



THE SUMPTER MINNER

DEVELOPMENT AT THE SOUTH POLE.

This Season's Operations Will Determine The Kind And Capacity. Of Mill To Be Installed On Property.

W. W. Robbins, general manager of the South Pole Consolidated Gold Mines company, who returned this week from a trip to the property states that his crew has just finished digging No. 1 tunnel, which was abandoned early last winter, out of the snow. The mouth was cleared and work will be resumed there within a few days. No. 1 is now in 250 feet from the face of the vein. Before abandoning the level last winter a crosscut was run a distance of forty-five feet without encountering the hanging wall. Work is to be resumed at this point and the width of the vein determined. A winze will also be sunk from this to the No. 2, and in addition a little stope will be started to follow up an ore shoot already demonstrated showing high values. There is another vein showing about eighty feet west of the No. 1 level where surface values as high as \$700 have been encountered, and work is to be started here as soon as the snow is off.

Manager Robbins has outlined a plan for extensive development and it is his intention to make a

big showing on the property this summer. In a short time he will start work this side of the divide on Yankee Jim ground where exceptionally high surface values have been shown.

In the No. 3 level where the vein was recently crosscut the drift is being carried both ways on the ledge in good ore. In the No. 2, the drift is now in 950 feet and the face is approaching the apex of the mountain where a big shoot will be encountered, with a vertical depth of 541 feet to which the dip of the vein will add considerably more backs. The vein in this level has been crosscut at various points showing a width of from six to fifteen feet, with satisfactory values.

A boarding and bunk house, with extensive accommodations for the men, Manager Robbins states, is to be built in a short time, and arrangements made for developing the property in the speediest manner possible. Regarding a mill he says that it is his policy to thoroughly determine the character and extent of the ore bodies first in order to determine the kind and capacity of the plant needed.

BLUE BIRD MILL.

Mr. Wheeler, of New York, Here and Plans Under Advisement.

G. H. Wheeler, of New York, fiscal agent for the Blue Bird, Buckhorn and Valley Queen, accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler, arrived in the city Monday, and in company with O. C. Wright, president of the Blue Bird, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Wheeler, drove out yesterday to the Blue Bird property returning last night.

The object of Mr. Wheeler's visit is a general inspection of the properties, and to determine plans

for the mill to be erected at the Blue Bird. While he states that the general plan has been fully agreed upon the details of the mill will not be ready to give out for a few days yet. The mill, however, he states, is to be erected just as soon as men and money can do it.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler will be in the city for three or four weeks.

E. J. Thorp, superintendent of the Blue Bird, returned with the party last night. He states that there is twelve feet of solid ore in a twenty-four foot lead in the drift of the No. 3 level, showing good values. In the north and south drifts of No. 1, some exceptionally high grade ore has been encountered. Here there is from three and a half to four feet of solid milling ore, the lowest assays from which have showed over \$20 to the ton, while the highest went to \$304. Mr.

Wheeler is well pleased with the showing made at the property.

RICH ORE AT RED BOY.

Congo Vein Continues to Yield High Averages, it is Stated.

E. J. Godfrey, of the Red Boy, was in the city this week, and while it is not the policy of the Red Boy management to make public statements regarding the property, Mr. Godfrey confirmed the reports that the Congo vein recently crosscut is continuing to yield high averages. The vein is being drifted on, and common rumor has it that some phenomenally rich ore has been encountered. Mr. Godfrey stated, however, that it was about the same as when the vein was first cut. The management has resumed the operation of its full twenty stamps. For awhile only ten were in commission.

OREGON MONARCH.

Superintendent Moffett Says He Will Catch Golden Monarch Vein Soon.

T. J. Moffett, superintendent of the Oregon Monarch, was in from the property last Saturday. The crosscut, he says, is now in 1,123 feet and the tunnel has been in good looking quartz for the last forty feet. He thinks he will catch another vein in a very short time.

The property contains three veins from fifteen to twenty feet wide, which are a continuation of the Golden Monarch system in the Red Boy district.

PULASKI GROUP

Breast of Tunnel Now in Lively Looking Quartz.

The first contract for tunnel work on the Pulaski, has been completed and bids are being called for to drive the crosscut to tap the main ledge of the property. The old tunnel on the Avalanche was retimbered, widened and carried into the hill a distance of fifty feet. This was completed in a breast of lively looking quartz characteristic of the Cracker Creek district and showing good values. In driving this distance, one lead was cut and several stringers all of which were heavily mineralized.

The tunnel is now a distance of 200 feet from the main veins, and it is the purpose of the management to prosecute the work as rapidly as possible until the ore bodies are fully demonstrated. The mine has all necessary equipment to carry on development, and a good showing will be made during the coming months.

GOOD OPINION OF STANDARD.

GREAT PROPERTY, SAYS MR. TAYLOR, OF MICHIGAN.

Grand Rapids Capitalists Visit This and Other Mines—Well Pleased—Things Look Good—Wonderful Progress in District—Details of Trip—Great Possibilities—Large Investments in Stock Made.

F. V. Taylor and other prominent business men and capitalists of Grand Rapids, Michigan, made an extended visit to the Sumpter district last week, taking in the Cracker Summit, Standard Consolidated and other well known properties. Speaking of his impressions of the district, Mr. Taylor said: "I visited the camp last fall and made quite an extended investigation of the different sections. I was then very favorably impressed with what I saw, but I must say that the enduring changes and the almost wonderful showings that have been made at a number of the properties which I then investigated, simply amazes me. It is difficult for one to appreciate that seven months would mean so much in a camp. I remember on my first visit here that I very carefully looked into and the Cracker Summit mine and while the property looked very promising with what development work had been done, I was by no means prepared to see such magnificent ore bodies as are now exposed."

Did I visit the Standard, and what do I think of it?

"Well, that is a question which involves a good deal if I should give the reasons for my answer. Briefly expressed, I think the Standard Consolidated is the making of one of the immensely big mines of the country. I do not see how it can be anything else. Our party had heard of the Standard, in fact we came here to investigate it and I am very free to say that the claims of the fiscal agents sound very mild after one has gone through the property itself. The Standard is a mine and a big one today. In fact I should say it is a double mine, for either of the two big vein systems which cross the property, will make a splendid mine. I have never in all my experience seen such a vein as the Standard itself. There seems to be a mineral zone from 125 to 150 feet wide that is packed with veins from four to six feet in width like sardines in a box, each vein being separated from the others by a false wall. The zone has actually

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