

**OLD PROPERTY
TO BE WORKED.**

**MINNIE M'DOWELL TO START
UP SOON.**

Owners Getting in Shape to Begin Operations—Mine in Early Days Carried Ore out on Mules to McEwen—Vast Deposit of Rich Stuff.

It is understood through reliable sources that work on an extensive scale is to be started on the Minnie McDowell property in the Cable Cove district this summer. The Minnie McDowell is among the mines which gave the early promise of becoming a big producer, but which in later years with the exception of the annual assessment work has been practically abandoned, the owners scattering one place and another, several of them engaging in other mining enterprises. The fact has not been lost sight of, however, that the Minnie McDowell furnished a high grade of shipping ore which it paid to carry out on mules to McEwen when the railroad stopped there and before it was extended to Sumpter. In those days the rich deposits of gold here had attracted comparatively but little attention and the owners of the Minnie McDowell carried on operations in a very desultory sort of fashion, getting out ore only intermittently when they stood in need of funds.

The richness of the ore has been fully demonstrated, however, assays having run as high as \$300, and it is said to exist in large quantities. The owners realizing the magnitude of their proposition have kept up their assessment work until such a time as they were prepared to go ahead with operations on a more extensive scale. It is reliably stated now that the owners of this property are in a position to inaugurate operations and will do so at an early date.

It is said that the Minnie McDowell ore is among the finest shipping ores of the district. So perfectly are the elements blended that it fluxes almost without any additions. With the establishment of a road to the district, which it is understood will be done this summer, the company will find a ready market for the output of its mine practically at its door.

**FINE SMELTING ORE
AT STORM KING.**

**President Costello Says Group
Has Father of Lode
Family.**

T. J. Costello, president of the Forest Mining company, operating the Storm King group in the Cable Cove district, returned from a visit to the property last week. The company is sinking on the Eureka claim and will continue to do so until the water makes operations at this point impossible, and then the ledge will be crosscut. President Costello has found it necessary to increase his force of men in order

to keep the water out of the way.

The ore is steadily increasing in quality as greater depth is attained. Larger bodies and better ore are showing up. President Costello says that if the North Pole contains the mother lode, the Storm King can certainly claim the distinction of having the paternal ancestor of the entire Lode family. The shafting now being done on the hanging wall shows a mighty high quality of smelting ore, and values are rapidly increasing with depth. The northeast end lines of the Storm King join the southwest end lines of the Minnie McDowell which is mentioned elsewhere in this issue, and the property contains a continuation of the same ledge. The ore has superior smelting qualities and will flux almost without any additions.

A wagon road is to be built to the property this summer which will greatly improve transportation facilities and increase its value. Owing to the backwardness of the spring and the large amount of snow yet in the district this work has been delayed, but it will be prosecuted as soon as the weather gets better. The company will do a large amount of work this summer demonstrating its ore bodies and getting in a position to ship when conditions warrant. Other claims are also to be developed.

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