

RICH ORE FOUND IN THE COUGAR

An Old Mine From Which Much Gold Has Been Taken, Shut Down For Years.

Bert Roberts came in on Wednesday from the Cougar mining group camp at Quartzburg, which property he and Nat Babcock have leased from George Shearer and Marsh Howell and on which they, assisted by Bert McEntire, have worked for several months. They have just completed a seven-foot raise to the surface, for the purpose of getting air into their working tunnel.

Considerable work has been done on this property by these men and they are liberally rewarded by the strike of some good ores, of which they now have about twenty tons on the dump, assaying \$67 on an average taken from six samples. This is concentrating ore, of which the values are about \$10 of free gold.

They have done at least 230 feet of tunnel work, of which over 100 is made in the old upper tunnel. It is the latter tunnel they will now push ahead, about 130 feet farther. It is the purpose to get under the old workings, now caved in, from which considerable free gold ore was taken about forty years ago. They are drifting on ore continually. It is a small but rich and true fissure vein, varying in width from six inches to two feet. Free gold is plainly visible in much of this ore.

This is an old property from which much gold has been taken; but for a long time was involved in litigation, which resulted in its shutting down for several years, after which the present owners bought the property, a few years ago. This is known by mining men as a good property, and the present lessors, being experienced and energetic miners, will undoubtedly prove its value and be enriched by its hidden wealth.—Prairie City Miner.

UNFOUNDED RUMORS OF SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

All day Saturday rumors were circulated around Sumpter and Bourne that the Miners Union would call a sympathetic strike at the North Pole, Columbia and Golconda, on account of the E. and E. trouble, and considerable apprehension was felt over the matter among business men and others who are interested in the welfare of this section.

Sunday A. J. McCormick, president, and J. D. McDonald, member of the Miners Union, were in town, called at the Miner office and requested that this rumor be denied; stated that the matter had not even been discussed by the Union, officially.

These men talked of this report and the situation at the E. and E. in a most reasonable and sensible manner. As to the rumored sympathetic strike, they stated that the men have no grievance whatever against either of the three other minesmen.

tioned, that they receive square and considerate treatment, are loyal to the managements and will occasion them no annoyance. Regarding General Manager Baillie, of the Columbia, they spoke in particularly kind terms; saying that he has the confidence of both the miners in the employ of his company and Union members generally. He has never had any trouble with his men and once when some of them got into trouble over an affair which was easily adjusted, he went on their bonds.

Both Messrs. McCormick and McDonald agreed in stating that if the E. and E. had provided the men with comfortable quarters in which to change their wet clothes when coming off shift, there would never have been any occasion to issue an order requiring the men to eat at the company boarding house; that they would have done so of their own accord, for their own convenience. As it was, however, they either had to eat in their wet clothes or walk to Bourne, make the change and return for their meals, which tired men do not care to do. There was no complaint against the boarding house.

As an abstract proposition, the miners object to being dictated to regarding where they "shall spend their own money after earning it," as these two expressed it.

Superintendent Wyatt left yesterday afternoon for Portland, to confer with the owners of the mine, presumably relative to this trouble.

It does seem that a matter of this kind, with no bitterness having thus far been engendered, could be settled by arbitration without difficulty. Of course, no outsider feels like butting into the game uninvited, but couldn't the business men of Sumpter and the mine owners of the district reach the case without appearing to be meddling with the business of another?

Start Work on The Octo.

A. B. Patterson, superintendent of and general manager of the Octo Gold Mining company, owning the rich Octo mine six miles west of Baker City, returned last night from Wheeling, West Virginia, where he attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Octo company. Arrangements were made by the board of directors of the Octo com-

pany for heavy development work which will be inaugurated at once, preparatory to the resumption of milling operations. General Manager Patterson also announces that he will start work immediately on the Crown Point mine, near the Octo, which rich property he and associates purchased last year.—Herald.

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.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, March 15, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

THOMAS G. GWYNNE,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1000, for the purchase of the W 1/2 S W 1/4, Sec. 21, N W 1/4 N W 1/4 of Sec. No. 28 in Tp. No. 10 S, Range No. 16 E W 1/4, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 2nd day of June, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, Ralph Mead, Nicholas T. Tallero, James W. Connell, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said day of June, 1904.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

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