

STRIKE AT THE LISTEN LAKE.

J. Win Wilson, general manager of the Listen Lake, in the Greenhorns, came in from the property last night, and reports the best ore yet encountered at the mine. There is a three foot body on the foot wall and when assayed it showed values of from \$18 to \$45, mainly in gold and copper.

The crosscut from the fifty foot level has entered the vein twenty-seven feet and there is still ore in the face. It is a big ledge. Its width has not yet been determined. The shaft is down on the foot wall, and it was here the rich body was struck.

The first fifty feet of the shaft is 3x5 1/4 feet. Mr. Wilson is preparing to enlarge it to 8x4 for the rest of the way and continue sinking.

WORK AT GIMLET CREEK PLACERS

A. H. Huntington, owner of the Gimlet Creek placers near Whitney, was on the train this morning, returning from Baker City. Mr. Huntington has had his family at the property all winter and has steadily prosecuted the work. He is drifting on bed rock, which was encountered at an average depth of fourteen feet, getting out a dump for early spring work.

Mr. Huntington says that the gravel pans on an average of ten cents to the pan. He has gotten as high as \$10 and \$12, however, in a number of instances.

NEW SAWMILL AT PRAIRIE CITY.

George Steadman, of Laidlaw & Steadman, who has the contract for constructing a sawmill at Prairie City, for William McNaughten, who is developing the Strawberry Lake water power, will finish the work, his partner, Mr. Laidlaw, states, in the next two weeks.

Everything is on the ground and construction is going rapidly ahead. The new mill will have a daily capacity of 30,000 feet.

CHINESE CELEBRATE THEIR NEW YEARS DAY

The Chinese of the city are celebrating the beginning of their new year. Monday at 3 o'clock a. m. began the month Jin-Yew and the first day of the year 3,230. Tuesday evening there was feasting among the Celestials, chickens and ducks forming the chief articles of diet. The celebration continues for several days. Last night there was more feasting and a display of fire works at the Chinese quarter across the river. The festivities will be continued until Sunday, when a big delegation will leave for Baker City to participate in a grand blow out with the brethren there from the Flowery Kingdom.

The celebration here has been along the line of eating, drinking and display of fire works. There

have been no general public meetings, or patriotic demonstrations.

Chinese chronology is rather a mixed up affair to the average man. It is reckoned by moons. Since the accession of the emperors of the Han dynasty, 206, B. C., the civil year of the Chinese has begun with the first day of that moon in the course of which the sun enters the sign of the zodiac, which corresponds to our sign Pices. The Chinese divide the time of a complete revolution of the sun with regard to solstitial points into twelve equal portions, each corresponding to thirty days, ten hours and thirty minutes. These divisions have all sorts of outlandish names, which the encyclopedia man from whom this information is derived, gives in full, but which it is thought wise to withhold here.

Ten Thousand Quartz Specimens.

F. R. Mellis, of Baker City, superintendent of the Oregon mineral exhibit at St. Louis, attended the meeting of the state exposition commission in Portland Saturday afternoon. He says 10,000 quartz specimens will be shown at the fair. The floor space allotted is thirty or forty feet. The center of this space will be used for office purposes and the exhibit placed around the sides on the walls. Mr. Mellis had charge of the Oregon mineral exhibit at Buffalo. He has the largest private collection of mineral specimens in the state, which he has offered for the Oregon exhibit at St. Louis.—Portland Journal.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the Baker county court house during the week ending Feb. 16, 1904.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, DEEDS.

Feb. 11—Dry Gulch Ditch and Irrigation Co., to Dry Gulch Ditch Co., Dry Gulch Ditch of Eagle creek; \$1.

Dec. 24—S. M. Haines to S. C. Barnes, lot 11 block 7, Haines; \$30.

Jan. 23—R. S. Clark to B. Flynn and Wm. Kitchen, lots 2, 3, and 4 B. 3, Sunnyside, Sumpter; \$750.

Oct. 24—Melvin Clark to J. B. Stoddard, lots 11, 12 B. 3, South Sumpter; \$880.

Oct. 31, '02—I. B. Sturges and wife to B. G. Hobbs, lots 20 and 21 B. 3, Stewart's 2nd adn to Baker City; \$130.

Aug. 5—Jas. Palmer and wife to M. Buchanan, lots 17 to 21 B. 7, Willovale; \$100.

Jan. 11—Central Trust & Ins. Co. to S. O. Connell, 160 acres Sec. 2 and 3 T. 9 R. 40 E. \$1,600.

Jan. 22—Victor Greensdale to 1st M. E. church, S 1/2 lots 11 and 12 B. 28, Huntington; \$125.

Sept. 28—Andrew Bowman and wife to Pine Creek G. M. Co. 160 acres Sec. 2 T. 12 R. 39 E.; \$1.

Sept. 30—State of Oregon to Alice A. Fain, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 4 T. 10 R. 40; \$150.

June 20—R. Wallbrunn to L. Levinger, one-half interest in lots 7 and 8 block C, De Roos adu to Baker City; \$1.

MINING MATTERS, DEEDS.

Feb. 5—M. C. Smith and wife to J. H. Pearson, one-half interest in Centipede quartz claim; \$500.

Jan. 3—Leah Paul to Eagle Mng Co., North Eagle & Winchester quartz claim \$10.

Feb. 8—F. A. Williamson, to Guy E. Pearson, 1-3 interest in Yankee

Girl and Mary Belle quartz claims; \$50.

Feb. 12—Guy E. Pierson to Sophia Pierson, 1-6 interest in same as last; \$100.

Sept. 30—Wm. Givins to Portland Trading Co., Gravel Bar quartz claim; \$1.

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