

PURCHASE CLAIMS.

Porcupine Company Acquires
Three More Locations.

A. E. Bryan, superintendent of the North American Gold Mining company, operating the Porcupine group in the Wind Creek district, concluded the purchase last week of three claims adjoining the property, thus giving the company eleven claims. The new claims are the Little Jim, Moonlight and Sunrise, and they are contiguous to the Eldon and Last Dollar, of the Porcupine group. The purchase was made from Isaac King, one of the former owners and Oscar Olson, holding the power of attorney for an eastern man by the name of Graham. The amount paid for the property has not been made public.

Superintendent Bryan was in the city last week concluding the deal and also purchasing winter supplies for the mine. He states that he is getting things in shape to push development work with all possible haste.

GROWTH OF GOLD.

The Yellow Metal Being
Formed in Veins.

Gold in its natural state, like many other products of the earth, is an article of development, says the Chicago Chronicle. What its original elements are is still a matter of some speculation, but the fact has been demonstrated that a nugget of the precious metal left in its original environments will gradually, though slowly attract to itself minute particles of gold dust, and after the lapse of years possess an added value. Gold is known to have grown on mine timbers that have long been immersed in mine water. In the California State Mining Bureau museum there is a specimen of a piece of jointed cap and post taken from the Comstock, where it had been under water for years, in which gold was formed in the joints and press of the wood.

Gold is constantly being formed in rocks and veins and placers. Just what it is that the baby gold formation feeds on to effect its growth is not known; if it were a new and wonderfully lucrative industry might be born, and all other kinds of farming save the growing of gold might be temporarily abandoned. The formation and growth are due to mechanical and chemical action. As in the case of the animal or vegetable, gold has existed in some state before assuming its present form. Waters which percolate through the earth's crust are said to contain substances from which gold is formed. Thus, gold, like the animal and vegetable, must have water in order to thrive. The gold in the water is deposited when it meets the proper precipitant. The precipitant may be an earth current of electricity in the rocks.

It has been claimed that the nuggets found in placers are the formations from the waters that percolate through the gravels and are not from decomposed quartz, as is generally supposed. Those who so contend cite the fact that in the center of nuggets can be found a small grain of iron sand. This was the nucleus around which the earth current of electricity created or deposited in

electroplating. During long ages this influence was at work causing gold to form around the little grain of iron ore, and then grow to become a bright, shining nugget of gold much larger and purer than any ever found in the veins of ore.

FOUND PAY GRAVEL.

Will Open Up Placer Ground on Deep
Creek.

Messrs. Dean Briggs and Orin Welch, the owners of a rich placer mine on the head of Elk Creek in the Susanville district, have concluded work for the season, having made an excellent cleanup for the time the mine was in operation this season.

To the Blue Mountain Eagle Mr. Briggs recently stated that he had been prospecting on the head of Deep creek just below the old reservoir and found an excellent paying gravel deposit. They will place a hydraulic on the ground and have hopes of opening up something of good value. —Blue Mountain Eagle.

Bourne Labor Day Celebration Finances.

The finance committee of the recent labor day celebration at Bourne requests The Miner to publish this statement. There was subscribed by the public \$520.50. Of this amount \$430 has been paid to the committee. All bills and prizes have been paid and receipts for same are on file. There still remains in the treasury \$12, which will be donated to the Bourne school, as will be all of the unpaid subscriptions that shall be collected in the near future. The committee further desires The Miner to thank the public for this generous subscription, and make especial mention of the names of the following, who gave, proportionately, large sums: Dunphy & Gertridge, Cushman & Brannan, Ed Houser, and A. P. Goss, of Sumpter; American Brewing company and C. I. Flynn, of Baker City.

Knox-Kantner Concert Company.

The dates for the Knox Kantner Concert Company have been fixed for Monday and Tuesday nights, October 19th and 20th. The company is a male quartet containing Professor Clifford White Kantner, composer and pianist, H. L. Hackett, the celebrated Iowa tenor, and W. Eugene Knox the Chicago impersonator. This company gives the opening number in Boise, Seattle, Tacoma, Salem and Portland, of the greatest season of popular entertainment attractions ever brought to the Northwest, containing such talent as the Susanne Adams company, Fitz Jubilee Singers and others of the most famous in the United States. The reserved plat for the first night will be opened at Edward's drug store Saturday morning, Sept. 26. Reserved seat tickets 75 cts.

Bourne a Law Abiding Town.

B. G. Ross, one of the leading business men of Bourne, was in town Saturday. He says the citizens of that place resent the statement published recently that since the Sumpter red light district has been restricted, that the denizens thereof have flocked to Bourne and other camps; that as a matter of fact, the municipal authorities there pride themselves on the policy adopted months ago of not permitting the man who lives on the earnings of fallen women to live there. The result is little or no lawlessness in the community and Bourne is the most orderly, law-abiding mining camp on the continent.

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