

**TO PROVE SHOOTS
AT SOUTH POLE.**

**Manager Robbins Running
Open Cuts for This
Purpose.**

W. W. Robbins, general manager of the South Pole Consolidated Gold Mines company, returned Monday night from the property. He states that cuts are being run from the Yankee Jim claim to the summit of the mountain to prove the ore shoots on the surface and also demonstrate the continuity of the vein. This work could not be taken up sooner on account of the snow.

Work will be resumed on the No. 1 tunnel whose entrance was dug out of the snow some time ago, immediately after the Fourth. Mr. Robbins himself left for Spokane today to spend a few days with his family, and most of his crew quit today until after the Fourth. The No. 1, which is a drift, is now in a distance of forty-five feet, and it will be driven ahead some thirty-five feet where the vein will be crosscut to catch the rich shoots demonstrated on the surface probably on the hanging wall of the vein.

It is thought that splendid ore will be encountered in this level. Last winter when the surface work was abandoned at this point on account of snow, the values on the outcrop ran as high as \$700. The workings will be pushed ahead here to explore this rich ore body.

The rumored negotiations for the acquisition of the South Pole by the North Pole company, as stated last week, have no foundation in fact. Manager Robbins affirms that nothing of the kind is contemplated, and that it is the policy of his company to push development work as rapidly as possible, install a mill as soon as the requirements demand and place the property on a paying basis.

DRILLING CONTESTS.

Nine Teams Enter For Doubles on the Fourth.

The drilling contests which will be one of the leading features of the Fourth, will be participated in by some of the best known and most clever teams in the district. So far as known at present nine teams will enter for the double drill. They are as follows:

Andregg and Bessler, Virtue; Johns and Watters, Bourne; McCormick and McRay, Bourne; Smith and Frazer, Greenhorns; Stapleton and Lalvojn, Granite; Ray and Dunn, Midway; Scott and Casey, Goldbug Grizzly; Flannery and McCarvel, Golden Wizard; Henderson and Cook, Susanville.

For the singles, there are so far, three entries, Johns, Watters and Andregg. In the junior doubles there will probably be two teams from Bourne, one from Sumpter and one from Baker.

WORK AT GLADSTONE.

Superintendent Says Vein Will Be Encountered Early in July.

W. H. Mead, superintendent and one of the leading owners of the Gladstone, in the Bonanza district, who spent several days in the city this week, states that he expects to

catch the vein early in July.

The crosscut is now in 300 feet with about seventy feet yet to drive before reaching the ledge. Mr. Mead says that his force is now working in exceedingly hard rock, but the crosscut is being carried forward as expeditiously as possible.

Here on Visit.

J. F. R. Webber of San Francisco, assistant secretary of the Home Fire and Marine Insurance company, and a brother-in-law of R. L. Neill, of the Neill Mercantile company, spent several days in the city this week visiting Mr. Neill.

Sold Flynn Property,

The J. H. MacCallum company sold the Flynn property on Granite and Ixex streets this week to the Goodheart Brothers.

**TO REPORT ON
SUMPTER DISTRICT.**

**F. A. Wing, of Government
Assay Office, Seattle, Here
For This Purpose.**

Frederick A. Wing, assayer in charge of the government assay office in Seattle, spent several days in the camp last week and this week, visiting many of the mines and the smelter, gathering data for his annual report on the mines of Oregon. Mr. Wing was here about this time last year for the same purpose. Speaking of the district generally and the improvements he observed, he said: "Since my last visit the progress throughout the district is very pronounced. I noticed a great many improvements in the way of new and more modern machinery at the older properties I visited, and a great number of new plants going in at mines more recently opened. The district has taken a great stride forward, and there is a universal air of progress throughout the camp.

"There is another matter regarding which I should like to be quoted. An important feature of my report is the output of the various mines, and I find this difficult to obtain from the operators themselves. Of course I get it from the smelters and refineries, but this is putting me to unnecessary trouble when the operators could just as well furnish this information themselves. There is no way of forcing them to give me this datum; but they would just as well do it since I will get it in the end."

Mr. Wing left yesterday afternoon to visit the Washington mining district, on his return to Seattle.

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