

BEST CAMP IN THE COUNTRY.

THIS IS THE OPINION OF MINING EXPERT KOPLIN.

After Experting Little Cracker Group Wires His People That Property is Better Than Represented—Fine Mine—Power Drills to be Put in—Development to go Forward.

L. E. Koplin, of Duluth, who came here a few days ago to expert the Little Cracker property for some of the eastern stockholders and others interested, before leaving yesterday, sent the following wire to his employers:

"Property better than represented. It's good. Leave for home tomorrow."

Speaking of the situation Mr. Koplin said:

"I have experted iron properties in numerous instances in the Lake Superior country for these same people, and other properties in various Pacific States, including Oregon, but this is my first trip to Sumpter. This eclipses them all. It's the best in the country. In view of the phenomenally high grade of ore found here and the vast extent of the deposits, I have no hesitancy in saying that Sumpter is the coming gold camp of the country. My investigation did not stop with the Little Cracker group. After satisfying myself as to the value of this property—and it is much better than represented—I visited the Cracker Oregon and other well known propositions in the district. The ore is there in vast quantities and its high grade character is indisputable. To a man familiar with mining this district presents possibilities of wealth almost beyond comprehension."

The company is making arrangements to put in power drills and other machinery next month, and will be in a position within the next three or four months to lay its plans for installing milling machinery. Ample funds are on hand to carry forward the work in hand and only a limited amount of stock will be placed on the market.

The Little Cracker property is situated on Little Cracker Creek about 1,200 feet due east east from the Cracker Oregon in the immediate vicinity of the big producers of the Cracker Creek basin. It is on the mother lode system and joins on its north end line the Tamarack claim owned by the E. and E., on the west the South Pole, on the south the May Belle and on the east the Oregon Group. The company owns two full claims, the Putnum and the Chance. Two veins extend through the entire length of these claims. Assays from vein No. 1 on the Chance show values ranging from \$45 to \$250. Surface croppings show the vein to be from thirty feet in width. In fact the surface showing is said to equal that of the North Pole, E. and E., and Columbia, the big producers of the immediate vicinity.

Following are the officers of the company:

T. C. Himebaugh, president; E. Butze, Sr., vice president and general manager; D. L. Willard, secretary and treasurer. These with

T. H. Dunphy and R. L. Turner, constitute the board of directors.

NEAR CRACKER OREGON LEDGE.

Green Stains Indicate Proximity of Vein on Property.

Manager L. R. Bellman is confident that the ledge on the Cracker Oregon will be reached within the next ten feet. He is now drifting for the ledge and the chromic stains observed present unmistakable evidence that the ledge is not far away.

The property is making a good showing and development will go steadily forward during the present season.

Gold Picked up on the Streets.

After the recent heavy rains numerous reports come from the old mining camps of California to the effect that gold is being found in the streets. Some nuggets worth several dollars were picked up in Nevada City and some of the old camps in Amador county. At one time in the history of Nevada City it was a usual thing for people to pick up good sized nuggets after a heavy rain, and it seems the supply is not yet exhausted. In early days the surface only was worked where the town is now located and it may be that like Butte and Helena in Montana some of the old towns in the California mining regions may be undermined for the gold in the gravel below the foundations of the buildings.—Engineering and Mining Review.

TO IMPROVE MILL STREET.

Property Owners Will Petition Council to Re-gravel This Thoroughfare.

There is a movement on among the Mill street property owners to petition the city council to re-gravel this thoroughfare. The old gravel is beginning to wear through in patches and it is argued if the matter is taken in hand now it will save both time and money. A property owner has the following to say:

"While there is not such a crying demand for the repair of Mill street, a stich in time is liable in this instance to save a good many more than nine. The present coating of gravel is becoming pretty well worn, and if the loose gravel along the gutters were scraped into the center of the street, the worn places repaired and a new coat put on, it would beat down hard and last for several years, saving a lot of extra expense. Now is the time to do it before the street gets too bad, and the property owners should petition the council to this end at once.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Byson Gold Mining company will be held at the office of N. C. Richards, Attorney-at-Law, City of Sumpter, Baker County, State of Oregon, on Friday, the 8th day of May, 1903, at the hour of 10 A. M., to elect officers and transact any other business that may come before the said meeting.

H. W. SLOAN, President.

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