

DYKE GAVED.

Quartzite Chimney Smashes Things at Gold Bug.

NO ONE IS HURT.

Damage Repaired And Work Proceeding as Usual—Formation Thought to Indicate Presence of Blind Ledge—Consignment of Supplies Sent In.

President Van Fleet, of the Gold Bug was at the mine Saturday to pay off his force and also get in some more supplies for the winter. These were rails, powder, fuse, and other mining material.

A few days ago, President Van Fleet states that a ten-foot quartzite dyke was cut which occasioned considerable trouble. The dyke is very blocky and would not hang together after it was cut. A chimney about twenty feet high caved and had to be filled up with timbers before the work could proceed. While one of the workmen was up in the hole fixing the timbers, he heard a sudden cracking, and barely escaped before a second block of rock came down, smashing the lagging and piling up things generally. It has been caught up now, however, and work is proceeding as smoothly as ever.

The new crosscut where the sloughing occurred is now in over eighty feet, and Mr. Van Fleet thinks the quartzite dyke a good indication that a blind ledge is being approached. No ledge shows in this locality, but these dykes, while barren themselves, usually parallel gold bearing veins. It is something like 400 feet to the main lead for which the present crosscut is being driven. Everything on the mine is now in shape for steady work.

Probably Put in Steam Pump.

C. D. McLain, who has had charge of the machinery at the Gold Pan, is in the city since the shut down on account of the pumps' breaking. The Gold Pan people will probably, it is stated, put in a steam pump at once.

SUPERIOR WORK AT GOLGONDA.

Mr. Davidson is Impressed With Good Management of the Property.

T. W. Davidson came back yesterday from the Cracker Creek district which he visited with a party of Michigan lumbermen—friends of his. The party took a good look at the Golconda mill and mine. Speak-

ing of the Golconda management Mr. Davidson said:

"I was very greatly impressed with the excellent work going on at the Golconda. Everything is going like clock work, superior stopes are being opened up, and generally speaking the character of the work is first class throughout."

BOILER DELIVERED.

Alpine Machinery Being Transferred And Soon To Be Installed.

Thomas Lee, and A. D. Alcorn of Cincinnati, president and secretary respectively of the Alpine Consolidated Gold Mines company and Colonel John Temple Grayson, of Portland, general manager of the company, returned yesterday from the Alpine property in the Cable Cove district.

The boiler was delivered at the mine yesterday, and the other machinery for the new twenty-stamp mill is being transferred. The contract for the buildings is to be let in a few days, and the plant pushed to completion.

DENIES REPORT.

J. H. Robbins Has Not Taken Over Bear Gulch.

W. Wade, one of the owners of the Bear Gulch property, stated to a Daily Miner representative this morning that there is absolutely no truth in the report that he claims have been bonded to J. H. Robbins. He says that the matter has never been under advisement.

This is the property where the limestone ledge, carrying an abundance of free gold, was recently crosscut. It is now being drifted upon, and Mr. Wade states that the values encountered are uniformly high.

CABLE COVE PROPERTIES.

The Camp Never Looked Better, Says Mr. Barbee of The Crown Point.

T. F. Barbee, one of the owners of the Crown Point in the Cable Cove district, says, that good progress is being made on the contract recently let.

"Things never looked better in the Cove," said Mr. Barbee. "It is one of the best districts tributary to Sumpter. The Red Chief, I understand, is going to start work again in a few days, also the Overland, and Portland people have started working on the Crown Point Extension. It is a live camp."

Timber and Homestead Filings.

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