



THE SUMPTER MINER

RICH DEPOSIT OF FREE GOLD IN LIMESTONE.

Discovered In Bear Gulch Near Sumpter Cemetery On Property Operated By Soloman Camp.

Soloman Camp, who has a bond on eighty acres of patented ground in Bear Gulch near the cemetery, owned by the Sumpter Valley Railroad made an exceedingly rich strike a few days ago. In a limestone ledge on the property he encountered free gold which seems to exist in paying quantities. A sample of the rock may be seen at Campbell & Landreth's jewelry store. It is a limestone, and the first instance in the history of the district where gold has ever been discovered in paying amounts in this formation. The ordinary calcareous rock of this region will show traces of gold, but in no previous instance has the yellow metal been found to any extent worth mentioning in lime. The free gold in the sample shown is clearly visible to the naked eye, and the indications are that its value will go into the thousands of dollars.

Mr. Camp made the discovery under rather peculiar circumstances. He was not operating on the ledge but at the side of it, in a distance of some thirty feet. Paralleling the ledge is a soft deposit made up of what appears to be the talus from the disintegration of the lime and clayey matter, some four feet wide. This material is rich in gold and Mr. Camp was sacking it preparatory to

having it shipped for treatment. It occurred to him that the ledge must evidently be the source from which the gold came, and he made a short cross tunnel from where he was working to the ledge and put a shot in it with the result that the rock is literally packed with free gold.

This is an old, old property and it appears strange that it has not attracted more attention within recent years. It was operated in a primitive way early in the 60's when it is related that a man by the name of Britton sunk a forty foot shaft on the ledge and encountered ore which yielded some very high values from his antiquated methods of treatment. This old shaft my still be seen. Later a sixty foot shaft was put down, which is also said to have encountered rich ore. But from some cause or other the property seems to have been abandoned, and nothing further was done to develop the remarkable deposit until Mr. Camp recently took charge of it. He is going to carry no operations and thoroughly explore the ledge to determine the extent of the rich ore which has just been encountered. The property is situated only a short distance from the city limits in what is known as Bear Gulch near the Sumpter cemetery.

OPERATIONS AT THE PULASKI.

Treasury Stock to be Advanced on The 15th of August.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Pulaski Gold Mining and Milling company, it was decided to advance the unsold issue of treasury stock from four to five cents a share on the 15th of August. Manager Sanders states that by

continuing the No. 2 level a distance of something less than 200 feet the leads of the property will be tapped at a depth of about 350 feet under the shaft which will provide an outlet for the ore for some time to come. He is confident that the present showings warrant continuous development, and that the property has the making of an excellent mine. It is stated by the management that it is the purpose in the near future to make a shipment of ore to Sumpter Sampling and Testing Works, where on account of its extremely free character it can be easily handled.

To Increase Force.

George Barrett, who was in the city this week, states that he is

working a good crew of men on his Independence contract and will increase the force very largely when he starts the shaft. At present he is working on the upraise.

NEW ENGINE FOR BUCKHORN.

Will be installed to furnish air for workings.

A two and a half horsepower gasoline engine will be installed at Buckhorn to furnish air for the workings. There is a Sibley stove at the mine but this does not provide a sufficient amount of air, so the change became necessary.

George Barrett, who is doing the contract work, states that since crosscutting the ledge a few days ago, he is drifting north on the vein, and there is a constant improvement of ore.

MAC'S LUCK TO RESUME.

Milwaukee People Provide Funds for Continuing Development Work.

A meeting of the directors of the Mac's Luck Gold Mining company, operating in the Deer Creek district, will be held tomorrow in the company's offices, Neill block, to provide for the resumption of operations on the property. Secretary McCallum, who is also manager of the concern states that arrangements have been completed with Milwaukee people to furnish sufficient funds for continuing development work through the fall and winter.

The company has ten claims on which \$5,000 worth of development work has already been done. This consists of two tunnels, one of which is in 220 feet and the other 189, together with numerous open cuts and several short prospect tunnels. Work will be resumed on the No. 1 level which will continue about 100 feet further to tap the three ledges. It is a low grade proposition, but the ledges are of great width. The company owns a water right, has an excellent mill site and is well equipped with bunk houses, cars, track, blacksmith shop, and other appurtenances.

Back From Dawson.

L. F. Allen, an uncle of M. H. Allen, returned this week from Dawson, where he is interested in mining. He states that the Dawson placers continue to yield a good profit.

COMPRESSOR PLANT AT THE VICTOR.

Arrangements Made For Installing Power Drills at Once.

Arrangements are being made to install an air compressor and power drills on the Victor, in the Cracker Creek district at once. This property, it will be remembered, was taken over recently by Adrian G. Hanauer, of Spokane, and is under the management of the Gelsner-Hednyx Investment company. Mr. Hendryx returned today from Spokane where he went in regard to Victor improvements.

The Victor company has five claims, and the property contains a continuation of the Cracker Oregon ledge. The tunnel is being run to tap this lead, which shows fourteen feet of ore between walls, and averages of above \$12. The company will rapidly develop the property and put it among the dividend payers at an early date.

ORIOLE BONDED.

Colonel Topping and W. E. Sanders Secure Property.

The Oriole, near Susanville, was bonded this week to Colonel E. S. Topping and W. E. Sanders. The Oriole is regarded as a promising property. It is stated that it has eighteen feet of ore between walls that will average \$12 a ton. There is a drift in twenty-five feet showing nearly five feet of ore, four feet of which goes \$40, and eight inches \$249.

It is a telluride proposition, and consists of only one claim which covers the vein for the entire length of the ground. Work is to be started on the property at once.

HOIST AT LISTEN LAKE.

Air Blast Completed and Now Grading for Sinking Foundation.

The Listen Lake company, operating in the McNamee district, has just finished an air blast, and has begun grading for the hoist which is to be installed on the property within a short time.

The Listen Lake is a high grade copper proposition, and Manager Wilson is pushing development with a view to getting ready to ship to the Sumpter smelter at an early date.