

## VALLEY QUEEN LOOKS GOOD.

Main Level Being Ironed This  
Week.

### PROMISING PROPERTY.

Messrs. Gray and Warren, Superintendent and Foreman of Property Entertain Party Saturday and Sunday—Everything Systematic and Splendid Development Work Being Done at the Mine.

A representative of The Miner and party visited the Valley Queen, in the Cable Cove district Saturday and Sunday, as the guests of Superintendent Thomas C. Gray and Foreman Charles Warren, Jr., who are also largely interested in the property. The drive was made to a point about a mile beyond Cableville, where Messrs. Gray and Warren met their guests with horses and the trip was continued the rest of the way on horseback.

Before commenting upon the property, it will perhaps not be out of place to speak briefly about the accommodations, mode of living and general surroundings of the Valley Queen. The men employed at the mine had left for Sumpter to seek the enjoyments which the metropolis of the district offers, and the visitors had things to themselves. There are commodious cabins, and while one would naturally not expect to find all the comforts of civilization in a mining camp, he is surprised to see so many conveniences and a cuisine that would put to shame the average Sumpter restaurant. Mr. Gray is himself the chief cook. Mr. Warren is head butler and assistant cook. Besides being mining men of experience and ability, they are also accomplished in this line. The familiarity which Mr. Gray evinces in the kitchen, and the quality of the dishes he prepares is calculated to arouse the envy of the most finished French chef, while the excellent taste which Mr. Warren has displayed in stocking the cellar, and the free and easy manner he shows in the presence of old and sacred brands, lead one to conclude that he is a connoisseur of rare ability. One thing which Mr. Gray insists upon is a place for everything and everything in its place. If a guest inadvertently hangs a drinking cup on the wrong nail, he is promptly told where it belongs and requested to make the change. Even the most insignificant piece of silverware has its accustomed receptacle, if this is only a chink in the wall.—Both gentlemen exercised due vigilance over the plate during the visit—As culinary artists, they are deserving of fame. Neither is married.

The cabins are substantial in character, built with a view to withstanding the heaviest snowfall, and provided with all the necessary equipments of camp life. They are three in number, the kitchen and dining room, the sleeping apartments for the men and the "bridal chamber." This last is reserved for visitors who always find a hearty welcome and the best that's going. The property itself is worthy of

extended comment. Work on the No. 2 level has been temporarily suspended while a winze is being sunk from the upper level on the vein at a distance of forty feet from the entrance of the level. The winze is being put down at a considerable angle as the vein at this point has a strong pitch. The ore collecting on the dump from the winze is lively looking quartz, and carries extremely satisfactory values. The lower level is in now a distance of 275 feet, and it is estimated that it will have to be carried some forty or fifty feet further, depending upon the pitch, before the vein is encountered. A depth of 240 feet will be obtained where the ledge is tapped. The face of the tunnel is now in extremely hard rock, and progress is necessarily rendered slow. In driving the distance mentioned several rich stringers were cut. One, an ore shoot four feet in width, was drifted on some distance and showed good values.

Superintendent Gray is getting in 1,000 feet of rail this week, and development operations proper will be temporarily suspended while the main level is being ironed.

The Valley Queen is certainly a promising property, and with the excellent management and the systematic development work now being done, its future is indeed bright.

Early Sunday Messrs. Gray and Warren loaded their sumpter mule, Nigger, with guns, fishing tackle, a goodly supply of food and other refreshments, and took the party over to Lake Baldy, a distance of twenty-five minutes from the Valley Queen, where the day was spent in fishing and shooting.

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