

HOW A MINE WAS SALTED.

Duke of Sutherland Bought a Worthless Property In Alaska.

Mine salting for the purpose of disposing of a worthless property is a practice which has been indulged in almost since the incipience of the mining industry in this country, and many are the methods which have been resorted to for fleecing the unwary. An experienced mining man of this district tells how the Duke of Sutherland was imposed upon in this way. He says: "A famous English engineer—famous both in this country and in Europe—was sent by the Duke of Sutherland to report on a property near the well known Treadwell, in Alaska. The ore showed high assay values and the engineer reported favorably. The Duke of Sutherland took over the property, but later development work showed it to be worthless. The mine had been salted, and this is the way in which it was accomplished: I was employed to install a diamond drill. But after having done this the company had no further use for my services. It went to work and drilled a horizontal hole for 600 feet into the ledge. The core was taken out, heated to a high degree of temperature, and then soaked in chloride of gold. At this temperature it naturally absorbed a good per cent of the solution. The core was then shown to the mining engineer who sampled it. The ore showed high values, and he immediately recommended the purchase. The property of course proved worthless, and the engineer took the matter to heart and retired for several years from active mining work. Later, however, he recovered from the blow and has again given his attention to the industry."

FRANK PRICE KILLED.

Wood Hauler At the Golconda Meets Fatal Accident.

Frank Price, a wood hauler at the Golconda, was thrown from a loaded wagon last Friday and killed almost instantly. Price had loaded his wagon and was descending a slight grade about two miles from the mine, when the brake gave way, starting the horses into a brisk trot. The wagon struck a stump, throwing Price off and badly crushing his chest. He died in a short time. Price was a married man, 25 years old. He leaves a wife and two children. He had been employed for some time by Manager Howard of the Golconda to haul wood. The remains were sent to Great Bend, Kansas, where his parents reside, his wife and her sister, Mrs. Couchner, who resided with the family, accompanying them. The employees of the Golconda, North Pole and Columbia raised a handsome purse to help defray funeral expenses.

DEAL PENDING.

Option Taken on Johnson Placers by Independence People.

The Granite Gem says that last week papers were made out which will doubtless mean the transfer of the Crane Flat placer mines to the ownership of Messrs. F. Burbridge and A. Burch, the parties who are developing the Independence mine. The amount called for in the option is not made public, though it is for a figure that is quite satisfactory to Mr. Johnson. Hon. Geo. J. Barrett

is the agent through whom the deal is being made.

The Crane Flat placer mines are about five miles northwest of Granite. They are located on Crane Flat and take in several hundred acres of first class placer deposits. Mr. Johnson has owned the mines almost twenty years, and during that time he has worked them every season, with never failing good results. While the mines have been worked for twenty years there is enough virgin ground left on the Flat to keep a large crew working twenty years longer.

Messrs. Burbridge and Burch are at the mine now making arrangements for thoroughly prospecting the ground. This work will be completed by the latter part of October, at which time the contracts call for a large payment on the purchase price. It is their intention to work the gravel with a dredger, should the tests prove that to be a feasible manner.

RICH ORE AT KLONDIKE.

Ward Brothers Make Good Strike at This Quartzburg Property.

The Prairie City Miner says that Wm. Sexton came in on Thursday evening and reported that the Ward Brothers had that morning struck some very rich ore at the seventy-five foot level in the Klondyke mine at Quartzburg. Its value is roughly estimated at from \$500 to \$600 per ton. They have been drifting on the vein for about forty feet and have had \$40 ore the whole distance, till they struck this rich streak of from three to twelve inches of red hematite ore in which free gold is plainly visible.

Mr. Sexton stated that he would again take up the work of sinking, which has been delayed on account of a bonding contract, now forfeited, and sink the thirty foot shaft thirty feet deeper, to the level of the tunnel, for the purpose of determining the dip of the vein, after which he will continue on the extension of the tunnel to connect with the shaft at the sixty foot level. The vein is fourteen inches of very rich ore averaging about \$120 per ton.

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