

LONG CROSSCUT TO BE STARTED.

Preparatory Work Now Being Done on the Little Cracker Group.

A force of men was started to work the first of the week at the Little Cracker property in the Cracker Creek district, grading preparatory to beginning the long crosscut which is to tap both veins. A tunnel house, blacksmith shop, and other buildings are being constructed before starting actual development. E. Butze, vice-president and general manager of the company states that everything will be in readiness to start the tunnel the first of next week.

It will be a 700 foot tunnel to tap the parallel veins running through the property. The first will be cut a distance of 250 feet, giving a depth of 125 feet, and the second will be crosscut at a depth of 450. Work has been held back greatly on account of snow, which is even now making operations somewhat difficult. There is five feet on the property.

Judge T. C. Himebaugh, of Duluth, president of the Little Cracker Gold Mining and Milling company, will be here in a few days to inspect the mine.

RICH ORE AT THE RED BOY.

Congo Vein Crosscut and \$40 Stuff Encountered.

A very rich strike was made at the Red Boy early this week. The Congo vein was crosscut at a depth of 450 feet revealing a body of wonderfully high grade free milling ore. Assays show that the body carries average values of \$40 to the ton.

In the previous workings of the mine a crosscut from a continuation of the drift on the Monarch vein through the porphyry dyke was started at right angles to tap the Congo vein. This recently encountered a rich Congo stringer, but the vein was not in sight. The crosscut was continued for some distance and caught the true vein as stated.

Reports from the mine verify the strike and the high quality of the ore.

WORK AT PORCUPINE.

Power Drills to be Put in at Once.

It is understood that preparations are being made to start work on the Porcupine group in the Wind Creek district in a short time. The property is controlled by Seattle people, and it is stated power drills are to be installed at once and work on a good scale undertaken.

The owners of the Porcupine and adjacent properties are perfecting arrangements to build a wagon road from the Half Way house on the

Bourne road to the Wind Creek mines. This will greatly facilitate operations.

The Porcupine already has a shaft down 100 feet in rich ore.

GOLD KING GROUP.

Preparations Being Made to Increase Force.

The Gold King group in the Wind Creek district, a parallel formation to the Cracker Creek vein system, is now working a good crew of men and making preparations to greatly increase the force in a short time. Rich ore is reported in the present workings.

The property is owned by a strong Seattle company, of which T. Carter is president and among the leading stockholders. Mr. Carter is expected in the camp any day to make preparations for rapid developments.

NEW SANITARIUM.

Dr. Brock and Mrs. Harvey Open Private Hospital on Mill Street.

Dr. L. T. Brock and Mrs. Harvey, a professional nurse, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, have opened a private sanitarium at the Fisk residence on lower Mill street. Dr. Brock has just completed a course of polyclinic lectures at Chicago, where he met Dr. Lorenz and familiarized himself with the celebrated surgeon's methods of operation. Mrs. Harvey is an experienced trained nurse and comes with the highest recommendations.

The Fisk house contains eight nicely furnished and well ventilated rooms. It is homelike, well situated and admirably suited to the purpose.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

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