

GREAT CHUNKS OF THE YELLOW.

Graves Brothers Exploring Ledge On Their Cracker Creek Property.

H. A. Graves, who with his brother, G. L., is interested in the Great American claim in the Cracker Creek district, on which the rich strike was made recently, came in from the property Saturday, with several more samples of this high grade ore. The quartz is simply studded with free gold, and while no assays have been made of this particular grade of it, the rock shown will doubtless run into the thousands of dollars. The rich stuff was taken from an open cut, and Mr. Graves states that the ledge is over four feet in width, and contains numerous ribbons of this quality of ore. It has been traced throughout the claim, for a distance of over 2,000 feet and into the Buckeye group owned by Gleason and Donn, adjoining. The Great American is on the Cracker Creek side of the mountain, abutting on the Crescent, of the Buckeye, some distance from the summit.

Last week the Graves Brothers moved down about sixty feet from the open cut where the rich ore was encountered, and started a drift to explore the ledge. Saturday they struck the ledge opening up a fine body of good looking quartz. This drift at the end line of the claim joining the Crescent will give a vertical depth of over 400 feet. Outside of these rich stringers at any point from which samples have been taken, Mr. Graves states that good values have been shown. One sample which showed no free gold to the naked eye, was assayed last week and gave a value of \$154 in gold and \$2 in silver.

Paralleling the Great American on the southwest is the Mountain Lion group, owned by Ed Houser, who also owns a small fraction of the former. Mr. Houser was at his property Sunday, and he states that beyond any question his property contains the same ledge.

MAGNESITE.

Increasing Demand for This Valuable Metal.

With the consumption of magnesite, magnesium carbonate yearly increasing, it is notable that only one locality in the United States produces any of this not uncommon mineral for the market. The increasing demand for magnesite for use as a refractory lining for furnaces and as a non-conducting covering for boilers and steam pipes, and its use in the manufacture of "soda water" have exceeded the available supply from

this country and from abroad. The only American locality now producing magnesite as Alameda county, California. The supply from abroad comes from Austria and Greece. In 1902 the California output was 13,172 tons, valued at \$43,057. The importation in the same year exceeded 33,400 tons. This mineral is marketed either crude or calcined. The quoted prices of the calcined magnesite range from \$18 to \$220 a ton.

Magnesite occurs undoubtedly in many places in the United States, but its value as a marketable mineral has not been generally known to the mining men. Then, too, it resembles very much dolomite and some of the other commoner minerals in physical appearance, which may account for the scarcity of localities from which it is reported. In view of the continued demand for magnesite the miner will do well to familiarize himself with the mineral and search for it in his general quest. Magnesite occurs in the magnesian rocks of later geological age, generally and is frequently associated with serpentine or talcose schist. Dana gives the American localities of magnesite as Bolton, Massachusetts; near Baltimore, Maryland; Chester county, Pennsylvania, and Alameda county, California. It is also found in the St. Lawrence river in the vicinity of the Thousand Islands.

—Mining World.

Died.

Mrs. Evelyn Whitesel died at her home on Mill Street, Friday night. She was buried from the residence Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, Rev. M. J. Goodheart officiating. She leaves a husband.

Visited The Standard.

M. N. Goss, of St. Paul was in the city, last week several days, and visited the Standard in the interest of St. Paul friends who are contemplating investment in this property.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1898.—NOTICE for Publication.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, July 7, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1898, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

NEAL B. GARVER.

of Farmington, county of Van Buren, state of Iowa, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2680, for the purchase of the w $\frac{1}{2}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ of section No. 15 in township No. 11 south, range No. 17 E.W.M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Friday, the 18th day of September, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Ole T. Stradness, Fred Molt, Mark C. Garver and Peter J. Soarja, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of Sept., 1903.
E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1898.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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La Grande, Oregon, June 10, 1903.
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LEWIS A. ALBEE.

of Whitney, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2594, for the purchase of the w $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ and n $\frac{1}{2}$ s e $\frac{1}{4}$ of section No. 7, in township No. 10 south, range No. 16 E.W.M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 24th day of August, 1903.

He names as witnesses: William H. Mead, of Spokane, Washington; Alfred H. Huntington, of Baker City, Oregon; Leonard Sims and James Warren, of Whitney, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of August, 1903.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, June 27, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on August 9, 1903, viz: H. E. No. 10,945, by

CHARLES M. HINDMAN,

of Whitney, Oregon, for the w $\frac{1}{2}$ n w $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22 Tp. 10 S. R. 16 E. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Emory Proebstel, Freeman Scott, Wendell N. Proebstel, of Whitney, Oregon; and J. E. Stephenson, of Haines, Oregon.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles M. Hindman, Wendell N. Proebstel and Freeman Scott, all of Whitney, Oregon, and J. E. Stephenson, of Haines, Oregon.

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