

**HARD ROCK AT THE MAGNOLIA.**

**Only Four Inches Driven by Each Shift in a Strata of Hard Quartzite.**

President Smith, of the Magnolia company, was out at the mine Saturday, accompanied by Civil Engineer Fenner, who did some underground surveying, for the purpose of making an accurate estimate of the distance which the Ajax tunnel has yet to be driven before the intersecting ledge is encountered. It was then something less than 100 feet.

The company had hoped to complete this work by the first of April, so that the mill could be started, but owing to the extreme toughness of the rock, encountered during the past week or ten days, it will probably be April 15 before the work is finished. They had been running through a slate formation, but two weeks since a strata of quartzite was encountered that is as hard as glass and tough as rawhide. For more than a week only four inches a shift was made in this rock, one foot in twenty-four hours. Saturday the indications were that the formation was changing and the slate was coming in again.

The cross vein for which they are now driving is practically free milling ore and very rich, and the company has decided to drop stamps on this at the earliest possible moment and not wait for the roasters and cyanide tanks that will be installed to treat the large bodies of more or less refractory ores already blocked out in the Magnolia tunnel, as it will require several months to make these contemplated additions to the mill.

The present owners of the Magnolia are endeavoring to break the record as to time in turning out a gold brick and hope to succeed, notwithstanding having met with several unavoidable delays, such as the above, and repeated cave-ins on a piece of bad ground, which occurred under the former ownership, and the present management found impossible to remedy, so tunneled around it.

**Assessment Work on Patented Claims.**

Annual assessment work may be done on a patented claim, and may be applied to unpatented claims in the group if the work so done is for the actual benefit and development

of the unpatented claims. The claims of the group must adjoin, and there must be no doubt of the actual character of the advantage derived by the unpatented claim in having the work done on the patented claim. Where this is done, or in any case where the work is done at a single point for the benefit of a group of claims, the burden of proof is on the owner to show that the work done, or improvement made, does, as a matter of fact, tend to the development of the property as a whole, and that such work is a part of the general scheme of improvement. This applies to either quartz or placer locations.—Mining and Scientific Press.

**Over two feet \$56 Rock in the California.**

General Manager Bellman, of the California, informs THE MINER that that mine never looked better than it does today; that large bodies of good ore are blocked out, ready to be stoped as soon as the concentrator is put in commission. There is two feet of shipping ore between tunnels No. 2 and 3, and two feet four inches of \$56 rock in the second stope above No. 5, known as blacksmith tunnel, which is now being sacked for shipment.

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United States Land Office, Sumpter Oregon, March 4, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1894.

**SAMUEL A. BERNESSEER,**  
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2017, for the purchase of the sec 1/4 NW 1/4, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and W 1/2 SW 1/4 of section No. 20, in township No. 11 S., range No. 18 E., WM, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 10th day of May, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, George Wright, Sr., and Ralph Mead, all of Sumpter, Oregon.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of May, 1903.  
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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