

## GOLD DUST ON THE SIDEWALK.

**String of Colors Six Inches  
Long in Front of Hotel  
Sumpter.**

As every one here knows, Sumpter is built on a gold bearing gravel bar. It is thought to be even richer on this, than on the other side of the river, where A. W. Ellis and others have washed out many thousands of dollars of dust. Scarcely a well or a cellar has been excavated within the city limits, in which gold nuggets were not found, and to find gold dust in the crops of domestic fowls excites no surprise. It is a hackneyed local phrase that there is not a lot in town that does not contain much more gold than enough to pay for it.

Last week, however, the presence of gold in the ground all around us was manifested in a new and novel manner. During the warm hours of the day, while the snow was melting, a little stream ran across the sidewalk in front of Hotel Sumpter, along the ragged edge of ice, that acted as riffles. One of a party of mining men standing there noticed some shining particles and on examination they were found to be the object of universal desire of the human race. At one place there was a "string of colors" six inches in length.

But, as no one could suggest a plan of incorporation and realizing on the proposition, it had only a momentary interest for these promoters.

### FORTY STAMPS FOR THE ALAMO

**Mill will be Erected on that Splendid Property This Week.**

This week representatives of the Gem visited the Alamo mine and were, through the courtesy of the management, shown through the mine. This is the property after which the town of Alamo was named. In giving an account of the work completed and being done at the Alamo we can repeat to a great extent what has already been written of the well known mine, but good news cannot be told too often.

It is owned by the Alamo Consolidated Mining and Milling company, the principal stockholders of which live in Spokane, and a mine towards which the attention of the mining men of the state has been directed because of its extensive development, and the able manner in which this work has been accomplished by Superintendent McGuigan.

About six weeks ago the main working tunnel cut into the ledge at a point 1190 feet from its portal, at which point the ledge shows a width of 18 feet. Since the strike they have been drifting on the hanging wall to get under the ore shoot shown in No. 2 level. The tunnel is now 1350 feet in length, with the entire face of it in ore that carries good milling values, which are improving as the large ore shoot, known to be ahead of the drift, is approached.

The Alamo group is comprised of six patented claims, and is equipped with first-class boarding and bunk houses, timber sheds and blacksmith shop. At the left as the tunnel is entered, is a fan operated by a water motor, which keeps the air in the mine pure as that on the surface.

The Alamo mine is one of the most extensively developed properties in the district. Work has been progressing continually for three years,

and in that time over 3500 feet of work has been done. This work has been in crosscuts and drifts on three levels. The first level developed the ore body to a depth of 150 feet and shows 20 feet of ore. The second level cut the lead at a depth of 350 feet and the ore body was drifted on 600 feet, and showed by crosscuts to have an average width of 30 feet. The values obtained gave an average milling value of \$10 to the ton. The third level, which is the main working level, is 450 feet deeper than level No. 2, and a depth of 800 feet from the surface. At this point the ledge shows to be as strong as on the other levels and the ore carries the values that are sure to make the Alamo one of the best properties in the state.

The plans of the company have been to erect a 20-stamp mill during the coming summer, but now the plans have been changed and it is announced that 40 stamps will be put in the mill instead of 20. The development of the large ore bodies justify this move on the part of the company.—Granite Gem.

### Will Bury the World in Cheap Copper.

Are the Utah producers to bury the world in cheap copper? Listen to this from the Washington Star: "The group of mines just outside of Frisco in Utah is to be equipped with a perfected smelter for handling the output of copper, so that when it leaves the plant it will have been reduced to electrolytic copper ready for the consumer in open market," said Mr. H. T. Chappelle of Salt Lake City to a Star man this morning. "This will be the first time that a Utah smelter will be able to snap its fingers at the eastern plants and offer copper for sale which has cost less to produce by 4 or 5 cents a pound. Other smelters in the neighborhood are arranging to put in the same kind of a plant, so as to be able to produce copper for the markets that would starve the Lake Superior producer to death." While this is of intense interest, it hardly accounts for the recent rise in copper stocks, especially the jump in Michigan shares.

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