



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## BEAUTIFUL NUGGETS FROM STIGES GULCH

### McLaughlin Copped Off About \$30 Worth While at The Diggings Yesterday.

J. A. McLaughlin, of Lincoln, Nebraska, secretary of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, and Dr. Ed W. Mueller, manager of the Standard, were out at Stiges' Gulch placers yesterday. This is one of the company's holdings.

Dr. Mueller has been in constant touch with the work, but Mr. McLaughlin who has been away for several months is especially pleased with the progress being made. By some hook or crook, he got next to the flume and as a result is exhibiting ten or twelve beautiful nuggets, worth about \$30, today. He says the water was turned off to give him an opportunity to get in his work; but anyway, he has the making of the coin to show for it.

Day and night shifts are being

worked while the water head is good, and about 300 yards of gravel are being moved a day. The face is from seventy-five to a 100 feet and twenty-five feet deep to bedrock. Work has been prosecuted since April 5, and it is thought the water supply will hold out till about July 15 with enough left for the cleanup after piping and sluicing has to be discontinued.

After the cleanup, work will be concentrated on an extremely rich gravel bed on the bench above the present diggings. This bed lies under twelve feet of soil and is four feet deep by thirty wide, and so compactly cemented that it will require milling. It is very rich, and will go, it is estimated, \$15 or \$20 to the yard.

## OFFICIAL CALL FOR MINING CONGRESS

A dispatch from Portland says that the official call of the seventh annual session of the American Mining congress has been issued by Secretary Irwin Mahou. The congress, which will meet in that city August 22nd, is expected to draw a large attendance, not only from constantly increasing interest in mining but because of the scenic beauties of this state and the perfect climatic conditions prevailing here during the summer. Every effort will be made by Portland to give them a royal welcome.

Many questions of national interest will be acted upon during the session and the benefit to be derived from the Lewis and Clark exposition will be discussed. There will be an effort also to establish permanent national headquarters for the American mining conference.

Many addresses will be delivered by men of national reputation and a special attention will be given to

the discussion of subjects "of the relation of mining to the industrial development of our country" and "the creation of a department by our government." This later question has long been agitated, and for several years great influence has been brought to bear upon the president and congress to authorize the establishment of such a department but so far without avail.

## RICH ROCK UNCOVERED IN THE EAGLE CLAIM

Two weeks ago John Monahan made a discovery on Granite creek about four miles from here. The find was made on the Eagle claim of the group, in which is located the Sheridan, from which a quantity of very rich ore has been shipped, and is owned by C. S. Miller, one of the first quartz miners to operate in eastern Oregon, and the man who first opened the old Monumental mine.

Mr. Monahan took a lease on the property a short time ago, and after crosscutting six feet from an old tunnel, he cut into a three and a half

foot vein, in which there are sixteen inches of high grade gold and silver ore. The ore is of much the same character as that usually found in that locality, being base. The shoot has been followed for several feet, and the ore being taken out is saved for shipment. So far as the ore shoot has been explored, average samples show it to carry about \$150 per ton in gold and silver. The more work done on it the better it shows up.

The Eagle claim has been located for more than twenty-five years, and in years past considerable work has been done on it. It has been thought for many years to contain a very rich shoot of ore, but all efforts heretofore to uncover it have failed. No less than three tunnels have been run to tap the ore. One of these started directly for it but was abandoned a few feet before reaching it. Another was run within a few feet on one side, while the other, and the one from which the six-foot crosscut was made, passed the ore on the opposite side, within six feet of the vein, and was driven a hundred feet further in the hill along a stringer.

They are opening up the ore body as rapidly as possible.—Granite Gem.

## GETTING READY TO OPERATE PLACERS

Dan Simpson, of Buffalo, New York, who acquired the McWills placers near Geiser from Shelby brothers, was on the train today going back to the diggings from Hot Lake, where he spent some time for his health. Mr. Simpson purchased these placers the first of the year and came on himself in April to take charge of operations, but was taken sick recently and went to Hot Lake to recuperate. He is much improved.

Mr. Simpson has had a force of men at work for some time digging ditches and getting things in shape for extensive operations.

## INDIANA CAPITALISTS INTERESTED IN COVE

A. K. Press, and W. K. Kirkpatrick, of Marion, Indiana arrived today to look after their mineral holdings in the Cable Cove district.

They are interested with Eugene Bartholf in the Nevada group, near the Constellation. Work will be started at the property just as soon as the snow gets out of the way. They will go out to the Cove with Mr. Bartholf tomorrow.

E. L. Kennon, Whitney, Oregon, lumber, sash, doors, shingles, build, ing material, mining timbers.

## BACHELORS PLENTIFUL

### Burnt River Country is Infested With This Class of Genus Homo.

T. F. Thompson and G. W. Whited, from the Burnt river country, who were here a day or so, returned home this afternoon. Mr. Whited was here to meet a machinist from Baker City whom he has engaged to make some repairs at his sawmill on Pole creek.

They think that it will not take very much more money to put the Burnt river road in good shape, though they talk of another route which the people in that vicinity seem to favor. They prefer Sumpter as a marketing point, and are anxious for the completion of a road making it accessible. Speaking of the butter and egg crop, Mr. Thompson said:

"We might send in a good many eggs, but the butter supply is consumed mainly at home. There are within our immediate vicinity fifteen or twenty old bachelors who do their own housekeeping, and who do not keep any cows. These consume the surplus butter of the neighborhood. They are all democrats and won't get married for fear people will think they were influenced by Roosevelt's race suicide ideas."

## GEISER-HENDRYX PROPERTIES WORKING

The overhauling of the Midway machinery has been completed and operations have been resumed at the property. Work will now be carried on uninterruptedly. The order has been placed for the compressor plant, mentioned a few days ago, and the machinery is expected here by June 10 to 15. This will probably be as soon as the roads are in condition for its transference.

Encouraging reports come from the other Geiser Hendryx properties. New pulleys have been received for the Victor. The compressor there is doing first class work, and ten feet a day on the crosscut are now being made. The crosscut is in about 350 feet.

Work on the Platts group was resumed yesterday, with Bert Rusk in charge, as before.

Sinking is being continued at the Tabor fraction, with the same high grade ore in the shaft. This, it is stated, goes from \$200 away up into the three ciphers list.