

RICH ORE IN PLACE

Shoot at I. X. L. Gives Evidence of
Permanence Says One of
The Owners.

Here is Where The \$8,000 Ore
Comes From—Mill Running
Well.

Charles Dougherty, one of the owners of the I. X. L., and Fred Kelly, general manager of the property, were on the train this morning, returning from Baker City. Mr. Kelly went down several days ago, and Mr. Dougherty went down yesterday. Probably Mr. Kelly went down to take the clean up from the new mill. Probably he did not. On this point his remarks were, "Well, if I did, I did, and if I didn't I didn't."

Mr. Dougherty reports the new rich ore shoot looking better than ever. When he left there was every evidence, he says, that it was in place and that it would prove a permanent body. The shoot was encountered on the drift from the 200-foot level, and it was from this locality that such high values have been reported recently. It was from this shoot that ore going up to \$8,000 a ton was disclosed. Both Superintendent Kelly and Mr. Dougherty confirm this statement.

The new mill is going all right and the cyanide plant is giving entire satisfaction.

LITIGATION OVER MINING PROPERTY.

The case of J. M. Doyle against W. C. Correll, came up in Judge Allen's court this morning, but was continued by stipulation.

The action involves a mining claim which was purchased by Doyle from Correll in the Rock Creek district. It is alleged that the property does not contain the amount of ground represented, and the litigation is based on this allegation.

JOHN DAY COAL LEAVES

LITTLE ASH WHEN BURNED

A number of residents of this place went out to the shaft that is being sunk in prospecting for coal near here, and brought in samples of lignite on last Sunday. They have since been trying it in their stoves and grates and find that it meets this practical test very creditably.

The specimens taken were found within a few feet of the surface, and are consequently too full of moisture to burn as briskly as desirable. The samples obtained at a greater depth are more satisfactory in this respect. As there are no coal stoves provided with ventilating and draught grates, the experiments were hardly fair.

But in spite of all these drawbacks

the coal in quantity burns with a good steady heat, and shows excellent combustion. A most remarkable feature of the fuel is its almost complete combustion, burning with almost no ash.

Postmaster Johnson, who had laboriously lugged over a sack full, was very well pleased with his samples, having burned them in a range with reversible coal and wood grate.—Grant County News.

MINING EXCHANGE FOR NEW YORK.

Will Make Another Effort
After Numerous
Failures.

The Wall street correspondent of the Spokesman Review writes that paper as follows:

This week's announcement of a new mining exchange for New York directed attention to the number of failures in this line. Why is it? One would think that a large city like New York could support two or three of them, if numbers counted for anything. Boston thrives on copper stocks. The Bostonians build air castles of copper in their dreams out of their prospective profits in the shares they bought the day before. An Englishman, in explaining the timidity of foreigners to trade in American railroad stocks, said that they thought of things here as a long way off, feeling that they could not get in touch with actual conditions and be in a position to decide upon the merits of our securities as investments, or as speculative possibilities, for that matter.

New Yorkers, in a sense, look upon most mining properties as a long way off, in like fashion, and seem to want an affidavit with a large flaring seal, indicating that everything is all right. A good reason for this is that so many attempts have been made in this generation to float mining hubbles here. "Once burnt, always timid," has been an experience which influences many traders and others in this community, as applied to mining investments, although it is curious to observe that people have lost ten times as much in other promotions, including railroad investments, during the last ten years, as they have in mines.

It is to be noted that after a long exhibition of stock market gyrations Amalgamated Copper has come to be regarded with much favor among speculative interests. This stock now stands in much the same position that Sugar Refining shares did several years ago, when fortunes were made or lost within a very short period. The Rockefellers, who control Amalgamated Copper, seem to have used every effort to make the stock popular, and as a Boston dispatch puts it, they could, if they desired, have made a fortune operating in Amalgamated, rigging the market to suit their fancy and catching victims both ways. They and their friends, of course, deny that they have anything to do with Amalgamated stock, except as investors.

Wall street does not share in this belief.

In the matter of mining investments, what was said above applied to the public at large. Some of the leading financial interests have gone extensively into mines and have greatly increased their investments of this character during the last two years. Such is true of the Standard Oil contingent, the Whitney, Guggenheim, Gould people and others. Interest in mining operations promises to increase year by year. Perhaps the time is not far off when a mining exchange will prove a speculative attraction and that Boston will cease to be a primary market.

TO ENLARGE STATION AT BAKER CITY.

Joseph Barton, general freight and passenger agent of the Sumpter Valley, was here today. Mr. Barton says that extensive improvements of the company's station at Baker will be undertaken about March 1. A rearrangement of the S. V. and O. R. & N. tracks at Baker will take place, and the former company will enlarge its station by an addition 80x25 feet.

This will afford extra waiting and baggage rooms with more ample office space.

HARNEY COUNTY WILL PUT WILD WEST SHOW ON ROAD

The proposal of Mr. Miller, of Drewsey, to organize a "Wild West Show" with Harney county men and material as the component parts, is worthy of more than passing attention. It is an idea that it would be worth the while of our people to encourage and push forward to the highest possible point of success.

It is well known that from our ranches, both large and small, can be gathered a company of men, who, as types of the trained and expert rangemen, could not be beaten. At home we are wont, because of familiarity, to think little of or entirely overlook the results that might be obtained from this craft in the way of a feature of entertainment.

Together with the display of agricultural and other products, also the endless variety of strange specimens of ancient handwork, of fossil relics, Mr. Miller's idea, if thoroughly carried out, would lend a strong feature to a display which for attractiveness to those unused to the distinctive features of the border countries, would be hard to eclipse.—Harney County News.

Land Office Will Soon Reopen.

The La Grande land office is fast assuming a business basis, and in a very few days Uncle Sam's real estate office will again be in proper running condition. The latest acquisition to the machinery is the arrival of special agent J. H. Alexander from the Roseburg district, who comes here to take the place made vacant by the transfer of McNutt. Mr. Alexander is really from Minneapolis. He won the distinction of having been the principal factor in placing Mayor Ames, the municipal boodler, behind the bars. He has had many years of experience in the government employ, during which time he has had much important work intrusted to his care.—La Grande Observer.

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