

BIG VEIN.

Dixie Extension Crosscut Thirty-Five Feet And No Wall.

Charles Thomas, the Faribank-Morse man, is also interested in the Dixie Meadows Extension is back from the property and states that the crosscut has entered the vein of the extension, a distance of thirty-five feet from the hanging wall and the opposite wall is not in sight. When the crosscut reached a point thirty-five feet in, running ground was encountered, which made it necessary to abandon work at this point. A streak of broken rock, disintegrated vein matter and water was run into, filling the face of the tunnel for a space of fifteen feet and making bulkheading next to impossible. It was found expedient to move back toward the wall and start a new crosscut at an angle of forty-five degrees, in order to obviate the running ground, and take due precaution in the matter of bulkheading when this ground is again reached. The new crosscut is in now twenty feet, and will be carried to the opposite wall and a drift to the south started.

The extension has the Dixie lead, beyond any question, it is stated. The same pay about is present, Mr. Thomas says, and practically the same character of ore as that found in the Dixie Meadows. Also the Meadows people encountered the same difficulty with running ground. The Dixie vein, as has been stated in The Miner, is fifty feet in width and carries exceptionally good values.

Mr. Thomas states that all the machinery for the Dixie Meadows mill has left Whitney, and will be installed as speedily as possible. The buildings are about finished.

SUMPTER'S FALL TRADE BOOMING.

It was noted this morning that no fewer than a dozen wagons loaded with provisions and various other mining supplies left for the neighboring camps. While this is no unusual occurrence, it shows the activity of the district in a mining way and incidentally the condition of trade here. Mine operators here, and business men, say that there are more properties active now, and there is more preparation for winter work than there has ever been in the history of the district. At many prospects where formerly it was the aim to complete only the assessment work during the summer months, preparations are being made to continue operations all winter. This with the increased output of old producers, and numerous mills that are going in, has made business in Sumpter this fall exceptionally good.

Relative to the situation a local business man says:

"There never was so much activity in the camp, and business was never so good before. All lines of trade are good. Of course it must be

understood that business usually briskens this time of year in view of the fact that mine operators begin getting in their winter's stock and naturally look to local merchants for their supplies. But this fall is a record breaker. The volume of business is greatly increased over the same period last year. I don't think I am very far from wrong when I say it has almost doubled."

BLUE GRAVEL.

The Oregon Blue Gravel Mining company, a corporation recently organized to work placers on the townsite, is to get action in a short time. General Warren, who is president of the company is expected in a few days, and will bring with him a couple of experts who will look over the situation in regard to the contemplated work.

While only a limited amount of prospect work has been done, this, it is stated, has given sufficient evidence on which to base the conclusion that the proposition will be a paying one. Andy Stinson, secretary of the company states that some time ago, he panned an ounce of gold, worth \$17.50, from gravel taken from bedrock at the bottom of a well three foot square, near the reservoir. Bedrock was reached here at a depth of twenty-four feet.

There was a mistake in the transfer papers, and they were not sent away as stated a few days ago. The mistake has been rectified and they were sent away today.

HOIST ORDERED FOR BLACK BUTTE.

O. C. Wright, president of the Blue Bird company and who is interested in the Black Butte, a recent acquisition, states that a boiler and hoist have been ordered for this property and will be installed this fall. A winze is now being employed but the process is entirely too slow, and deep sinking machinery will have to be put in.

Mr. Wright says that all the timbers for the Blue Bird mill have been cut and are now at the mine. A good part of the machinery has been delivered and the rest is being transferred as rapidly as possible.

CONTRACT ON ASTORIA.

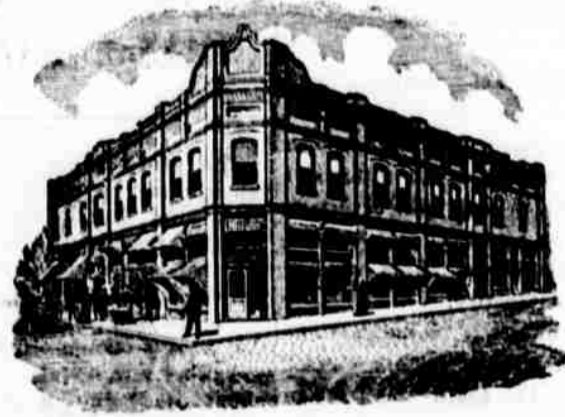
George Hall and J. F. Bingman, two well known Klondyke miners have taken a contract on the Astoria group, owned by Ed Hauser. This property is the south extension of the Doane and Gleason group known as the Buckeye and the Great American claim owned by Graves Brothers where the rich strike was recently made. It is said to be the same ledge.

GOOD PLACER GROUND LOCATED AT GOLD CENTER.

E. J. Wallace returned from Gold Center, where he owns a fine quartz claim and a placer fraction, this morning. All the assessment work on the quartz property for this year has been completed, and Mr. Wallace states that he has been devoting his attention to the placer claim, with very encouraging results.

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