

STRENGTHENS

Ore Shoot in Glasgow Drift Now Shows Six Feet.

Frank Shelton, secretary of the Neil J. Sorenson company, who got back yesterday afternoon from the Highland, where he took a party of ladies out to see the mine, states that the ore shoot in the the Glasgow drift has now strengthened to six feet, showing a heavy mineralization with ore very similar to that encountered in the Shelton shoot above, with the exception that it does not carry so much lead sulphides. The iron sulphides, however, appear in about the same quantity and in all other respects the ores are strikingly similar.

Thirty-five feet back the shoot showed a width of over four feet where it was first encountered. It inclined to the north and was followed for a distance of ten feet along its southern edge, when a crosscut revealed the fact that about half of the shoot had left the face and had gone into the neighboring vein matter. The shoot was followed then for twenty-five feet, and the last shot yesterday, when Mr. Shelton left, showed a full six feet of the ore in the face of the drift. This is the greatest strength the shoot has yet shown. No assays have been made but from the character of the ore, it is thought that it will compare very favorably with the rich ore in the Shelton shoot.

CARPENTERS SENT OUT TO ALPINE.

John S. Laidlaw returned last night from the Alpine, where his firm, Laidlaw & Steadman, has charge of the installation of the Alpine mill. A big force of men, Mr. Laidlaw states, is being worked on the foundation, and this morning he sent up a crew of carpenters to start work on the framing of the buildings. All the machinery has arrived and its transfer will probably be completed this week.

Mr. Laidlaw's firm also has charge of the Last Chance hoist. All the machinery for this has been delivered and practically installed, with the exception of the boiler. This left Sumpter a week ago yesterday, and is still on the road. The boiler weighs 17,600 pounds and it required sixteen horses to move it. The transfer was necessarily slow. Mr. Laidlaw said he passed it last night between the top of the mountain and the Imperial, and thinks it will probably get to the mine tonight. After its delivery the work of finishing up the plant will be a matter of only a few days.

THAT BONTA ELECTRIC ROAD WILL BE BUILT.

C. W. Hill, publisher of the Baker City Herald, states that while east some weeks since he met Major Bonta in Philadelphia; that that gentleman seems to be strictly "in it," is doing

business with good people and Mr. Hill has no doubt but what the electric line to Prairie City will be constructed. He made a special effort to ascertain the status of that proposition and everything seems to be entirely satisfactory. Major Bonta will return to Baker City at an early day. A rumor has been circulated here in Sumpter during the past fortnight, to the effect that the men employed on the surveys, thirty-five or forty in number, were paid their last month's wages with O. R. & N. checks; though this statement could not be verified.

TO OPEN OFFICE IN SALT LAKE.

Edmund Juessen, of Juessen & Clarke, mining engineers and metallurgists, will leave the first of the month for Salt Lake City, where he will establish an office similar to the one here. This will make the third office of the kind for this enterprising firm. The other office is in Spokane. Mr. Juessen will have charge of the Salt Lake office. During his connection with the Sumpter office he was consulting engineer for the Red Boy, the Killen, Warner, Stewart company and for Burch & Burbridge, of Spokane.

THIRTY INCHES OF FIFTY DOLLAR ROCK.

J. M. McPhee superintendent of the Golden Wizard was out yesterday to have a look at the Bear Gulch property, owned by Wade and Camp. "It has the making of a good mine" he says. "The limestone ledge measures about sixteen feet, but there are thirty inches of quartz and porphyry on the foot wall which is fine stuff. From its appearance I should say that it will average \$50 to the ton. While some values are to be found in the lime formation. It looks as if the latter were in the quartz. The owners are working two shifts lifting on the veins."

New Years Gift Not Bonded.

W. Sexton was a caller at this office on Thursday. He was looking for a team to haul ore from his claim, the New Years Gift, at Quartzburg, to the Sumpter smelter. He had one team already loaded with precolus ore that started yesterday. He will ship 6,000 pounds of high grade and one sack of his low grade ore, to test its values. Mr. Sexton says that a Sumpter paper is giving the information that he has bonded the New Years Gift to the Reese Bros., which is not true, as no one has, so far, any bond or lease whatever on the property.—Prairie City Miner.

Alamo Stockholders.

E. D. Frenholm, of Spokane, who is largely interested in the Alamo, J. M. Martin, of Portland, also an Alamo stockholder, and G. W. Boggs, of Seattle, passed through the city this morning en route to this property. Mr. Boggs is not interested in the Alamo, but is on a trip to look at some other properties.

WHAT IS THIS MAN DOING IN SUMPTER?

D. C. Johnson, representing the American Smelting and Refining company, otherwise known as the Smelting trust, arrived in Sumpter this forenoon. Immediately after registering at Hotel Sumpter, he enquired where Dr. Mueller, manager of the Smelter here, could be found. At that gentleman's office Mr. Johnson learned that he was at the Standard mine and would not return before evening. The trust representative is waiting over until tomorrow, his only purpose being to have a talk with the general manager of the local smelter.

Now, Mr. Johnson is a smooth article and declined to be interviewed; refused to state the nature of his business, but did not deny to a Miner representative that he is negotiating a purchase of the plant for his big company. It is known that the institution here has a great and profitable future before it; that the mining interests of eastern Oregon have assumed such vast proportions during recent months that this section can no longer be quietly ignored by the greatest smelting and ore buying concern on earth. It is, therefore, not improbable that some such deal is contemplated.

Mr. Johnson is masquerading merely as an ore buyer; but it is noticed that he does not take long rides into the hills to sample dumps. He spends his time at the best hotels, sizing up the situation. He has recently returned from a prolonged stay in the Orient; securing statistics, he stated to a coast paper on his arrival, on the lead consumption of China and Japan. The truth of the matter is that he was selling lead to the Japan government, to be used in shooting holes in the Russians, if necessary. He is the diplomatic representative of the smelter trust, and is here to negotiate some kind of a deal, of more importance than buying a carload of ore or matte.

WORK AT THE ALPINE MILL.

Colonel John Temple Grayson, general manager of the Alpine, came in today from the property on his way to Portland. It was stated a few days ago that Millwright Potter of Baker City was to have charge of the construction of the new Alpine plant. This, Colonel Grayson says, was the original intention, but Mr. Potter failed to materialize and that he has employed Laidlaw & Steadman, of this city, to take charge of the work. The machinery is to be delivered as rapidly as possible, and the construction of the buildings is to proceed at once.

Phil Reardon, formerly of Grand Encampment, who has had the superintendency of the Alpine for the past month or so, has resigned the place, and Richard Addoms, who was with Colonel Grayson for several years, has been appointed in his stead. Mr. Reardon says he likes the camp, and will remain here.

Colonel Grayson contemplates a trip to Arizona in a short time, if he can so arrange business matters. He says if he gets away he will probably be gone a month or more.

Timber and Homestead Filings.—Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

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