

**OVER ON THE GREENHORN RANGE**

**MANY MINES AND MILLS BUSY AND PRODUCING.**

**Notes on What is Being Done on the Many Mining Groups—A Plea for the Changing of the Boundary Line Between Baker and Grant Counties.**

Sam Stott, attorney, notary and prospector, has been in the mining metropolis of eastern Oregon for the past week attending to business matters here after a busy season spent amidst the mines and prospects of the Greenhorn mountains.

From Mr. Stott a reporter of THE MINER was able to gather the following information relating to that thriving and progressive portion of these extensive gold fields.

The Psyche 20-stamp mill will soon start, but the first run will be on ore from the Morning mine, property of Frank Couper, Ike Simmons and Herschel Ames.

The owners of this producer will mill all their ore which is free milling and runs less than \$40 per ton. They have large quantities of shipping ore which runs up in the hundreds of dollars per ton which can be readily moved now on account of the snow roads making transportation much easier.

At the Phoenix, the mill is now in thorough shape, and was to be started on last Friday. A long and successful run is expected.

Ten stamps are being continually operated at the Don Juan, and the ore being milled is said to be fine.

A hoist has been erected at the Virginia mine, and it is the intention of the owners to install a mill in the near future, as the appearance of the property now justifies that method of handling the product.

The Eldorado group, of seven claims, lying between the Don Juan and Phoenix, have been bonded to John T. English, of Sumpter.

A number of men and teams are at work completing the road to the Tempest mine. The last three and a half miles of this necessary means of communication will be a snow road. This improvement is necessary to get in the milling and concentrating machinery now on the way. This property produces milling, concentrating and smelting ores. Elaborate tests have been made and it is not improbable but that a matting plant, to handle a portion of the output, will be built sometime in the future.

The owners of the Banzette have made arrangements to crush quite a quantity of ore from their mine at the Quebec mill. They will have a down grade pull of four and a half miles over the snow, which will make transportation an easy matter.

At the I X L group, Manager Fred J. Kelly has erected a whim on the Hidden Treasure vein, so as to sink on that lead as well as on the I X L, where a steam hoist has been in operation for several months. The I X L company own about 180 acres of patented claims in one group. They have considerable high grade ore in sight and on the dumps, but are in no hurry to put up a reduction plant.

Outside of those mentioned, there are many prospects being developed. It is Mr. Stott's intention to compile a four sheet map of the Greenhorn district, as he has made a study, and is familiar with every mine, prospect and point of

interest in that advancing section. There is one important matter in which, Mr. Stott states, all residents and property owners of the Greenhorn section are vitally interested. That is, that the boundary line between Baker and Grant counties should be definitely settled, and it is urged by the residents of Greenhorn city that a portion of Grant county at that point should be cut off and attached to Baker county.

As the boundary line now is, it follows the water shed between the tributaries and head waters of the John Day on one side and those of Powder and Burnt rivers on the other. Often the tops of the mountains are so flat it is difficult to determine in which direction the water flows. The consensus of opinion appears to be that legal subdivisions should be taken as a new boundary between the two counties. This, it is claimed, would prevent the mistake which is often made of recording claims in the wrong county.

Of the complications which may arise under the present conditions, the case of the Ross Gulch quartz mining property is cited. Messrs. Peter Basche and A. H. Garrison being the present owners. The mine of this property is located in Grant county, and the mill in Baker county. Before these gentlemen secured control, it appears some legal formalities had to be gone through with, and on account of the county line being indefinite, they lost quite a quantity of cord wood which the Sheriff of Baker county levied on, that officer thinking it came under his jurisdiction, but it was finally determined the wood was in Grant county.

It is said that the citizens of Greenhorn and others interested, will by petition, try to have the question of county lines righted at the coming session of the legislature.

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