

PROSPEROUS.

Cracker Creek District and Cable Cove Flourishing.

EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

M. E. Bain After an Absence of Nearly a Year Notes Wonderful Progress — New Mines Being Opened Up, Old Ones Working Full Time—More Activity in Section Mentioned Than in Entire Camp this Time Last Year.

M. E. Bain, the well known mining man who recently returned from the East got in last night from a trip to the Cable Cove and Cracker Creek districts. He has been away for nearly a year and his observations concerning the changes and general progress in these districts will be read with interest by mining people. He says:

"After going over the Cracker Creek and Cable Cove districts pretty thoroughly I am prepared to say that there is more work going on there now than there was throughout the entire camp this time last year. It looks mighty good to me.

"At the California I found a big new, concentrating plant equipped with modern machinery, up-to-date in every respect, and a well-developed mine. The mine and mill, however, are now shut down for a day or so while the aerial tramway which delivers the ore is being leveled up. The operation of the mine while the repairs are going on would have involved the erection of additional bins, and as the company has an ore supply which will last at a low calculation two years, this extra expense was deemed inexpedient. Then there is the Red Chief which will resume work in a few days. Arthur Buchee, of the Virtue, and Mr. Mitchell, of Baker City, who are interested in the property, were there yesterday making arrangements to start.

"In the same district are the Valley Queen, doing good work, the Last Chance, erecting a hoist, and the Alpine, installing a twenty-stamp mill, Crown Point, which has resumed, besides numerous other smaller companies which are forging steadily to the front.

"Around Hanover I found operations particularly active. The Orleans, has big values in the face of its tunnel which is unquestionably the pay vein of the mother lode. Mayor Gleason, this side of the Orleans, is getting an excellent quality of ore. Then there is the Midway which has just completed one of the largest hoisting plants in the state. Very little work has been hitherto done in the Hanover section, but it is quite active now.

"At the North Pole ore is being taken out of No. 3, intermediate

and No. 4 tunnels. A high grade of ore is being taken also from an eighteen inch stringer in No. 1 on the bed of the creek. This tunnel is 3,000 feet long, the largest working on the property.

"So much publicity has been given to the Tabor fraction lately that there is little need of calling attention to that. The Geiser-Hendryx people are opening up the Victor in good shape. This property adjoins both the Tabor and E. and E., and contains a parallel vein to the mother lode. Attention should be called to the fact that these veins paralleling the mother lode are showing up exceptionally well. In every instance they have been found to carry good values—not only good values but exceptionally good values. Notable examples are the Buckeye, owned by Doane & Gleason, where the rich strike was recently made, and the Great American.

"On the other side of the divide in the Rock Creek Basin are the Highland, the Adelene, the Maxwell, Baisley Elkhorn, South Pole, Kelly property, Probstel group, Great Republic, and the Western Union.

"These properties are situated on either the mother lode or on parallel veins, and there is not a single one of them but that has exceptional merit. This Rock basin is a section which has been comparatively idle until the present year. But there is a wonderful amount of work going on now and the prospect is certainly very bright.

"To the man who is here all the time these changes are not so patent, but to one who has been away for almost a year, and who is more or less familiar with the entire district, they are more observable and will make a greater impression."

BUYING LARGELY OF OREGON STOCKS.

Neil J. Sorenson says that a very gratifying change is taking place in the marketing of Eastern Oregon Mining stocks; at least, so far as the business transacted by his firm is concerned, and it is presumed that this is an indication of the business in general.

Formerly a great many people bought small blocks of stock, few more than 1000 shares at a time. At from five to ten cents a share, this meant an investment of from \$50 to \$100. Now, however, a different class of investors are becoming interested, people of more means, who are willing to put anywhere from one to ten thousand dollars in a single company. He says that at the present time he is negotiating more sales involving ten thousand shares and more, than he has ever before handled in any six months. Several deals of this magnitude have been closed during the past week.

This is one of the most encouraging signs that has come to the attention of the Miner. During the past two or three years thousands of people have invested small sums in the various mining companies; but somehow, the heavier investors have not operated to any great extent in this district.

Good Looking Rock.

L. G. Sterling returned a day or so ago from the Greenhorn Divide where he is interested in a mining property. He brought some specimens of talc, slate and other ore from the claim which from their appearance will assay well.

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