

OVER \$200,000 DURING APRIL.

Output of Sumpter's Big Mines For Month.

AND JUST A STARTER.

North Pole Maintains Its Monthly Average of \$100,000—Golconda Rapidly Coming to the Front—Red Boy's Output Cut Down on Account of Sinking Shaft—Other Big Properties Will Shortly Drop Into the List of Dividend Payers.

It is next to impossible to procure an official statement regarding the monthly cleanups of the big mines in the Sumpter district, since the operators in this particular invariably keep the matter to themselves. However, there are sources through which the information will leak out. This information which is known to be reliable places the output of the district at over \$200,000 for the month of April. When the fact is taken into consideration that mining operations here are yet in their infancy, that there are numerous properties just reaching the producing stage, a safe conclusion may be drawn regarding the future of the district.

Following are the amounts yielded in gold bullion by the several mines during April:

Columbia, Cracker creek,	- \$ 30,000
North Pole, Cracker creek,	- 100,000
Golconda, Cracker creek,	- 10,000
Bonanza, Geiser,	- 3,000
Red Boy, Granite,	- 15,000
Virtue,	- 8,000

The Red Boy's cleanup was small or April, because of the fact that the management of that sterling property is concentrating all its force on sinking the big shaft to a lower connection with the rich Monarch and Red Boy payshoots. What ore was milled during the month came from the Concord claims of the company.

The North Pole, which is one of the really great gold mines of the world, manages somehow steadily to maintain an average monthly output close to the \$100,000 mark. This figure, of course, includes the value of crude ore and concentrates shipped to the Tacoma and Everett smelters. The Golconda, under its new management, is rapidly regaining a place on the list of mother lode bonanzas. It has recently uncovered some marvellously rich free milling ore, as well as large bodies of a shipping grade.

The Columbia, which is generally a \$100,000 per month mine, was handicapped during April by a cavein at

the deep shaft, and the fact that no lives were lost in this accident will always remain one of the unsolvable mysteries. The Columbia workings are the deepest on the mother lode; that is, they have attained the greatest depth on the great E. and E. ledge, along which, in a string, are such bonanzas as the North Pole, Columbia, Golconda, South Pole, Appomatox and others. The elevation of the deepest levels on the North Pole is about 1,000 feet higher than the lowest levels in the Columbia. In view of the fact that the richest ore from the North Pole is found at its extreme depth, gives the Columbia people reason to believe that they have a few tons of ore below themselves.

WORK ON THE STANDARD.

A. S. Hughes, of Quartzburg, is Well Pleased With Management of Property.

A. S. Hughes, of Quartzburg, one of the owners of the Standard, was in the city last week. Mr. Hughes as among the original locators of the Standard group of claims in 1899, and still retains an interest. He is greatly pleased with the work being done on the property since the late consolidation of the different mines under the name of the Standard Consolidated Mines company, by the Killen, Warner, Stewart company. He says the Standard is now fairly on the way toward becoming one of the big things of the district.

Mr. Hughes is also interested in the Dixie Butte, on which he says arrangements are being made for starting work.

WORK ON THE SMELTER SIDING.

Operations Started and Track Will be Pushed to Completion.

Work was started this week clearing and grading for the siding to be built to the smelter by the Sumpter Valley Railroad company, and the timbers are being framed for the trestle across the gulch. J. A. West, chief engineer of the company, was in the city Saturday completing the survey. He stated that the work is to be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

When asked about the extension beyond Whitney, Mr. West said the matter was in the hands of Mr. Eccles, and nothing definite could be given out at present more than has already been stated.

Well Pleased With Sumpter.

R. C. Warner, brother of E. F. Warner, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, and Charles R. Foster, both of Beloit, Wisconsin, have been in the city for several days looking up mining investments. They express themselves well pleased with the outlook of the district.

Giant Powder is the best by test in the world. T. G. Harrison agent.

A Chance For Promoters

FOUR claims within a short distance of the Red Boy district can be bonded at reasonable terms, to be paid after the end of one year. Work to be commenced immediately. A shaft has been sunk and 300 feet of tunnel driven. A good cabin and fine timber land goes with the claims. Assays make fine showing. Parties desiring to examine the property will be taken out to the claim. ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

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