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## WIDE LEDGE AT COPPEROPOLIS.

**Manager Gibbs Will Carry On Extensive Operations.**

## LARGE COPPER VALUES

**Main Ledge Seventy-Two Feet Wide, Including Fourteen Foot Porphyry Horse—Drifting in Horse for Pay Streak Under Apex of Mountain—Characteristic Quartzburg Ore.**

Work was resumed at the Copperopolis, in the Quartzburg district, today. The property has been idle for a few weeks during which time the wood contracts were let and preparations made for continuous development work. W. W. Gibbs, managing director, spent several days in the city this week, returning this morning. The annual meeting of the directors was held in Portland a short time ago. No changes were made with the exception that A. L. Linsey was elected a director in the place of A. W. Dunn. Mr. Gibbs states that he will add another drill to the compressor plant and carry out an extensive line of development work. The Copperopolis has practically the same kinds of ore found at the Standard. In the main tunnel there is cobalt in commercial quantities, besides the usual values in gold, silver and copper.

The main vein of the Copperopolis is seventy-two feet wide. This width, however, includes a fourteen foot porphyry horse, leaving fifty-eight feet of vein matter which carries values throughout. A crosscut was driven 618 feet, cutting into the vein forty-three feet, several feet beyond the porphyry horse. It was the intention of Mr. Gibbs only to cut through the horse and drift, but he was absent at the director's meeting and the crosscut was carried a few feet further than he intended. No very high values were found at this point, since the vein was encountered at a draw in the mountain, and a lean area was naturally expected. After penetrating the ledge the distance stated, a drift was started from the crosscut in the porphyry horse since this is softer than the vein matter and not so expensive to work. This drift has been carried a distance of fifty feet, and will be driven 150 feet further where a rich pay shoot will be caught under the apex of the

mountain at a depth of 350 feet. After crosscutting the vein at this point, Manager Gibbs states that it is his purpose to return and drift in the opposite direction some 200 or 300 feet where there are no less than four veins all showing rich pay shoots. One of these, a six foot ledge, shows on the surface eighteen inches carrying twenty-five per cent copper. In this direction a depth of over 450 feet will be gained. Mr. Gibbs is getting in wood and other supplies, preparing for extensive winter work.

### Visits Highland.

John Gregor Olson, who has charge of the branch office of Neil J. Sorensen & Co., at Fargo, North Dakota, has been in the city several days. He visited the Highland and thinks it is the best mining proposition he ever saw.

### California Mill Tested.

Steam was turned on at the new California mill just completed yesterday and the machinery moved for the purpose of testing it. The plant will be in full blast in about ten days.

## LONG ORE SHOOT AT HIGHLAND.

**Company Now Driving For Bannockburn Ore Body.**

J. F. Shelton, secretary of Neil J. Sorensen & Co., operating the Highland, returned a few days ago from an extended business trip to St. Paul and through the north central west. Since his return Mr. Shelton visited the property, which he states continues to look fine.

The work has now advanced beyond the four foot Glasgow ore shoot, and will encounter the Bannockburn shoot in about fifty feet, it is thought. The former shoot has made a phenomenal showing. It is 150 feet in length with values ranging from \$30 to \$300. From surface indications the Bannockburn shoot will prove practically the same in extent and value.

The Glasgow shoot in itself is a big proposition.

### BEAR GULCH LIMESTONE.

**Company Will Run a Crosscut to Gain Greater Depth.**

Camp and Wade, operating the Bear Gulch property, where the rich strike in limestone was made, shipped about seven tons of clay and decomposed rock from the overflow of the vein to the Sumpter

Sampling and Testing Works this week for treatment. The material averages between \$15 and \$20 to the ton in gold.

The shallow cut across the ledge shows it to be sixteen feet wide with values ranging from \$80 to \$100. The purpose is to continue the old tunnel which is 180 feet in length a distance of twenty-five or thirty feet to catch the vein at a depth of fifty feet.

## MACHINERY FOR ALAMO MILL.

**First Carload Will Be Shipped August 1 From Denver.**

J. P. McGuiggan, superintendent of the Alamo, is in the city recovering from a severe attack of grippe. His sawmill, he states, has been set up and would now be in operation but for the fact that a few minor parts of the machinery were omitted from the shipment. These will probably arrive in a few days and the mill will start cutting lumber for buildings to inclose the reduction plant soon to be installed.

As has been before stated, this is a ten stamp mill which will handle about forty tons of ore a day. The machinery has been ordered from the Smelter Supply company, of Denver, and the first car load will be shipped August 1. Mr. McGuiggan states that it is his intention to push matters along as rapidly as possible, and that he expects to have the mill in operation by the middle of October. The mine, he says, is looking better than ever and he has lots of ore blocked out.

### ACQUIRES BEAMER TRACT.

**Understood That Sumpter Valley Will Build Shops Here.**

Judge Newbury has just closed a deal with the Sumpter Valley Railroad company whereby a tract of thirty acres of land known as the Beamer homestead lying between the Powder River and the railroad tracks was transferred to the railroad company. The company secured an option on this piece of land some time ago.

It is understood that the purchase was made with a view of straightening the channel of the river and utilizing the space for the erection of shops and other railway buildings. It is also stated that there is a likelihood of the station being moved to this locality.

Miller cap protectors. T. G. Harrison agent for Baker, Grant and Union counties.

## THE REPORT IS FAVORABLE.

**Committee Appointed in Matter Of Smelter Subscriptions Recommend Payment.**

The committee appointed in the matter as to whether the Oregon Smelting and Refining company has complied with the conditions on which the citizens of Sumpter pledged certain subscriptions to be used in the acquisition of a site for a smelting plant, lime and iron deposits, filed its report this afternoon with Dr. E. W. Mueller, general manager of the smelting company. The report sets forth that the committee after thorough examination finds that the terms of the agreement have not only been complied with but the plant is much larger and more complete than was originally promised. The committee recommends the payment of the amounts subscribed last fall before work on the smelter started. Following is the personnel of the committee: J. B. Stoddard, C. C. Busche, A. J. Stinson, E. J. Horner and Hon. J. H. Robbins.

As a matter of general interest to the community, the smelter company since it began work has expended \$53,308 for day labor, besides the lumber which was purchased almost entirely here, and various other supplies which could be bought locally.

## SEWER BONDS.

**City Recorder Will Advertise For Bids.**

An ordinance authorizing the city recorder to advertise for bids on \$15,000 worth of six per cent sewer bonds was passed at last night's session of the city council. A communication was read from Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Sumpter Light and Water company, in which he offered to take the entire issue at par immediately upon the settlement of the legality of the bonds. A later message received from Mr. Strahorn by wire stated that he would take the bonds and allow them to be paid at the rate of \$1,000 a year.

Ordinances for the improvement of Auburn street between Ibox and Center were laid over on account of certain remonstrances received from property owners.