



THE SUMPTER MINER

THIRTY ADDITIONAL STAMPS FOR NORTH POLE

Learned Through Reliable Sources That Output of Mine is to be Doubled--- Adjacent Property Increased in Value.

It was learned yesterday, through what is considered eminently reliable sources, that thirty additional stamps are to be put in at once at the North Pole mine, making in all sixty stamps to be operated by this company within the near future, thus doubling the output. This mine is now turning out the largest amount and the highest grade of milling ore within its history. It has a twenty-four foot vein on which it is stoping. The immense ore body, and its unquestioned richness has stimulated the management of this famous mine to increase its operating facilities. On the best of authority it is stated that the free milling ore is carrying a uniform value of \$25 a ton.

Interest centers around the North Pole, from the fact that it is not only Oregon's greatest mine, but one of the most justly celebrated in the world. It is the best developed property within the Sumpter district, the best paying and the most valuable. Its value is placed at \$10,000,000, but the stock is not on the market. A close corporation,

as is well known, controls this mine, and its movements, improvements, and the value of its ore, are, therefore, not subjects of public comment by the local management. Only occasionally such information is reliably obtained, as in the present instance.

It is interesting to holders of contiguous property, from the fact that it enhances the value of their holdings. A notable illustration of the point in hand might be mentioned in the instance of the South Pole property. This mine is on the same lode, and at its end lines owns three claims jointly with the North Pole. At its No. 5 tunnel it is getting good milling ore, with every promise that it will develop into a proposition equal in value with the now celebrated North Pole. A force of twenty-two men is now at work on the South Pole, and the property is being rapidly developed. It is daily increasing in value, and present indications are that it will soon become one of the big paying mines of Oregon.

GOLD BUG PROPERTY.

Compressor to be Put in Soon and Mill Built in Fall.

A compressor is to be installed at the Gold Bug within the next thirty days and a heavy force of men put on to push development operations. It is the purpose of the company to erect a ten stamp mill on the property in the early fall. Recent assays have revealed phenomenal values at the Gold Bug, ranging from \$40 to \$1,700 a ton. From an assay of gangue and wall matter, thought to be valueless, recently made a value of \$12.60 was obtained.

The property includes at least three well defined ledges extending for a distance of 4,500 feet. Assays indicate uniform values. The company is crosscutting to get under the ore about 600 feet long. Present developments point to a promising proposition.

Leave for Minneapolis.

President Michaels, of the Turnagain Arm company, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. S. B. Abels, whose husband is president of the Cracker Oregon company, left Monday for their home in Minneapolis, after a sojourn of several days in the city looking after their mining interests here. They visited the different properties while here and are well pleased with the outlook. Immediate arrangements are to be made to increase the working capacity of the mines. President Michaels is very sanguine over the situation and looks for renewed activity throughout the district.

Work at Smelter.

The stack at the smelter has been completed and the general work of finishing the plant is nearing a close. The last consignment of machinery is on the road and is expected to arrive any day. This machinery

immediately amounts to almost a train load, and will be installed ately upon its arrival.

BLUE BIRD PROPERTY.

Development Work Going Rapidly Ahead and Machinery to be Put in.

E. J. Thorp, general manager of the Blue Bird Mining company, is in the city today. A good showing, he says, is being made on the property. Since the company was incorporated last May, 1110 feet of development work has been done. On the south drift of No. 3 vein the ore body measures thirty-eight feet, and four feet on the north drift of vein No. 1. It is all a high grade ore.

Development work is to go rapidly ahead. The company now has a seventy-horse power boiler and a four-drill compressor on the ground. The buildings are all finished, and this machinery will be installed at once.

JUDGE FAWCETT IN THE CITY.

Great Interest Taken in Sumpter Throughout the Middle West, He Says.

Judge Fawcett, of Omaha, president of the Psyche Mining company, arrived in the city Monday. In company with Dr. Mueller, he visited the property yesterday. The mill at the Psyche is now closed down for want of fuel but mining operations are going ahead as usual. Judge Fawcett says:

"I am in a better position to speak of the interest taken in the Sumpter district in Nebraska and throughout the middle west generally, than I am of conditions here. A year ago if you were to tell a man you were connected with some Sumpter property, he would prick up his ears and say, 'Sumpter, why, where is that?' Now its different. If it is incidentally mentioned that one is interested in some Oregon mining proposition, the sure response is 'Your property is in the Sumpter district, I presume.' Sumpter is becoming widely known as the richest gold field in any of the Pacific states, and in the world for that matter.

"On our trip to and from the Psyche yesterday we had to turn out of the road every little while to let freight sleighs pass. I remarked to Dr. Mueller that such a thing would hardly have happened a year ago, since there was but little travel to the mines at that time. There is every evidence of great activity in this mining region during the coming season."

MOVEMENT TO SEPARATE BILLS.

OPPOSE REFERENDUM FOR EDDY AND PORTAGE LAWS COMBINED.

Mining Men of Sumpter District Not in Favor of Petition Including Both Measures—Will Fight It—Hon. J. H. Robbins Explains Situation—Says Eddy Bill is Unjust.

There is a movement on foot among mining men to separate the Eddy and Portage bills in the matter of invoking the referendum. The mining concerns in this district are not in favor of combining the two, inasmuch as they are essentially affected by the former while the latter cuts little figure with them one way or another. It is thought by many that the railroad influences have brought about a combination in order to secure the defeat of the Portage bill through the referendum and have sought to enlist the assistance of the mining interests by combining the two. The prominent mining concerns of Sumpter are not interested in the defeat of the Portage bill and they think the combination of this bill with the objectionable Eddy bill in the petition to invoke the referendum will weaken their cause before the people, and they propose to petition for the referendum on the Eddy bill alone.

Hon. J. H. Robbins, who was in the legislature when both bills were passed, and who is perhaps in better touch with the situation than almost any other mine owner in the district, has this to say:

"I am heartily in favor of securing the defeat of the Eddy bill through the referendum, but I will not sign a petition which combines this with the Portage bill, since I endorse the latter measure, and voted to secure its passage. The Eddy bill will cripple our mining industry to a great extent, and should be defeated, but joining it with the Portage bill will lessen rather than increase its chance of defeat before the people. It is true I voted for the Eddy bill in the last legislature, but it was a matter of expediency easily explained. I was opposed to its passage in its present form and fought it in the committee, but when my name was reached on roll call I voted for it, since it had already secured a sufficient number of votes for its passage, merely as a matter of diplomacy. It was early in the session and this was among the first bills passed. I had a mining bill to

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