

MAJOR BONTA AWARDS CONTRACT FOR \$6000.

Will Develop Splendid Mining Properties At Strawberry Butte This Winter.

E. A. Hutchins, consulting mining engineer for Major J. W. Bonta, who owns a vast mineral estate in the John Day district, and who will build an electric railway from some point on the O. E. & N. to Prairie City, to afford an outlet for his mines, returned last night from a trip to the Oregon Wonder, Great Vein and Will Cleaver groups, in the Prairie City camp, which are included in the Bonta holdings. Mr. Hutchins awarded contracts on the Will Cleaver group and the Oregon Wonder group, which will mean the expenditure this winter of about \$6,000 in development. The Will Cleaver, says Mr. Hutchins, is making one of the finest showings of any mine in that celebrated district. A forty foot vein has been opened on this group, carrying amazingly high values in copper and gold. The Oregon Wonder will be developed by a tunnel of 300 feet this winter, which is expected to enter a pay shoot that has been cut on the surface, carrying satisfactory values in free gold.

Mr. Hutchins brought in a quan-

tity of ore from the Oregon Wonder and Will Cleaver groups, which he is having assayed today by Eben Torrey. The one from the Will Cleaver is exceptionally rich, and the assays are expected to return startling values.

The main vein of the Will Cleaver has been traced the entire length of six claims included in twenty-one claims of the group. These parallel ledges have been opened on the surface and each carries high values. Work on the two contracts awarded by Mr. Hutchins will be started at once, and hurried to completion. Next spring development on a huge scale will be inaugurated.

Returns from the assays received this afternoon give the following startling results on ore from the Will Cleaver group: Sample No. 1, average from an eight foot ore body, six per cent copper and two ounces of gold per ton; total value, \$55.74.

Sample No. 2, four per cent copper and five ounces of gold per ton; total value, \$112.95.

Average value from 100 foot width of the Oregon Wonder ledge are better than \$4 per ton.—Herald.

BAD STORM IN COVE, SAYS MR. ADDOMS.

Work at Alpine Had to Be Suspended
On Account of It, But Development Going On.

Dick Addoms, superintendent of the Alpine, came in last night. He states that owing to the snow drifting to such an extent on the site of the new stamp mill, further work this winter was rendered next to impossible.

"It was the worst storm I ever witnessed in the Cove," says Mr. Addoms. "The snow on the site of our stamp mill is drifted fully ten feet, making the matter of going ahead with the work out of the question. It was a most unusual storm for this country. It was accompanied by such high winds and the snow was so light that the depressions are literally filled. Hundreds of trees were blown down in the vicinity of the Alpine.

"However, we have all the machinery and all the material for the new stamp mill at the mine, and we will be ready to start construction, I think, about April 1."

In the meantime Mr. Addoms has a big force at work inside and development will be pushed during the winter months.

WIZARD MILL WILL BE BUILT THIS WINTER

Instructions From President Miller to
Proceed With the Work — Mr.
Frary Here in Few Days.

It looks very much now like the Golden Wizard mill is to be completed this winter. Superintendent McPhee had a wire this morning from President Miller, of Three Rivers, Michigan, instructing him to rush the work. The telegram stated further that R. L. Frary, vice president of the company, will be here in a few days.

It was the impression when President Miller left here a short time ago, that operations were likely to be suspended till spring.

TABOR FRACTION HOIST STARTED THURSDAY

The hoist which was moved from the Gold Pan and installed at the Tabor fraction was started Thursday. Sinking, of course, had to be abandoned while the machinery was being set, but now that the plant is in operation the shaft will be continued

and the rich ore which has characterized this property will be shipped as before. The shaft is now down ninety-five feet, and the pay streak still holds its strength and quality.

The hoist which is to take the place of the one removed from the Gold Pan is in process of manufacture by the Holtoff company and will be delivered as soon as possible.

BROKE FOUR FEET OF SNOW TO GET TO "HOT NUMBER."

Yesterday W. C. Ranall, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Development company of Sumpter, returned from a visit to their mining property known as the "Hot Number," near the big Baisley mine, on this side of the divide, and states that he had to break a road through four and one-half feet of snow with a four horse team.

While traveling is difficult just at present, the roads soon pack down and there is no doubt but that intercourse will be kept open between Baker City and the mines during the winter.

There is great activity all through that camp and the Baisley people are continuing heavy work. The Eastern Oregon Development company's property has a good showing and they will push work right along.—Democrat.

Advertising Quitter No Good.

John Wanamaker says: "If there is one enterprise on earth that a 'quitter' should leave severely alone it is advertising. To make a success of advertising, one must be prepared to stick to it like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. He should know before he begins it that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody should tell him, also, that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game. Advertising doesn't jerk. It pulls. It begins very gently at first but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, and year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power. It is likened to a team pulling a heavy load. A thousand spasmodic, jerky pulls will not budge the load; while one-half the power exerted in steady effort will start and keep it moving."

CRACKER KING TO CON- TINUE WORK ALL WINTER.

S. H. Morton, superintendent of the Cracker King, was in the city a few hours today, on business connected with the property. He is working a good force of men and operations, he states, are likely to continue all winter. He is driving to get under the big outcrop where there are excellent surface showings. The distance yet to be driven before this point is reached is about seventy-five feet.

Thinks the Camp Great.

L. G. Lilley, superintendent of the Baby McKee, and B. Moeller, of Cincinnati, one of the heavy stockholders in the company, came in from the property last night. This is Mr. Moeller's first visit to the camp, and while, from a standpoint of mineral resources, he thinks it is the greatest ever, he doesn't like the idea much of going against so much snow as he found in the Cove.

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