4500 feet. This immense fissure is twenty feet in width and pans well in free gold wherever opened. This is the same vein from which the Red Boy company has extracted great quantities of gold.

Two veins are known to be on the Standard and Signal, on which lead the company owns 3000 feet. One of these veins is eight feet between walls and the other four feet.

The Monarch company also has 3000 feet in length on the Climax No. 2 and Blue Bell locations, 1500 feet on the Gold Coin and the same on the Spokane, making a grand total of mineral bearing veins of 16,500 feet, or three and one-eighth miles in length, not counting the rich blind lead already struck, or those liable to be encountered.

The working tunnel above alluded to is started on the northwest side of Clear creek, on Climax No. 2 ground, at a proper height above the stream to allow for plenty of dump room. The mountain slopes at an angle of about forty-five degrees; therefore the gain in depth will be approximately foot for foot, crosscutting the upper veins at a depth estimated at 700 feet.

On what is known as Spokane mountain, on the southeast side of Clear creek, is situated the Gold Coin and Spokane claims. These veins are the same as those of the Blue Bird Mining company, adjoining, now being developed by a crosscut tunnel. The vein on the Gold Coin is from five to six feet in

width and pans well in free gold.

All the mineral bearing ledges above described are in slate, or argillite formation, cutting through the same, hence are true fissures. The big vein dips at an angle of about seventy degrees from the horizontal toward the west.

Work is being crowded on the development tunnel night and day. It is the intention to drive it at least 200 feet per month with Leyner drills, two of these machines having been purchased by the company a week or ten days since from C. H. Fisher, of Baker City. Power has been secured from the Red Boy compressor, across Congo creek, and a pipe for conveying the same has been installed.

With such development being so vigorously prosecuted in such a gold producing locality of proven merit, the possibilities of the future for the Oregon Monarch company are beyond conjecture.

Messrs. Robbins and Warner confirm the report of the recent extraordinary strike on the old reliable Red Boy, the Oregon Monarch's nearest neighbor, and brought back as evidence a large chunk of the ore, studded with coarse gold, which is now in the First Bank of Sumpter.

Mammoth Sold for \$35,000.

L. Baer, L. Sommer and J. H. Parker, owners of the famous Mammoth mine, in the Virtue-White Swan district, sold the property to a Michigan syndicate yesterday. The first payment of \$10,000 was made at the time of transfer. It is

understood the total consideration was \$35,000, one of the largest deals of the season. It has been given out that the new proprietors will immediately begin development work upon an extensive scale. The Mammoth is situated about a mile and half east of the celebrated Virtue mine, and an enormous amount of labor has been performed upon the property. A two-compartment shaft will be sunk and all tunnels and drifts will be extended. At this time a depth of over 225 feet has been attained upon good ore. The Michigan buyers will increase the working force and enter upon the development of the well known mine with a vim. This means another active producer within a radius of a few miles from town.—Herald.

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