

PACIFIC COAST GOLD BELT.

Trend of Auriferous Veins and Figures on Their Production.

According to the best informed mining and technical minds, says an exchange, the most important gold belt in North America is that stretching along the Pacific coast, that is throughout characterized by free milling quartz ores with auriferous sulphides, but a great erosion has taken place since it was formed.

The starting point of the gold belt is in Lower California, continuing through San Diego, Los Angeles and Kern counties up through the central part of California, where it is developed in great strength; then to northern California, southwestern and northeastern Oregon.

In the latter state, it is modified by the appearance of many silver-gold deposits and veins carrying auriferous sulphides without free gold. Strong development is again attained in the Cariboo district, in central British Columbia, and it continues through Omineca, Cassiar and Atlin districts to the Klondike region, and thence bending westward follows the Yukon to the western end of the continent at Nome on the Seward peninsula.

Throughout this stretch of country the veins are accompanied by developments of placers which are characteristic of this class of gold veins. At many places in California, as well as in Oregon and Alaska, the veins from which these placers were derived were disappointing because the primary deposits were often scattered rather than concentrated.

California has yielded \$1,300,000,000 from this belt, Oregon \$55,000,000, British Columbia and Northwest Territory \$120,000,000, Alaska \$31,000,000, a total of over \$1,400,000,000. During 1900 the belt yielded \$50,000,000, of which one-half came from British Columbia and the Yukon.

Besides the Pacific gold belt, there is a broad zone in the central and eastern part of the Cordilleran region. This broad zone begins in Mexico, where the Pacific states of Sonora and Sinaloa contain many veins in granites and crystallines. Some of those in Sonora are considered of the same age as California veins. Similar deposits in old rocks continue through the southwestern part of Arizona.

From the time of discovery up to 1900 the United States have produced \$2,360,000,000. Mexico at least \$181,000,000, and probably twice as much, and British and North America \$142,000,000, making a grand total of \$2,683,000,000.

IMPERIAL GROUP IN CABLE COVE

Men of Means Have a Lease and Bond on Big Showing.

Very little has been said of late about what is locally known as the Imperial mine of the Cable Cove section, not much over a dozen miles north of Sumpter. This group consists of fourteen claims all of which belong to the Eagle Mining company.

This group lies east of the California, and is located on parallel veins to that property. Fully 2000 feet of tunnels have been driven and a fifty foot winze sunk developing the ground up to its present stage. One shoot of ore has been proven for 300 feet which averages over \$100 per ton. The values be-

ing gold, silver, copper and lead.

Over \$70,000 worth of ore has been shipped from the openings made and the winze sunk below the lower tunnel level. Recently there has been several expert examinations of the property, but with what intention, the public is not made aware.

C. W. Nibley, of Baker City, one of the owners of the Sumpter Valley railway, and Jonathan Bourne, lawyer and millionaire of Portland, have a lease and bond on the group. Just what they propose to do with such a showing is at this time unknown.

WILL BUILD HOIST IN THE SPRING

Standard Mine in Cable Cove Will Become One of the Producers.

John H. Shanks, principal owner of the Standard, a high grade Cable Cove property, is in town. This claim belongs to an incorporated company in the state of Washington. It is the south extension of the Imperial and a parallel vein to the California.

There are two veins on the location and two shafts; one thirty-five and the other forty-five feet in depth. Both of these shafts are in ore which carry in gold, silver, copper and lead, an aggregate value of over \$100 per ton.

It is the intention of the company to erect a hoist as soon as possible the coming spring, when ore will be extracted for shipping. It is presumed that a home market at the smelting works in Sumpter, is an incentive to this company the same as it is to many others.

Dixie Meadows Development.

In the Dixie Meadows Gold Mining company's report last issue there appeared a typographical error. It should have read: "On level No. 2 the south drift has been extended ninety feet and the north drift fifteen feet, making a total of 205 feet," while it reads "making a total of 105 feet." 105 feet has been made since the last annual meeting, July 7, 1902, and 100 feet had been made prior to that time.—Prairie City Miner.

New Pump For the Wisconsin.

A large pump, one of 200 gallon per minute capacity, has been ordered for the Wisconsin mines eight miles south of Sumpter. This piece of machinery is expected to arrive soon when work on that property will be resumed, it being necessary to close down some time since on account of a heavy inflow of water,

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