

GREAT ACTIVITY IN BEAR GULCH DISTRICT

Strike at Golden Chariot has led to Numerous Locations in This Vicinity.

According to S. A. Pelkey, one of the owners of the Yankee Girl, out the Bear Gulch way, there is an unprecedented degree of activity in that section. The district is only a few miles below town. Considerable attention was called to it last summer and fall by the discovery of rich gold deposits in limestone, at what is known as the Golden Chariot property. Since then Mr. Pelkey and Guy Pierson have been putting in pretty regular licks at the Yankee Girl, an adjacent location. Speaking generally of the locality Mr. Pelkey says:

"There appears to be as much interest centering in the Bear Gulch district as almost any other tributary district to Sumpter. Prospectors are out early and late and almost every available location in that vicinity has been filed upon. A man by the name of Peterson has claims on which he has taken a Portland man in, and preparations for extensive work is being made. A. J. De my has claims also which he is preparing to work. Numerous other locations have been made and every indication points to an active season. The situation is greatly in its favor. It is only a short distance from Sumpter, with excellent roads intervening. The district lays well, with every advantage for erecting mills or shipping ore to

the smelter here. In this respect the locality is almost ideal. And it has been demonstrated that there is good ore to be found, rich ore in fact, and I can see no reason why the Bear Gulch section should not come rapidly to the front. Public attention was called to the district by the Golden Chariot strike, and since then prospectors have lost no time in getting hold of adjacent claims."

At Mr. Pelkey's property, high grade tellurides of gold have been encountered, samples of which have run as high as \$1,683. Mr. Pelkey brought in some of the same stuff when he came in last night. He picked it out of the dump. It has a faint resemblance to galena, but assays have showed that it runs high in gold. It is encountered in the porphyry seams of the main vein, and its presence would render the entire measure of porphyry a valuable milling proposition. In fact it would be extremely easy to mill. The telluride appearing ore is very friable and weathers rapidly, showing evidently a per cent of lime in its composition, which is characteristic of ores in the locality.

The Yankee Girl is now down about thirty five feet, and has encountered the foot wall. Mr. Pelkey says he will sink from twelve to fifteen feet more and then start to drifting.

FIRST PAYMENT MADE ON GOLDEN CHARIOT

Dr. Brock received today the first payment on the Golden Chariot claim, the mining property in the Bear Gulch lime formation, the rich gold find that was the sensation of last season in eastern Oregon.

The purchasers are New York and Philadelphia capitalists. The parties to the deal will not state for publication the purchase price, but it is reported to be something like \$40,000. The amount of the first payment is also withheld, but The Miner learns from a reliable source that an offer was some weeks refused, which included in its provisions the payment then of \$2,500 cash, \$5,000 in thirty days and \$2,500 every month thereafter until paid for.

Dr. Brock says that the bond specifies that work shall be commenced June 1, and continued uninterruptedly until the deal is closed and the mine is paid for in full. It further provides that the ore can be mined and milled during the life of the bond, 50 per cent of the product of which is to be turned over to him, which is to be applied on the pur-

chase price. Elsewhere in The Miner today is a story regarding the great activity in that district, aroused by the phenomenally rich ore found in the Golden Chariot.

RASTUS DISTRICT IS BECOMING LIVELY

Dave B. Fisk, of Baker City, passed through to Whitney this morning and returned on the afternoon train to attend the democratic rally.

Mr. Fisk has mineral holdings in the Mount Rastus district, which are likely to prove very valuable. He says there is every indication of extreme activity in the Rastus district this season. There are lots of people going in now, and the new camps will soon present a lively appearance.

To Start Placer Work.

A. Stern, of Geiser, was on the train returning from Baker this morning. Mr. Stern owns extensive placer interests near the Bonanza, on which he intends to start work in a short time.

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