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Over the Dewey Group on Mother Lode.

Still another mining company has been organized to develop a group of \$2.50, to \$4,92, in gold have been obclaims on the great mother lode system tained, which is encouraging in any in the Sumpter district.

Dame fortune is styled the Cracker Cra- roots. die Gold Mining company. Incorporated under the jaws of Oregon and capitalized for 1,000,0000 shares at a par value of \$1 each. Six hundred thousand shares are in the treasury and the remaining 400:,000 are pooled among the company and will not be placed on the market for at least twelve or eighteen months.

The property acquired by this company was formerly known as the Dewey group. It consists of the Dewey, Lost lode and Mollalla. The first two are on the same vein, but the latter covers a cross lead.

These locations are about one and one half miles northwest of the town of Hanover, and from 4,000 to 5,000 feet southwest of the Golconda, the Oregon King group being between the Cracker-Cradle and the Golconda.

This property is in the same formation as the Golconda and other famous mines in that prolific district. Only surface work has been performed so far but assays of from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per ton have been obtained. The main vein has been crosseut for fourteen feet and no hanging wall reached yet. An ideal tunnel site is on the property and there a crosscut will be started at once whic's will, after being extended 200 feet, cut the vein 150 feet in depth.

From this point drifts will be run in both directions and machinery installed for sinking on the most favorable ore body encountered.

J. J. Hennessy, who is one of the directors of the company, and who will manage its affairs at this end, purchased this group over one year ago. He was offered \$10,000 for it but prefered to develop the property on a company basis.

K. E. Windel, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and his associates, are the chief backers of the enterprise. They report having from \$30,000 to \$40,000 ready for development purposes, and it is possible they may acquire other mines in this section.

J. J. Hennessy, the manager, is a man well drilled in the business by practical experience, and has always been in touch with the elements of success in his mining operations.

MAY BE AN ELDORADO.

Promising Properties in a Fayorable Locality.

feet in width. Of this latter vein, however, he is un-CRACKER CRADLE certain as to its real width. There appears to be vein material for a width of 90 feet, but as to its value beyond the 36 🛔 foot limit, he has not had any assays. A Milwaukee Company Takes The surface croppings give returns sufficient to justify him in the belief that he will have property of great value with depth. It will be necessary to sink to thoroughly prospect the ground. These veins are in a serpentine and porphyry formation. Right on top of the ground, as it were, assays of from part of eastern Oreogn, where, as a rule, This new candidate for favors from high values are not obtained at grass

The Proper Kind of Spirit.

Thomas F. Barbee, of Baker City, was in Sumpter on Saturday. Mr. Barbee and Mr. J. E. Griffith, of Iowa, are the owners of the Crown Point mine in the Cable Cove district. This property is incorporated, but these gentlemen have purchased all the stock and are developing on their own account. A crosscut tunnel is being driven to intersect the ledge which will be between 600 and 700 feet in length when it pierces the vein. This work is being done by contract at an expense of \$14 per foot. Their property adjoins the California on the southwest. Mr. Barbee is quite enthusiastic regarding the future of the mines of Cable Cove. He is of the opinion that with the same development they will equal those of the Cracker Creek section. He also is of the opinion that Sumpter has some of the most wide awake and pushing mining men of any camp in the United States, and that the possibilities of this portion of eastern Oregon, with such enterprising people behind it, is beyond conjecture.

Cheaper Cyanide.

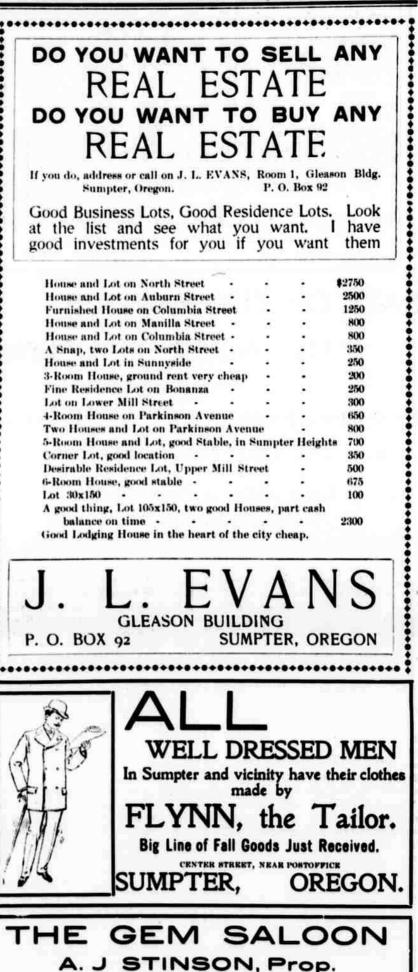
Professor Edmund O'Neill of the University of California chemistry department, has discovered a new process for making cyanide of potassium from the nitrogen of the atmosphere, a discovery that will allow of the production of the previous compound at a rate far cheaper than it has ever been possible to manufacture it. Such an advantage can be obtained by the new method that it is hoped to secure a great reduction in the cost of extracting gold by the cyanide process and in other similar metallurgical operations.

Bankers in Mines.

It is a noticeable fact that scores of the leading and conservative bankers are interesting themselves largely in mining. Mining is no more regarded as a speculative business, but a legitimate field for the shrewd business man. During the past month several good mining companies have been organized in various parts of the country, the officials being well-known bankers-National Banker.

Millions For the Owners.

The Prairie City Miner of last week says: Wm. McElroy came in Tuesday from the Oregon Wonder Mining group, where he has been at work. that it is the biggest thing he ever has seen, and that it will bring millions to the owners, that it is just as reported. Mr. McElroy has been very skeptical in regard to this property, and laughed at the proposition, but he is convinced of its greatness.



J. N. Van Dorn, of the Eldorado group

of mining claims, was in the city last week

For the past three years Mr. Van Dorn has been quietly and industriously developing the five claims which he owns on the above named group. His

holdings are situated in the Red Boy Cost of Cyaniding. mining district three and one half miles The cost of cyanide treatment in a from the noted liex mine and on the typical southwestern Colorado plant, same mineral belt. To reach this prop- where about 125 tons are handled daily, erty, the most conveniment route is to is stated to be 70 cents a ton-20.5 cents leave the Granite road about three miles for labor, 3.5 cents for powder and fuel, east of Granite, and proceed up Onion and 46 cents for material. Of the latter, creek about two miles. Mr. Van Dorn's 35 cents was for cyanide and 4.5 cents work has demonstrated that he has two for zinc. The final tailing loss was incusase veins, one 25 and the other 36 about 85 cents a ton.

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