



DR. BROCK GETS A BOND ON GOLDEN CHARIOT.

Ledge in Lime Formation That Carries Phenomenally High Values in Gold.

Dr. Brock returned from Baker City this forenoon and brought with him a bond on the Golden Chariot mining claim, generally known as the "Beor Gulch" property, on which Wade and Camp held an option for some months and which has expired. The ledge is on patented ground, owned by the Oregon Lumber company, and the bond which Dr. Brock has secured is signed by David Eccles, its president. The exact price the parties to the agreement will not make public; but is understood to be somewhere in the neighborhood of thirty or forty thousand dollars. The bond runs for ten months from yesterday.

No property in eastern Oregon excited more interested attention last year than did the Golden Chariot. Local mining men were especially interested in the proposition, for the reason that it is the first instance where gold values were found in a lime formation in this section of country; though such is not an unusual occurrence in either Montana or Colorado. Then, too, it had pre-

viously been thought that there were no gold ledges in that vicinity. The land had been filed on for the timber, which had been logged off and the ground was considered practically worthless until this discovery was made. It was another and strikingly surprising proof of the old saying among miners that "gold is where you find it."

Messrs. Wade & Camp uncovered some remarkably rich ore while they were working the property, running into thousands of dollars in gold, which was plainly visible to the naked eye. It was the sensation of last season, and every mining man who visited this section tried to get hold of it, but there was some trouble about a previous bond that had been given and during the life of the Wade & Camp option a clear title could not be given. Now, however, everything has been straightened out and there is no trouble on that score.

Dr. Brock's bond provides that he can mine and sell the ore, under certain conditions, and he and his associates will probably work the property during the coming season.

MINERS STRIKE AT E. AND E. SETTLED

By an almost unanimous vote the Bourne Miners' Union passed a resolution at the meeting held Saturday night to end the strike and return to work. W. P. McMullen, of the Miners' Executive committee, was here today having some notices printed declaring the strike at an end. He stated that the E. and E. miners reported for duty this morning, but owing to the fact that some little repair work about the pumps is necessary, it will probably be a couple of days before their services will be needed. But all is quiet, everything is settled, harmony prevails and there is a general rejoic-

ing among the business and mining interests over the turn the matter has taken.

The notice in question states that the strike by the Bourne Miners' Union, No. 42, W. F. M., against the Bourne Gold Mining company (E. and E.) on the issue of compulsory boarding is declared off, to which is appended the following names of the committee: G. H. Monkittick, J. D. Moore, W. P. McMullen, J. C. Burton, and A. B. Glenson.

Notwithstanding the fact that Baker City wants to butt in and claim the credit of settling the strike, it remains that whatever good or bad effects are to be accredited to the presence of some Baker citizens, the settlement was largely due to Cato Johns and Claude Basche, of Sumpter, as a brief history of the transaction will show. In the first

place, Cato Johns, on behalf of the business interests of Sumpter, addressed a letter to J. S. Wyatt, superintendent of the E. and E., setting forth the strike condition which he understood to exist, its probable effect on the district if allowed to continue, and concluding that if the matter were presented in a conciliatory spirit the disagreement could be fixed up to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

Replying to this Mr. Wyatt stated that the boarding house arrangement was not compulsory, there was no disposition to discriminate against the union or other affiliations, reserving the right, however, to hire or discharge whomsoever he pleased. He expressed no desire to injure or attack any association or individual, and hoped that the differences would be speedily settled to the advantage of all. Acting on these fair and reasonable statements, Mr. Johns Saturday morning took with him Claude Basche and proceeded to the seat of trouble. They wrestled with the factions all day, aided mayhap by the Baker City contingent, and their efforts bore fruit. Saturday night, by the almost unanimous vote of the union to bury the hatchet and return to work. It will be seen from this that it was Sumpter men who took the matter of adjustment up and carried it to a successful termination.

WORK PROGRESSING AT THE STORM KING

T. J. Costello, manager of the Storm King, stated today that there is some water in the Jesse and Golden Rule shaft, but not enough to cause any serious apprehension at this time. The shaft is all in ore which is improving in quality with depth.

Work on the Honest Dollar drift is proceeding and Mr. Costello states that he is almost certain the vein is in place and will line up to its true direction. The Storm King drift is rapidly improving with distance. The vein now measures from six to seven feet between walls. Mr. Costello will return to the property to-morrow.

Weaver Brothers Back.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Weaver, and Joseph Weaver returned this morning from Goshen, Indiana, where they spent the winter at their old home. The Weaver brothers, with W. R. Hawley, own the Buck Gulch placers out the Granite road. They made a good clean-up last fall, and will operate the property extensively the coming season.

NEW LEDGE STRUCK AT COUGAR MINE

A report comes from Granite that an exceedingly rich strike has been made at the Cougar.

It is stated that Isaac Nail, who has charge of the development work for the Spokane owners of the property, a few days ago encountered a ledge in the crosscut he was driving, revealing ore which to all appearances was of a very high grade. Samples of it have been sent to Spokane for assay. The report states that the ledge measures between seven and eight feet, disclosing the best body and highest grade of ore yet disclosed at the property.

SUIT TO SET ASIDE FRAUDULENT MORTGAGE

J. J. Hennessy has instituted suit against the Cracker Cradle Gold Mining company and Colburn & Peck, of Milwaukee, to set aside the mortgage given by the company on its property, the Dewey, Lost Lode and Molalla claims, Cracker Creek district, to Colburn & Peck, for \$940, and make his judgment of \$682 the first lien on the property.

In the complaint it is alleged that this mortgage is fraudulent; that it was given for the purpose of preventing plaintiff from collecting a judgment, when the officers of the company learned that he was about to sue.

The company made no appearance in the first suit, and judgment was taken by default. Attorney Smith, of Baker City, received a letter from one of the officers asking him to take the case, but when he suggested that a retainer would be necessary, there was no response.

And that is the kind of outfit the Milwaukee bunch seems to be.

SAMPLING WORKS GETTING IN ORE

The Sumpter Sampling and Testing works started in today on consignments of ore from the Occidental and Phil Sheridan. Shipments are coming in regularly now, and the indications are that the company will have all it can do in the future. A run on Taber Fraction ore has just been completed.

The company is in a position to treat ore from the smaller properties and give speedy returns, in addition to its recommendation relative to the process required and the reduction machinery needed in any given instance.