

COPPER ORE AT CALIFORNIA.

SOMETHING NEW IN THE CABLE COVE DISTRICT.

President Michaels and Treasurer Moulton of Turnagain Arm Visit Camp—Well Pleased With Operation of Properties In Which They Are Interested—Hoisting Plant for Cracker Jack—Extensive Improvements at Cracker Oregon.

Joseph Michaels, president of the Turnagain Arm company, and Dr. S. M. Moulton, treasurer, both of Minneapolis, arrived in the city last week and in company with Manager Bellman visited the Cracker Creek properties in which these gentlemen are interested. Both expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the management and the developments since their last visit to the district.

At the Cracker Jack, one of their properties, a sinking plant with a depth capacity of 500 feet is to be installed within six weeks, and development operations in the meantime continued full force. A shaft will be put down on the Snowflake claim and tunnelling prosecuted on the Uneoda.

Contracts are to be let at once for extensive development operations at the Cracker Oregon. The present plans of the management is to drive No. 2 tunnel, now in a distance of 525 feet, ahead some 300 or 400 feet, which will bring it directly under the big outcrop of the hill at a point of intersection of the Cracker Oregon ledge and the ledge which crosses into the Cracker claim from E. and E. ground. The outcrop shows in the vicinity a vein width of over fifty-five feet. The mineralization of this great outcrop seems to be very evenly distributed. Assays from the grass roots average from \$4 to \$22. The additional length of tunnel No. 2 will give a vertical depth of 436 feet and an enormous amount of stopping ground above. This work is to be performed by contract. The matter will be closed at once, and operations continued on a more extensive scale than ever before.

The installation of the concentrating plant at the California is being pushed rapidly ahead and President Michaels states that beyond any question the mill will be running by August 1. The company now has over 60,000 tons of high grade milling ore blocked out, averaging about \$15, and the indications are that the California will soon be one of the big producing mines of Eastern Oregon.

Manager Bellman has recently been carrying on an extensive line of prospect work and planning future development operations. Last week on the Kearsarge claim where the three and

one half foot ledge crosses the creek, he encountered ore assaying seven and seventeen-hundredths per cent copper and \$1.50 silver, or a total of about \$15, surface value, of which \$13.50 is in copper, something entirely new as yet to the Cable Cove district. What this pyritic copper will develop into as depth is attained is hard to foretell, but the outlook is surely very encouraging. This is a distance of 2,000 feet from the present workings. A strong parallel ledge 156 feet northwest of the main California vein was also prospected. This varies from three to four feet in width and carries surface values ranging from \$5.40 to \$18.20.

On the Bull Creek side of the hill, the California vein appears to strengthen where it gains a width according to surface indications of over twenty-five feet. It is the theory of Mr. Bellman that the mineral zone pitches in this direction growing stronger and richer. In accordance with this belief the present workings of the mine are being carried toward this point. In addition to this, showings revealed in the prospect work mentioned above will soon be developed by the company.

SHEEPMEN ARE UP AGAINST IT.

Protective Association Formed By Mining Men.

The Mines Protective Association of Eastern Oregon was organized last week for the purpose of aiding mine operators against the encroachments of sheepmen. The Association is effective in the Lake Creek, La Bellevue, and Cable Cove districts. The following officers were elected:

F. E. Cabell, of the La Bellevue mine, president; Thomas J. Costello, of the Advance and Forest companies, vice president; Mayor C. H. McCulloch, Sumpter, treasurer; and Tom C. Gray, of the Valley Queen company, secretary.

The following notice was formulated and has been posted on the several properties:

"Notice—Office of the Mines Protective Association of Eastern Oregon.

"This is to give notice to all sheepherders and their employes to keep their bands of sheep off the mining properties in what is known as Lake Creek, Cable Cove and the La Bellevue districts. The owners of the mining claims in these districts have formed the above association, and propose to protect their rights. All infringements of same will be vigorously followed up. So, to avoid trouble, keep off.

"THE MINES PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN OREGON.

"F. E. CABELL, President.

"TOM C. GRAY, Secretary."

The mining men in the above

named districts state very positively that they mean business, and if the sheepmen do not respect their rights trouble is apt to follow. A prominent operator says that owing to the ravages of sheep on his property, not enough provender is left in his vicinity to feed a single horse, and he does not propose to stand for it any longer.

GOOD ORE AT THE EARL.

Drift in 200 Feet and Improving With Every Shot.

M. W. Sullivan, of the Earl in the Greenhorns, was in the city yesterday and reports an improvement of ore with every shot.

The drift tunnel is now in a distance of 200 feet and Mr. Sullivan states that there is a steady improvement of ore. The ore in which he is now working averages between \$16 and \$20 to the ton.

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