

## FIFTY DOLLARS A DAY PRETTY FAIR WAGE

This is What J. P. Richards Made For Three Days in The Vicinity of Auburn.

Fifty dollars a day strikes the average man as a pretty fair wage, but this, and probably more, is what J. P. Richards has to his credit in the yellow for about three days work in the vicinity of Auburn. Mr. Richards left here last week to do some prospecting down the Auburn way. By a system of pocket tracing known among prospectors, he located a rich quartz stringer some four inches wide in Blue Canyon, a mile north of the deserted village, on a southern exposure where the snow has entirely disappeared.

Mr. Richards returned today. He found the pocket Sunday and began sinking on it, taking out between \$150 to \$200 in gold. The nuggets range in size from pin heads to peas, and a few larger. He has some exceptionally beautiful specimens of pocket gold. There is one good sized fragment of quartz, which he did not crush, and which is literally held together by particles of gold. This piece he estimates contains about \$10.

The gold was first encountered at a depth of about two feet and from

this on down to eight feet the depth at which Mr. Richards quit, it came in rich. The quartz is largely decomposed. The stringer was found in a porphyry dyke. This is not the first instance of rich pockets having been discovered in the vicinity of Auburn. One man is reported to have taken out \$1,300 near there last summer. Another took out \$800, and there are numerous instances of smaller finds. This is the territory from which the Auburn placers so celebrated in early history drew their enrichment. Mr. Richards has located on the claim and named it the Florence. But he will probably leave next week for Grand Encampment, Wyoming, to take a place with the Encampment smelting company as carpenter foreman, and will turn his mining claim over to Joe Chappellier to look after. Carr B. Neal, former superintendent of the Sumpter smelter, is now with this company and has offered Mr. Richards a good salary if he will take the place. He thinks this will probably afford a more steady income than digging for pocket gold. He was with Mr. Neal in the same capacity here.

## NEW VEIN AT THE OVERLAND.

M. E. Bain, manager of the Overland, came in from the property last night. This was his first visit to it since he came back from the east and he is well pleased with the development progress during his absence.

The vein recently cut, he says, measures between four and five feet and carries good values. This is the third vein cut, and the only one so far showing on the surface. The other two were blind. The crosscut will be continued for two other leads known to exist, and in the meantime the veins cut will be drifted on.

Mr. Bain increased his force of men today, and another increase will be made in a few days.

He says the snow is ten feet deep but is very soft and he had no trouble in walking over it without webs. Nor are the roads yet broken up sufficiently to prevent travel. He will send out four tons of supplies tomorrow.

### Some Things About Rocks.

There are three kinds of rock found in the earth's crust—igneous, metamorphic and stratified. The igneous rock is divided into two classes—the trachyte and lava. The trachyte, so named because of its rough,

gritty feeling. It is porous and has a white, gray or black color and is usually porphyritic. Lava is a term applied to the melted matter which flows in streams from volcanoes. It is porous and spongy. This is found mostly in volcanic regions. Metamorphic rocks are those which have been altered by heat, moisture and pressure. Hot lava penetrating sedimentary rock materially changes its character. The clay is turned to slate, the limestone to marble, and earthy sandstone and clay rocks into granite, the layers being entirely obliterated and the rock cemented together in a solid body.—Pacific Miner.

## GOOD PROGRESS AT THE YANKEE GIRL

Guy Pierson and R. McBride, of the Yankee Girl, out the Bear Gulch way, came in this morning from the property. They report good progress. The shaft is now down over thirty-five feet and the ore, they state, is getting better with every shot. The vein is twelve feet wide, as shown in the crosscut above. The shaft was started on the baulging wall and will be continued till the foot wall is encountered, when the ledge will again be crosscut.

The upper crosscut showed both walls well defined, with high grade ore on each and ore of a good milling

quality making up the rest of the vein. The ore, it is stated, shows twelve per cent of high grade gold sulphides. Work is to be steadily continued this summer.

## LIVELY CRACKER CREEK SEASON

A. P. Smith, superintendent of the Victor, in the Cracker Creek district, was in town today on his way to the attend republican county convention to be held at Baker City tomorrow.

Mr. Smith says the five drill compressor recently installed is giving good service and excellent progress is being made. Notwithstanding the fact that the rock in the crosscut now being driven is exceedingly hard, between four and five feet are being made a day. Recently a three and a half foot blind vein was cut, carrying good gold and copper values. The union of copper and gold is something new in the Cracker Creek district.

Mr. Smith looks for a lively season in the Cracker Creek district this year. He bases his conclusion on the fact that more work is being done on veins paralleling the mother lode than ever before in the history of the camp. He says:

"Hitherto the majority of mining operators in the Cracker Creek district have been confined to the mother lode, but much attention is now being paid to side veins and there is no reason why these should not prove just as rich as the mother lode. For instance, the Cracker Oregon will, I understand, start its mill in a short time, the Midway is making excellent progress, with the promise of opening up a big mine, the Victor is going ahead, and numerous smaller properties located on side leads are making preparations to do a lot of work this summer. The general indications are that things will be lively around Bourne during the coming season.

## WATER AND LIGHT CO. TO RESUME WORK SOON

The generator for the Water and Light company's new plant is expected to come in a few days. It was shipped from New York March 25, and should be here sometime next week at the outside.

The company will resume work on the power house and pipe line now in a short time. The only thing that is keeping back the work is the snow, and if it continues to disappear as rapidly as in the past few days, it will not be long before it will be out of the way. The power house was pretty well finished last fall when work had to be suspended on account of weather conditions, and much was done toward the completion of the pipe line.

### Buck Gulch Placers.

Amos and Joe Weaver left today for the Buck Gulch placers out the Granite way to see how things are shaping up for beginning work. The ditch is some six miles long, and if the water is running, they will turn it in to melt the snow out. The placers will be operated just as soon as weather conditions will permit.

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