GOLGONDA MILL TO BE EXTENSIVELY IMPROVED

Cyanide Plant Large Enough to Handle Entire Tailing Output to Be Added.

It has been rumored in mining pay roll from the proceeds of the circles for some time that the Golconda Milling plant would be closed down May 1, for the purpose of making extensive improvements, to enable the company to effect a better saving of the values than it has been milling loss amounted to as much as able to do beretofore with its facili-

Manager Howard was seen today in regard to the matter and asked if this were true. He confirmed the report and stated that it is the intention at present to close the mill on proving the mill. the first, and that unless orders are received from the board changing matter of fact, ever since the mill was started by the present company in July, 1902, it has been known that the lose in values in the tailings has been very heavy and that by making certain expensive changes in the mill and milling practice, this enormous the entire tailings output will be loss could be greatly reduced. On installed and a full set of slime account of the unfortunate condition of the company's finances, however, it has been impossible hitherto to Howard did not state. It is beileved close the mill for the period required to make these improvemnets, positiont o carry out the systematic

mill; besides, the company was not in the financial condition to purchase the machinery required, and make the improvements needed.

Under these conditions, it was deemed advisable, although the several thousand dollars a month, to bend every effort to prove and develop the ore shoots in the mine, and to ascertain beyond the peradventure of doubt the very best practice for the treatment of these ores, before im-

The company now feels that it has amply proven the ore shoots of the plan, this will be done. As a the mine to such an extent as to justify the great expense incident to changing its milling practice, and has determined to do this as soon as possible. It is understood that among the other improvements a cyanide plant large enough to handle tables put in, but just what the changes in the mill will be, Mr. further that the company is in a as it has been necessary to meet the development policy of Mr. Howard.

BONANZA ORE RUNS \$12,000 TO THE TON Authentic information comes to property and equipped it with a stamp the Evening Herald of the discovery will. Its operation for a long last week of a fabulously rich pocket

of ore in the Bonanza mine. Four cars of ore were hoisted from the shaft and yiledel \$64,000 on the plates of one stamp battery.

The Heurld is not at liberty to divulge the source of its information, reuslted in the sale of the mine to the but the authority cannot

at the Bonanza. Last week an upraise under his management tremendous from the 1,200 to the 1,100-foot level dividends were paid. Development was completed and stoping began in work was not kept up, however, an in a twelve foot body of milling ore. a short time the mill was forced to A streak was marvelously rich and shut own, pending the opening of four cars, or a total of about five new ore bodies. tons, were sorted and sent under five stamps, yielding smalgam worth 864, this line was in progress, that Hayes 000. Pan assays of some of the ore disposed of his controlling interest not included in this assortment to a rival faction, for a sum in cash showed a value of 15 cents per pound. said to have been a million dollars. The extent of the rich pocket is not W. H. Thatcher, the present general known, as a sorted record was kept manager, was placed in charge of only of four cars.

succeeding the transfer forty stamps now the 1,200 has proven its richness

were kept busy night and day and the average monhtly output of the property was close to \$10,000 in gold bullion. A dozen or so years ago the Bonanza mine went begging at \$350. The Geiser family took the period was not profitable. At a time when the Geisers were head over heels in debt, a shoot of ore was uncovered from which five stamps working thirty days pounded out \$23,000. The discovery of this ore body Standard Oil company for the price above given. F. P. Hayes, of Pitts-Thirty stamps are dropping steadily burg, held control of the mine and

It was while development along the mine. A deep sinking plant, equal The Bounness is perhaps the big to any in the West, was installed. gest mine in the Western States of The forty-stamp mill was overhauled America. It has made one or two and a shaft was started to tap the vein millionaires. It was sold by one of system at a depth of 1,000 to 1,500 the Geiser family, about seven years feet. At the 800-foot level a crosscut ago, to Pittsburg stockholders in the from the shaft opened up a fine body Standard Cil company for half a of high grade ore and the mine was milion dollars. For two years assured of a brilliant future. And

with a pocket of remarkable richness. With ore of such value at such depth as has been attained in the Bonauza mine, the stability of eastern Oregon as a gold mining country is proven beyond a doubt. - Herald.

MONEY RAISED TO PAY OFF MORNING DEBTS

It is persisetntly rumored on the streets today that the money for liquidating the Morning indebtedness and prosecuting development work has been raised by T. W . Davidsov, of the Eastern Oregon Development company, and deposited in a New York bank, subject to the company's call. W. E. Davidson, a member of this firm, was seen in regard to the matter, but refused to either confirm or deny the report. He said that so much had been published in regard to the deal, and that there were so many who were disposed to knock it, that he declined to make any statement. His general attitude, however, would lead to the conclusion that there is foundation in the fact for the rumor.

Quite a number of prominent mining and business people had beard the story, but an effort to trace it down to its source proved fruitless, though those relating the information seemed to think it was authentic. It is stated that the money was deposited yesterday. The amount is not known, though it is supposed to be sufficient to cover the indebtedness of about \$17,000 against the old company, and enough additional to carry on work at the property.

It will be remembered that a similar report was received some time ago, but in this instance Nepple and Boggs, of Baker City, claimed to have secured an option the Eastern Oregon Development trouble. There are 1,200 different company, and balled the matter up. At least this is the opinion expressed. Anyway, the money did not materialize. The Development people, however, have clearly shown that their option does not expire until May 10, and if the present report is correct, there can be little question as to who will handle the property.

Drifts Converging.

A report from the Standard, more favorable reports may be ex-

PLEASED WITH THE LUCY

M. P. Keogh, of Milwaukee, reasurer of the Lucy company, operating in the Greenhors, Sam Stott, president, and Morris Sullivan, one of the owners and directors, returned yesterday afternoon from the mine. They came in on some business matters connected with the company. and Mr. Keogh may return east, but this has not yet been decided.

Development at the property, they say, is going ahead in fine shape. The crosscut has gone in some 350 feet, and is being driven steadily shead for the O. K. ledge. The Lucy was cut some time ago. Recently a big flow of water was encountered. This is a good indication. A drift is being cut around to fur nish an outlet for the water.

Mr. Keogh came out from Milwaukee over a mouth ago, and has been at the mine ever since. He is well pleased with the property and the progress being made. He has been trying his hand at mucking and... prides himself that the epithet "tenderfoot" can no longer with propriety be applied to him.

The trip over to Whitney yesterday was attended with some difficulty. The party had to walk to Greenborn and part of the way to Geiser, so bad are the roads.

Lost Golconda Stock Found.

F. W. Heudley has finished balancing up the stock books of the Golconda Mining company. By some msitake in the bookkeeping 721 shares of the stock were lost and could not be located, and Mr. Hendley was asked to locate the seat of accounts in the books, representing 3,700 different certificates of stock, and it was necessary to check over the whole lot in order to find the trouble, which simmered to seven slight errors in addition and posting. It required several days for Mr. Hendley to do the work .- Pendleton East Oregonian.

Moving of Machinery Delayed.

Fred Dains, of Baker City, son of in the Quartzburg district, to General Manager Dains, of the Belcher, was Manager Mueller states that the ore, on the Baker train this afternoon both in the main and porphyry drifts, returning from the property. He is looking decidedly better, and that says it wil be some time yet before the budies are showing greater magni- the roads are in condition to allow tude. These drifts appear at this the transferrence of the machinery time to be converging, and still for the twenty stamp mill from Whitney. In the meantime development work is going steadily ahead.

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