



THE SUMPTER MINER

FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM MOUNT RASTUS.

William Stinson Says There Are Boundless Possibilities There, But Little Development.

William Stinson, Charley Ferry and T. B. Lawrence returned last evening from the Mount Rastus district. They report that hundreds of prospectors are scattered through the country over an area fourteen miles in extent. There is some talk of a townsite there, but the proposition is in a nebulous state as yet. Uncle Bill Stinson says:

"I can't tell you any more about the district, so far as its gold producing possibilities are concerned, than you have already published. There is no question but what there is a great phonolite deposit there, extending for miles. There is plenty of mineralized rock on the surface of the veins, that carries values, mostly low, of course, as everywhere. The basis of the excitement is the fact, as every practical and scientific miner knows, that phonolite indicates the presence of tellurides, which carry the highest gold values known to mineralogy. In a telluride camp money is just as easy as in a rich placer district, there is always more of it and, unlike the diggings, these camps are permanent propositions.

"I saw some samples that looked like telluride and heard of some assays from reliable sources that would seem to confirm the looks of the rock. There is not sufficient development work done yet to prove the value of the find; but there is unquestionably boundless possibilities there and you know prospectors and mining men are not looking for a sure thing; they are willing to take chances. If they were not, there would today be no mining camps in the west. It is such stampedes as this that have caused to be revealed the existence of and afterwards mined ninety per cent of the gold wealth of the world."

In all of which Uncle Bill is right, as he usually is. Only the cur in the manger, the knoker and the blackmailer, or the ignorant ass stands pat and says some newly discovered camp is no good. He doesn't know anything about it, therefore, his condemnation is transparently

dishonest and his presence in any camp is a detriment.

Mike Mahoney, the discoverer of the Iron Dyke, the Flagstaff and other big mines in eastern Oregon, acknowledged to be one of the best prospectors in the state, says he worked over that section two years ago; that on Bull Run, four miles from Rastus, there are some as fine looking ledges as he ever saw. Mr. Stinson says that the Whitehead Brothers have located a group of claims there and are getting good assays from surface ore. The formation is the same as that on Mount Rastus.

The Baker City Herald of last evening says: Mr. Chambers came in from the new camp in the Rastus district at 2 o'clock this morning, bringing with him several samples of ore from his claim there. Assays were made of the samples by Mr. Torrey and some surprising results were obtained. One sample ran \$400 to the ton and the concentrates from it gave the phenomenal figure of \$7,480 per ton. The button obtained from half a pound of concentrates weighed 56 grains.

OLIVE CREEK AND TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

E. Tobin of the Olive Creek and Triple Alliance companies, is in town today. The Triple Alliance group is situated on Olive Creek, the west line being one half mile from Robinsonville. The south line joins the north line of the Olive creek group. At some future date the two properties may be consolidated, as stock in both is held by the same stockholders.

Mr. Tobin bought eighty acres from Messrs. Sutherland and McLaughlin, and already owned sixty acres on the east and west, the eighty acres purchased is owned equally by T. M. Tobin, George

Hubbard and E. Tobin, all of Chicago. They have a shaft down twenty-two feet on the Calumet, which is in the center of the group. At a depth of seven feet a ledge three and one half feet was uncovered and panned values. At a depth of twelve feet samples across the ledge averaged better than sixteen dollars in gold.

Mr. Tobin says: "Directly north 4000 feet on the Red Bell, of the Olive Creek group, we have a ledge on which we have drifted thirty feet without finding the hanging wall, and were then driven out by water. The ore in this drift shows values from \$10.70 to \$30 and as the quartz is heavily stained with copper, I would not be surprised if it turned into a gold-copper mine. There is no doubt of a continuous ledge for 4500 feet. Three other ledges, prospected by shafts, show values from \$2.50 to \$300. We are still sinking on the Calumet shaft and from what is already shown there is no question whatever but that we are in the right place, which will be mining news in the near future.

"The Olive Creek company may send in pumps and hoist for the Red Bell No. 3 this fall; if not, as early in the spring as the weather will permit. We have over 1,200 feet of underground work, with a depth of 240 feet, showing two feet of seven dollar base ore, from ten to thirty feet in the drifts.

"We are ready for machinery, as the ground is fully prospected and there is no question but what there is mineral and plenty of it."

PLACERS AT GOLD CENTER YIELDING WELL

E. J. Wallace was in today from the claims he recently located at Gold Center. Lately he has been devoting his time and attention to some placer ground which he holds in connection with the quartz locations.

The placers he says have been yielding good returns, but owing to the scarcity of water they cannot be worked to the fullest extent. He is going to put in a pump, however, which will relieve the situation to a great extent.

Ike's Rich Strike.

Ed Hauser, William Sanders and Albert Weiss returned yesterday from a trip to Rock Creek where Mr. Weiss and Ike Williamson own a couple of claims, regarding which mention was made a few days ago in connection with a good strike. Messrs. Hauser and Sanders went to look at the property, and they state that it has every appearance of becoming valuable with the proper development.

VICTOR GROUP.

Mr. Hanauer Pleased With Development Work.

A. G. Hanauer, of Spokane, who with business associates some months ago took over the Victor group in the Cracker Creek district, and Harry Hendryx, of the Geiser-Hendryx investment company, which has the management of the development work, were out at the property yesterday. Mr. Hanauer is here to familiarize himself with the situation and note the progress being made. He is well pleased with the way things are going and thinks the property will undoubtedly be on a producing basis within the next six months. He says:

"I made an examination of the mine yesterday and I am well pleased with the present showing. All the workings are in ore and I feel that I am speaking conservatively and advisedly when I say the Victor is destined to make a good paying property. The funds necessary to prosecute development work for months to come have been raised, and with the compressor plant which we intend installing in the near future there is no reason why even greater progress than in the past cannot be made. In six months I expect to have the property on a producing basis. I am greatly pleased with the management and the economical expenditure of funds to date. Every foot of work has counted.

"The Victor is certainly in a favorable locality if proximity to big producers counts for anything. It adjoins the E. and E. and also the Tabor fraction where the rich strike was recently made. It is a settled fact from reports made that the split off from the Columbia and the Tabor fraction passes to the mouth of the Victor tunnel, and it seems not only reasonable to suppose but practically certain that we will get the same rich ore found in the other two properties, and also in the E. and E. When the tunnel reaches his vein, I feel sure that the Cracker Creek Gold Mines company will be able to report some good news to its stockholders."