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THAT \$15,000 NUGGET.

Old Miners Discuss the Big Find and Think Story is Straight.

A dispatch from Baker City, Oregon, in yesterday's paper, reported that a Chinaman who had leased the Salmon creek placer mines, had found a nugget worth \$15,000. The dispatch stated that that is the largest nugget ever discovered in the United States, but it failed to say whether it was pure gold, or whether quartz was intermingled with the yellow metal.

A nugget of this magnitude, free from quartz, would weigh 73½ pounds, with gold at seventeen dollars an ounce, which is the market price of gold in that section of Oregon.

The largest nugget of solid gold ever uncovered in the history of placer mining was the one at Mt. Moliagul, Australia, in 1869. It weighed 190 pounds and was valued at \$45,000. The largest one interspersed with quartz was found in 1872 in New South Wales. It tipped the scales at 640 pounds and was worth \$140,000.

A nugget is on exhibition in the window of a Riverside avenue jewelry establishment. It is triangularly shaped, with its longer side about seven inches long. It has quartz mingled with the gold, and is valued at over \$700. With this as a standard, one can easily imagine the colossal dimensions of a nugget worth \$15,000.

A. J. Miner, an old placer miner, who has followed this occupation since 1849, and who was a resident of the different California diggings in their infancy, and who participated in the stampede into the Oregon camps at the first excitement, and who mined at Elk City, Florence and Pierce City, Idaho, in the heyday of their glory, was asked his opinion as to the probable veracity of the above men-

tioned dispatch.

"If I remember correctly," said Mr. Miner, "the diggings on Salmon creek are near its mouth, at its confluence with Bennett river. I had claims there in the early '60s, and the gold of that district was unusually clean and smooth. During the time I was sluicing on my claim a German, in a section of country not far distant from where this present find is reported to have been made, picked up a nugget that weighed \$3300. It was absolutely pure. I failed to see it, but it was taken to Walla Walla, where thousands viewed it.

"Therefore, from my personal knowledge and acquaintance of the district, I am not inclined to stamp the story as a fake. I am, however, astonished that the Chinaman would allow the find to become public. This is the only reason that leads me to believe that the story may be exaggerated to some extent. You know the Chinamen are not legally entitled to own claims, but are only permitted to lease them. Naturally, it is to their interests to conceal a big strike.

"The largest nugget I ever saw was found by a young boy on Scott river, California. It was worth about \$1500. I have heard of them being found in California valued as high as \$6000. The placer diggings in Idaho did not carry especially coarse gold. It was mostly fine, flour gold. The coarsest gold in my recollection came from Oregon, and it is my opinion that this nugget is the largest ever found in the United States."

James Glover mined in that region of Oregon in '66. He said:

"The gold there was singularly free from quartz and very pure. I myself washed out a nugget valued at \$141. It is my belief that this \$15,000 one is the largest ever discovered in this country."

—Spokesman-Review.

Suit Involving La Bellevue.

A suit for the sale of valuable mining claims in Grant county, eastern Oregon, that the proceeds may be divided between the three owners, and for the payment of \$50,000 to J. H. Parker, has been transferred to the United States court from Grant county. Mr. Parker is vice president of the First National bank of this city and asserts in his complaint that, together with the defendants, he is owner of the La Bellevue, South lode, Lolita lode, Hope lode, Mountain View lode and the La Bellevue and Wild West mill sites, known as the Cable consolidated quartz mining claims. He also alleges that he has a lien on the claims for \$50,000. The plaintiff then avers that the property cannot be partitioned without prejudice to the owners, and he therefore asks the court for an order to sell the property, the first \$50,000 of the proceeds to be paid to him and the remainder to be divided between the three men.—Democrat.

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