

## HIGH VALUES AT THE VICTOR.

### Machinery to be Installed Within Sixty Days and Work Pushed.

Some fine ore is being taken out of the shaft at the Victor. H. T. Hendryx, of Geiser & Hendryx, managers of the mine, was there Monday and reports that a body of ore was struck a day or so before which ran as high as \$31.20. The shaft is now down over forty-five feet, and the crosscut started a short time ago is in over thirty-five feet. This, as has been stated, will tap the vein at a depth of 750 feet.

The management is preparing for a large amount of development work during the summer. The air compressor and other machinery which has been ordered will be installed within the next sixty days, which will greatly facilitate development work. A good force is driving things ahead now.

The Victor group comes along with the E and E and Columbia and the indications now are that it will be in their class before long.

### FINAL PAYMENT ON LAST CHANCE.

### Good Work on the Earl, in Greenhorn, Says Owner Sullivan.

M. W. Sullivan, of Greenhorn City, one of the owners of the Earl group in the Greenhorn district, was in the city this week and with J. C. Kear, of Sumpter, made the last payment on the Last Chance, which is located between the Hidden Treasure and the Phoenix, in the Greenhorn. N. Chalman is the former owner. It is the purpose of the new owners to start work on the property as soon as the snow disappears, which according to the rate it is now going off will not be long. Mr. Sullivan says the roads to Greenhorn City are now getting in good condition.

The Earl, he says, is looking good. The ledge was encountered about a week ago and has now been drifted on some twenty feet, showing good ore. A crosscut is being run to tap the ledge at a depth of 200 feet. This has now been driven over 140 feet. It is a high grade free milling proposition. A strong force of men is being worked.

#### Mining Zinc Ore.

The zinc ores in the mines of the Rocky mountains were for a generation the source of loss and perplexity to producers. Not until about 1898 were there any mines there sufficiently productive of zinc to ship the zinc ores merely for the zinc values. Leadville had a zinc-producing area that was practically neglected prior to five years ago. The zinc ores of Leadville were found in such massive and compact form that they concentrated a greater bulk per 100 tons of crude ores than did the zinc deposits of Missouri but the Leadville zinc was of an assay

grade only about three-fourths that of the Missouri jack. The Leadville producers received value only for the zinc in the best zinc ores, and the gold and silver values were either lost or appropriated by the smelters. In other sections of the western mountain states, a sharp penalty was imposed on ores sold for their gold, silver and lead values, when carrying more than ten per cent zinc, because of the refractory nature of such ores when treated in lead-ore smelters. It is understood that the American Smelting company has just inaugurated a more favorable policy toward lead-silver ores containing an excess of zinc, and that the penalty has not only been removed from such ores, but that payment will be hereafter made for the zinc as well as for the other metals in the ores. This new situation has been the hope of miners since mining began in the Rocky mountains, and the improved aspect of affairs will cause many long-neglected zinc-lead belts to become very active and very profitable.—Journal for Investors.

### WORK ON SMELTER SIDING STARTED.

### Machinery Being Tested Pre- paratory to Blowing in When Track is Finished.

Supintendent Neel, of the Smelter, has turned on steam several times this week for the purpose of testing the machinery, detecting leakages, etc., preparatory to getting everything in readiness for blowing in as soon as the siding is completed. The survey for this was finished as stated elsewhere, by the Sumpter Valley Railroad company, last week and the smelter company has already started work clearing and grading. The bents for the 250 foot trestle which will have to be put in are being framed, and work along other lines is being pushed. The work will be carried on as rapidly as possible, and the siding completed so rail ore consignments can be received.

Consignments of bullion, placer gold, and amalgam are already coming in, and the company is now prepared to treat these products to the best advantage.

#### RICH ORE FOUND.

### Bucknum and Carlsrud Get on to a Good Thing Near the City.

Ason Carlsrud and F. O. Bucknum returned the other day from some nearby claims bringing with them some very fine specimens of quartz showing all kinds of free gold. The ore was shown The Miner, and it certainly has the appearance of carrying exceptionally high grade values.

The gentlemen in question refuse to give the exact location of the property, as a deal is pending for its acquisition.

#### 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.

## AUBURN PLACERS.

### Machinery Purchased, Paid for, and Now on the Road.

The Auburn Deep Gold Mining company is cutting cord wood at the old Auburn placer ground, and getting ready to install its machinery when it arrives and the roads get in condition for hauling. The machinery has been purchased, paid for and is now on the road. It consists of pumps, a hoist and two boilers, seventy-five and thirty horse power, respectively. The larger one will be installed with the other machinery immediately upon its arrival, and the smaller one will be set later on when the needs of the plant require it.

The company is in excellent condition financially. It put up cash for its machinery and there is no stock on the market. A great deal of work is planned for this summer. The shaft which is already down ninety-six feet will be sunk to bed rock and the pay deposits thoroughly explored. The Auburn placers are among the oldest and most productive in the district.

#### 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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