

**OVER SIX MILLIONS.**

**The California Mining Journal  
Makes Estimate of Pro-  
duction.**

In a column article giving tabulated statements, which prove that Oregon produced last year a grand total of \$6,230,290. The Mining and Engineering Review, of San Francisco, has this to say regarding Sumpter and Baker City districts:

In eastern Oregon there are 57 quartz mills with 758 stamps in operation, and there are a number of placer mines operating in the summer months.

The North Pole, in the Sumpter district, is owned by the Barings of London, and information is hard to obtain, but from miners who have worked at the North Pole, and who are now engaged elsewhere, enough has been learned to state that the mine produces at least \$100,000 in bullion and about \$20,000 in concentrates monthly.

The Red Boy has produced an enormous amount of rich ore and is now in operation, having declared a dividend last month.

The Virtue, another big mine near Baker City, is now producing from \$20,000 to \$25,000 monthly, and it produced for a long time nearly double that amount.

The White Swan, an old producer, is again on the list of producers. The mill is now running on low grade ore taken from the old workings, and a great deal of high grade ore from new ground is being stoped so that next year it will help swell the production.

Much of the ore from the mines of eastern Oregon is shipped out of the state to smelters at different points and altogether a safe estimate of the production of that section for 1902 would be \$4,000,000.

The production from the entire state, segregated, is as follows:

Southern Oregon.....	\$1,580,290
Eastern Oregon.....	4,000,000
Central Oregon.....	500,000
Santiam, Blue River, Trout Creek and other sources .....	150,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,230,290</b>

**Gold is Where You Find it.**

Gold has been found in the crop of a wild goose and duck, in the claw of barnyard fowl, and tradition has it that in former days deer were often slain who had gold-plated teeth from drinking of the waters of Cripple creek. California now comes to the front with this story: "One day last week a young man of Goosybar Bar slaughtered a cow, and while dressing the animal came across a small amount of sand in its stomach. Being in a prospective mood he thought he would pan the sand, and the result was about a dozen good sized colors. He is now very anxious to find out where the cow had been in the habit of pasturing, as he considers it a very good 'trace,' and it might lead to the discovery of a rich pocket." Next we expect to hear of a shark being caught with a bar of gold bullion in his stomach, naturally extracted from the gold in solution that the sea water is alleged to contain.—Western Mining World.

**About the New Light Radium.**

One of the new elements the scientific world is just now raving over is radium. It is claimed that it is worth several hundred times more than gold, which value is in its extraction. Experiments made with the element show that it is

capable of giving light to the eye through metal screens and a tube containing radium chloride held to the temple will give light to the optic nerve of the blind. It is in effect an x-ray without the necessary crooke tube. Experiments with this new element are being watched with great interest by scientists of the whole world.—Mohave Co. (Arizona) Miner.

**Developing Red Jacket Claim.**

Work is progressing nicely at the Red Jacket mine, and Superintendent James Wood informs us that he is now taking out some of the best looking rock yet found on that property. The shaft is being sunk on the ledge which was cut by the tunnel.—Ashwood Prospector.

**THE ROBBINS BILL.**

**Mining Men as a Rule do not  
Approve the Measure.**

The probabilities are that the Robbins bill now pending in the state legislature, will be cut and slashed and so amended that its sponsor will not recognize it when the time comes for it to be put upon its final passage.

No one who has perused the bill has any objections to the establishment of a bureau of mines, and very few, as far as have been heard, object to the appointment of mining inspectors and the other proposed attaches of the bureau.

The first main objection is the qualification which requires a person to have worked seven years in quartz mines in Oregon before they are eligible to certain offices.

Some of the regulations about the working of mines, as incorporated in the bill, are denounced in strong terms by many mining men who have been asked for an opinion on the subject. It would require more space than is at hand to repeat all the objections that have been heard on the measure.

It is to be regretted that there is no organization among the mining men of the Sumpter district, whereby those interested could get together, and in proper manner lay their views before Mr. Robbins, the father of the act, and who, in a public meeting, held in this city on the 3rd of December last, asked that he be guided in his legislative career by an organization, which should be the mouthpiece, as it were, of the mining and business community.

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