

# GREAT NEW STRIKE ON THE LAST DOLLAR.

**Made Last Night In The 30  
Foot Tunnel, Cutting a  
Blind Ledge.**

**NORTH AMERICAN G.M. CO.**

**This Property Is Known Locally as  
The Porcupine, Located In The  
Cracker Creek District—Seattle Is  
Headquarters of The Company—  
Rock Different From Any Before  
Found—Vein Six Feet Wide.**

Suprintendent Arthur E. Bryan, of the North American Gold Mining company, working a group of claims in the Cracker Creek district known locally as the Porcupine, is in town with his pockets full of rock that looks plenty good. He forwarded a lot of it to the company headquarters in Seattle this afternoon, for assay.

Some days since The Miner made mention of the fact that this company had bought three parallel claims, each having a separate ledge, and the work of driving a crosscut to the Porcupine had been started. The rock which he is displaying today was encountered early last evening in this tunnel, thirty feet from its mouth, at a depth of twenty feet.

The ledge is a blind one and its existence was previously unsuspected. It is fully six feet wide. The strike was made on the Last Dollar claim, the second from the Porcupine, one of the three recently acquired.

The ore is different in character from any before found in the district. It is the ordinary black argillite, carrying considerable lime, which looks quite white in contrast; all of which is impregnated with iron pyrites, in bunches as large as the end of one's finger. It is thought that this will carry high values, as it does everywhere found in Eastern Oregon.

The North American company bought the Porcupine and two adjoining end to end claims about two years ago and has since purchased seven more claims, making a group of eleven full claims which it now owns and is opening up on a large scale. A Seattle syndicate controls the property and has ample means to make a mine of it. Superintendent Bryan is a mining man of a successful national reputation. For fourteen years prior to the death of Marcus Daily, he was the expert for that magnate

**Met With Success.**

Paul Bloch, of Paris, who has been here for several days in the in-

terest of a French company which manufactures a new process steel, left this afternoon. He says he met with good success among mine operators here in introducing the new material for tools and drills.

## EXCAVATING FINISHED.

**Contract For Alpine Mill to be Let  
October 10.**

Phil Rearden, superintendent of the Alpine, is in the city today looking for laborers to work on the new stamp mill which is soon to be installed. He says it is giving him some difficulty to find them.

The excavation for the foundation, Mr. Rearden says, has been finished, and the contract for the buildings will be let on the 10th. Two cars of machinery are already on the ground, and two more are being unloaded here. The boiler is now enroute to the mine.

## PREPARING FOR WINTER WORK.

**New Buildings Are To Be  
Erected at the In-  
dependence.**

Manager A. Burch is receiving bids for building three new buildings at his Independence mine. They are to be a bunk house, office and a shaft house, and are to be good substantial buildings. The two former are to be put up near the present boarding house and the latter at the shaft.

The Independence is being developed under a bond held by Messrs. Burch and Burbridge, of Spokane. They have been working the property for five months and in that time have opened up a large portion of the vein, until at present they have a showing sufficient to warrant the expenditure of a large amount in development work.

It is generally known that the bond on the Independence called for payment to be made on the first of October. Though it is not known officially if this payment has been made, in view of the preparations they are making for winter work it is safe to state that such is the case—Granite Gem.

## More Gold.

Some wire gold was taken yesterday from the Marshall, in McNamee district. One piece weighing over \$5. This property belongs to Haskell, Bucknam and Muzzy.

# WHAT HAS BEEN DONE CAN BE DONE AGAIN.

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