

DEVELOPMENT TO BE PROSECUTED.

THE STANDARD COMPANY HAS
STARTED OPERATIONS.

General Manager Mueller Left This Week
For Quartzburg—Rich Ore in Sight—
Compressor Plant and Other Ma-
chinery to Be Installed—Policy of
Company to Carry on Work on Large
Scale—Mill Will Be Put in Later On.

With the completion of the organization of the Standard Consolidated Mines company, Dr. Ed W. Mueller, general manager of the corporation now controlling the merged properties, is concentrating his efforts toward the prosecution of development work on an extended scale. Work has already been begun, and the magnitude on which future operations are to be carried on will make the Quartzburg district one of the most active in the country surrounding the camp. Dr. Mueller, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, which is acting as authorized fiscal agents and handling the stock, left early this week for the property, to carry forward the plans of the company already outlined.

According to the policy of operation by Dr. Mueller the systematic plan of development will open up seven well demonstrated veins from the lowest level, giving a depth of 1,200 feet. Work on the Willie Boy crosscut will be first taken up. This tunnel is now in 480 feet and it is estimated will reach the Willie Boy vein within the next thirty or forty feet, which, when it reaches the ledge, will give a depth of over 300 feet. This crosscut is being driven to penetrate a pay shoot which assays on the croppings above \$45 to \$225. The distance between this crosscut and the point where the drift on the Standard vein crosscuts the Willie Boy vein, a little over 800 feet from the Standard tunnel, there is already a drift on this vein of about 100 feet toward the Willie Boy crosscut. It is the purpose of the management to drift south from the Willie Boy crosscut toward the Standard and connect the two tunnels by a drift that will be all the way in good milling ore and will cut three known shoots of high grade ore. Upraises will be made connecting with crosscuts and drifts higher up on this same vein, thus blocking out immense reserves and furnishing the best ventilation.

As soon as this work is well under way similar plans will be carried out in extending existing drifts on the Standard vein, further opening up there known ore bodies of great richness. Then in turn like development work will be taken up on the Side Issue vein which promises quite as well as the Standard and

then on the Juniper and Ruby veins. All of this development can be carried on in ore with very little dead work. It will be seen that practically all of the rock taken out in driving these drifts on these veins will be ore and will be sufficient to keep a large mill busy from simply the development work without doing a foot of stoping. It is not the intention of the management according to the plans made known to do any stoping at all for a long time, perhaps years, because it will be doing development work on so many different veins and in so many different places that the ore product will amount to a large tonnage each day. It will be seen also that this method contemplates the creation of such immense ore reserves as will make this one of the most valuable mining assets in the country.

Bins are being constructed to receive the ore that will be taken out in the development work under way until a suitable milling and concentrating plant can be installed. The management is not yet ready to give any details as to the character or size of the plant, though it was admitted that the mill will be of good size and thoroughly up-to-date. A large compressor plant will probably also be installed. The company is to be commended for these very conservative and yet decidedly progressive plans and methods.

ORE GETTING BETTER.

Vein Being Drifted on At Highland
Improving.

Neil J. Sorensen & Co. had a report from their Highland mine this week stating that the ore in the ledge which is being drifted upon is steadily improving in character. The ore is now a good milling variety and is growing better in the direction of the Bannockburn shoot toward which the company is drifting.

From the Glasgow crosscut which was recently completed, the company is drifting on the ledge to the ore shoot of the Bannockburn claim where the croppings show a good quality of milling ore to exist. Neil J. Sorensen, of the firm, left this week for a several days' visit to the property, during which he will make a thorough inspection.

Help Build Up The West.

The low rates from the east to the west and the northwest, February 15 to April 30, will undoubtedly bring out thousands of settlers. Where they will go is largely a question of inducement. If you are interested in securing any eastern people for your section of the west, send their names and addresses to the undersigned. All the facts and figures about the trip will be promptly sent them. H. S. Rowe, General Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 134 Third Street, Portland, Ore.

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