

The Sumpter Miner ON CRACKER SUMMIT.

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It is really too bad the straight, financial and otherwise that the Rockefeller family are getting into. John cannot swing the senate as he would desire and William is so impecunious he is afraid that he can't pay his taxes. There is one panacea for this afflicted pair, they have the consolation of religion.

When a little thought is devoted to the subject, there are some crumbs of comfort after all in this blackmailing business in mining camps to which Mining Journals have called more or less attention recently. In nearly every instance it will be found that the claim jumper, who expects to blackmail some person or company, is one of that class of vermin imported from the slums of a foreign country and, under our liberal laws, given the rights of citizenship. The privilege he abuses at the first opportunity, and if he can get a native born to assist him in his low cunning attempts, he is supremely happy. But fortunately there are few born on this side the Atlantic who are depraved enough to stoop to such contemptible proceedings.

In a measure it is surprising with what alacrity the stocks of many eastern Oregon mining companies are engaged, even before they are on the market. To those who are on the ground, and keep in touch with the strides being made in mining development, the reason is plain. The fact that so many orders come from long distances, prove conclusively that a comprehensive knowledge of the merits of this, as a mining country must be well known. A case in point is the recent flotation of the Highland mines company of this city. Since it has been known that this property was on the market, the offices of Neil J. Sorrensen & Co., have been flooded with telegraphic orders for stock. While local investors have been rushing in with their orders. It appears as though the entire allotment will be more than subscribed for before the subscription books are opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Browne Entertain.

On Saturday night the 14th instant Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Browne entertained in their suite at the Hotel Sumpter. The occasion being a "Valentine party." Hearts was the game of the evening; the fortunate ones to carry home prizes were Mrs. Anthony Mohr first prize and Mr. Joseph Reed gentleman's first, the consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Greenlee and Mr. N. C. Richards.

The invited guests were; Mesdames N. C. Richards, Professor Eberman, Roy Miller, Dr. Brock, A. P. Goss, E. E. McCammon, F. D. Smith, E. L. Killen, H. T. Hendryx, L. M. Welch, A. B. Scout, Claud Basche, Anthony Mohr, T. W. Davidson, MacDonnell, Greenlee, Misses Greenlee, Calder and the following named gentlemen: Messrs Calder, Mueller, Neel, Marr, Clarke, Bellman, Reed, Leston, Kadish Davidson, Richards, Eberman, Miller, Brock, Goss, McCammon, Smith, Killen, Hendryx, Welch, Scout, Basche, Mohr, Davidson.

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Preparations are Made for Extensive Work on the Vein.

For nearly a year a small force has been continually at work on the Cracker Summit group of mines in the Cracker Creek district. Recently a number of miners were employed, a new car, and a quantity of steel track purchased and forwarded. In fact, everything necessary has been done so as to push development work on a more extensive scale.

The title of the incorporation owning this property is the Cracker Summit Gold Mining company. Their holdings lie seven miles north of Sumpter, adjoining the North Pole on the northeast and the Eureka and Excelsior on the east. The claims are the Summit, Summit number one and two, and Cracker number one. There are several fractions, as follows: Beecher, Novice, Sumpter, Columbia and the Lucky Jim.

On the 12th instant, A. W. Gambs, superintendent, handed in a report to the company from which some extracts are hereby made. This report gives in complete detail all facts relating to development on the different veins, but lack of space prevents giving it in full.

There are three tunnels driven at different distances on the main vein. Commencing near the apex of the mountain, number three tunnel has been driven a distance of 145 feet, gaining a depth of about 100 feet. Number two tunnel is in forty-five feet, gaining an additional depth of seventy nine feet. Number one tunnel is now in a distance of 157 feet and is 330 feet vertically below number two.

The vein in the different levels averages from fifteen to eighteen feet wide. In tunnel number three the shoot of ore cropping on the surface was encountered and runs remarkably well in gold. This same shoot also appears in tunnel number one. Since the breast of number one is 375 feet north of tunnel number three, where the richest shoot of ore was found, it is safe to figure that this shoot will be found to be as long as the intervening distance.

There are no means of estimating the distance that this shoot will run to the south, as the ground has not been opened in that direction. By continuing number one tunnel to the point where the rich ore is found in number three, the vein will be opened up 531 feet in length, giving back slopes 509 feet in height.

What is known as the Cracker-Summit vein is not parallel to the "Mother Lode," but intersects that fissure on the Columbia ground and apparently passes through it and appears on the other side of the Mother Lode. This conviction is strengthened by the fact that the Mother Lode dips to the south and east, while the Cracker Summit dips to the north and west.

Mr. Gambs recommends that a shaft be sunk on the big blowout farther to the south and nearer to the Columbia mine, and that the vein at that point be crosscut and thoroughly explored. His judgment is based on the fact that the best values have been found in the North Pole directly under what they know as their big blowout.

Mr. Gambs has been in the Cracker Creek district in various capacities for a period of seven years, and during that time has been employed at the E. & E., North Pole and Columbia mines. He finds the ores of the Cracker Summit to be identical, or as near so as can pos-

sibly be, with those of the North Pole, carrying the same greenish, arsenical stain as found in the immensely rich ores of the district.

Deal Has Not Gone Through.

Rumors of the closing of the Couger mine deal for big figures have been floating around for some time past. The facts of the matter are, that the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company bonded the property some time ago for New York parties. It is quite probable that the deal will be consummated, but up to this afternoon no money had been paid over.

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