

## TWO ASSAYS FROM CRACKER SUMMIT

Average Samples From  
Lower Drift Go \$39.09  
And \$50.16.

Exceptionally good assays were received yesterday from the Cracker Summit. They were from two average samples taken from the lower drift, now in over 600 feet, and showed respectively \$30.09 and \$50.16. This was very much better than was anticipated from ore at this point, since it is not where the better values were thought to occur. The values, however, have been increasing right along with continuance of the drift. Much higher than these are expected when the richer zone is encountered.

The force which has been sinking at the blowout near the end lines of the property was recently pulled off and work is now being concentrated on the drift. The way things are looking now the Cracker Summit will soon drop into the producing class.

The mine is well located, as far as proximity to big dividend payers is concerned. It adjoins the North Pole, Columbia, E. and E. and Tabor Fraction, among the well known Cracker creek producers.

## LOD BUFFALO WILL SOON BE STARTED UP

N. Berkley, of Pendleton, came back yesterday from the Buffalo mine, in the Magnolia district. Mr. Berkley has had a bond on this property for the past month and is making arrangements for its operation. He has not fully decided whether he will start this fall, or wait till spring, but rather thinks he will pursue the latter course, in view of the approaching bad weather.

The Buffalo has been idle for the past two or three years, owing to the death of Mr. Cox, one of the main owners. It is an old patented property, however, having produced well in the past. During its early operation, before the advent of railroads, the ore was packed to Umatilla and shipped to San Francisco for treatment. It is Mr. Berkley's plan to open up the mine on a big scale.

## LADD METALS COMPANY SNAKE RIVER SMELTER.

E. F. Zinn, the Houghton, Michigan mining man, who is heavily interested in copper mines in the Snake river country, and who is also one of the owners of the Black Eagle mine in Malheur county, is slightly indisposed at the Geiser Grand hotel.

Mr. Zinn recently returned from a visit of inspection to his Snake river copper property. He brought back some magnificent specimens that were taken from veins which he is now having developed under contract. Some of these specimens are

native copper.

Regarding the Ladd Metals company smelter Mr. Zinn states that they are busily engaged in hauling in the lumber with which to complete the building.

Ore is being hauled from the Seven Devils country to the smelter, which will be reduced as soon as the works are in working order.

According to Mr. Zinn there is no doubt but this smelter will be a success, as they have all the ores and fluxing material that they require, within easy reach of the works.—Democrat.

## LEDGE GROSSCUT AT DIXIE EXTENSION.

Forty Feet Made and Half of It Will  
Mill \$8 to \$10.

Charles Thomas, the Fairbanks-Morse man, and incidentally the mining man, returned today from a trip to Dixie Meadows and also the Dixie Extension, the latter of which he is interested in. The Miner printed a story a short time ago regarding the big ledge at the Dixie Extension and the general work going on there. Since Mr. Thomas' last visit the ledge has been crosscut showing a width of forty feet, with twenty feet of milling ore which will average between \$8 and \$10 to the ton. He wears a pleased expression over the extremely good showing being made at the property.

Mr. Thomas states that the mill at the Dixie Meadows is nearing completion and will be in operation within the next few weeks.

## INTEREST IN LISTEN LAKE SOLD YESTERDAY

F. O. Bucknum sold yesterday all his interests in the Listen Lake mining property in the McNamee district to eastern people, through J. Win Wilson, general manager of the company, and Mr. Bucknum at the same time purchased Mr. Wilson's interest in the Deadwood group of claims, in the Greenhorns, thus becoming the sole owner in that property. No consideration is mentioned in either instance.

It is understood from Mr. Bucknum that he intends getting the Deadwood group in shape for early operation.

### Looks-Like Vein is Near.

E. Butze, Sr., superintendent of the Little Cracker company, operating a group of claims by this name in the Cracker Creek district, is up from Baker City today on matters relating to the company's interests. He states that several good stringers have been encountered in the crosscut and that from the formation and the heavy flow of water he expects to reach the vein in a short distance.

### Eight Inches of Snow on the Summit.

Frank Shelton came in from the Highland mine today. He rode over the summit, driving two horses ahead of him. There is eight inches of snow above the timber line and he had to break the trail. This snow fell last night and is still falling today. Everything is moving along smoothly at the Highland.

## INDIANA ORE HAS 26 PER CT. COPPER

Results Obtained From a  
Lot Sent to Smelter Here  
To be Sampled.

Elmer E. Cleaver, who has been in town for a week past, has finally divulged the object of his long stay here. He has been having some ore from the Indiana Copper Mining company's property sampled at the smelter, with a view to shipping here. He secured returns yesterday. The ore carries the astonishing values of 26 1/2 per cent copper and about two dollars in silver. And yet, Mr. Cleaver declares he has had a half hundred assays from this rock and this is the lowest he has ever received. It frequently went forty per cent copper and occasionally as high as 70 per cent. The skeptic will doubt the statement as he sees it here in print, but the ore supplies the Missouri proof. It carries quantities of native copper.

This property is on Big creek, near Medical springs, about twelve miles northeast of Baker City. Messrs. Cleaver Brothers and associates secured a bond on it last July, interested Indiana capitalists in it and have been at work ever since. It was originally known as the Meyers group, and was owned by W. L. Meyers and A. G. Simmons. The former is now superintendent. Mr. Simmons was the original discoverer of the great United Verde, Senator Clark's fifty million dollar mine in Arizona.

Mr. Cleaver thinks the Indiana company owns one of the most wonderful and valuable copper properties in the world. He says the ledge can be easily traced across the full length of four claims; that the outcroppings indicate a width of from 150 to 600 feet. A double compartment shaft has been sunk on the vein to a depth of sixty-five feet. At the bottom of this shaft there is three feet of this remarkably rich ore, which is being taken out for shipment. It has widened with depth. They are now drifting on this pay shot, in order to begin stoping.

Until yesterday all the stock in the company has been sold in Indiana. Then a farmer living near the property came to Sumpter for the express purpose of seeing Mr. Cleaver and invested \$1,000. Messrs. Meyers and Simmons have also asked to be given stock at current rates in liquidation of payments still due.

Machinery for a hoisting plant, including a forty horse power boiler, has been ordered. The pump has already been bought in Baker City.

### Improvements at California.

Manager Bellman, of the California, left this morning for the mine, to be gone some time, looking after improvements now under way. It is thought that the roaster and cyanide plant will be ready in a short time for operation.

Captain Paul of the Imperial, is here today and states that the mine has closed down and will remain closed until matters pending the granting of a patent are adjusted

### 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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