

BEAR GULCH DISTRICT NEAREST TO SUMPTER

Great Activity and No Little Excitement in This Newest Oregon Camp.

The people of Sumpter do not realize that within two to three miles of this town there is a mining camp which at present is the scene of much activity and no little excitement; but such is the case.

Sunday afternoon Mayor McCulloch drove a Miner representative down to Bear gulch and they, guided by Mr. Nelson, who is interested in the Yankee Girl, inspected that property and several other prospects. The Miner has on several occasions published stories about the Yankee Girl, reports gathered on the streets of Sumpter; but one must see the property in order to realize how interesting a proposition it really is and how pregnant with important possibilities.

The two claims were located last fall on a timber claim filing, the applicant for which abandoned his rights when the time for making final proof arrived some weeks since. A number of assays were submitted to show that it was more valuable for mineral than for timber, one of which went as high as \$1,600. There is a shaft on the property forty feet deep. A crosscut is run only a short distance to cut the ledge. When this was done water came in and has stopped work until a pumping plant can be installed. The walls are well defined and six feet apart.

On the dump there are several tons of ore, unlike any found elsewhere in eastern Oregon. It consists of porphyry mixed with an onyx-like quartz, in which are kidneys varying in size from a pea to a walnut, of black, heavy metallic substance, and also a white, lustrous metal. The owners have been puzzled to know what the latter is, thinking for a time that it was sylvanite. Yesterday a sample was submitted to Superintendent Kirchen, of the smelter. He stated that at the first glance he would pronounce it arsenic pyrites, but of course, wouldn't be positive, without making tests. This, he said, generally carries gold values and frequently very high. Johnny Arthur says that it looks like antimony pyrites, which also indicates the presence of gold. The black and the bright substances are practically the same thing, in a slightly different form. Both here give high values. The porphyry also carries from two to four dollars in gold. Average samples always pan a good string of colors.

The owners of the Yankee Girl have rigged up a primitive jigger, with which to separate the rock from the metal and, it is reported, make big wages.

There are tents and cabins and dumps in every direction, and every prospector is reveling in the thrill

of hope. The people who are working on A. J. Denny's property, adjoining the Golden Chariot, which first attracted attention to the district, say they have also found something good. Mr. Denny's partner was met on the road some distance from the mine and gave out this information, but was in a hurry and could not go back to show how good a thing he had struck. Mr. Nelson, mentioned above, is now working on a prospect a short distance from the smelter lime quarry and kill, and says it, like every thing else found in that section, shows up very encouragingly. The district has been placer mined for years and large amounts of gold have been taken out.

It is a beautiful country, open and not very rugged, with plenty of grass growing everywhere. One can drive with a buggy all through the timber and over the hills. In most places the ledges will have to be opened with shafts.

VISITED CRACKER CREEK YESTERDAY

A party of people interested in the Geiser-Hendryx properties, in the Cracker Creek district, composed of C. S. Richmond, and W. P. LaRoach, of Savannah, Georgia, B. F. De Wolfe, of New Brunswick, A. G. Hanauer, of Spokane, A. H. Willetts, of Portland, president of the Copperopolis, chaperoned by Harry Hendryx, Al Gesier, A. P. Smith and Otto Herlocker, was up the Cracker Creek way investigating yesterday. The party returned last night.

Besides the visit to the various properties the feature of the occasion was the fact that Mr. LaRoach got lost and Mr. Richmond had his nerves shattered on the return trip by Harry Hendryx's fast driving. In some way or other LaRoach got separated from the party, and a posse of ten, headed by Representative elect Smith, was organized to find him. He was located on an outcrop of country rock in the hills near Bourne, wildly exclaiming, "Eureka." He thought he had found the papa lode of the Cracker Creek district.

After the return, it took Mr. Richmond three hours to regain his equilibrium, which he lost on account of Hendryx' fast driving from Bourne. He is still in a delicate condition.

Some of these people are supposed to be interested in the Cracker Creek Gold Mining company, operating the Victor, of which proposition Hanauer is the visible head and financier. The annual meeting of the company was

held last evening, when directors and officers were elected. When asked for these names, Hanauer was decidedly surly, and refused to grant the request. He gave as his reason for adopting this unusual policy that he was afraid of the cut-rate brokers. Just what he was driving at can only be surmised. It is known that his brother is one of the most active cut-raters in the northwest, with offices in Seattle, and the impression prevails that he is connected with him in a business way. The natural inference, therefore, is that he does not want cut-rate brokers to learn from whom they can secure stock, other than himself. He evidently doesn't want any competition in that line.

COPPEROPOLIS MAY INSTALL A PLANT

A. H. Willetts, of Portland, president of the Copperopolis, accompanied by Dr. Walter Techow, superintendent of the Mountain View, Captain C. S. Richmond and W. P. LaRoach, of Savannah, Georgia, and B. F. De Wolf, of New Brunswick, left this morning to visit the Copperopolis.

Mr. Willetts is going to make a general inspection of the property. He has not been there since the rich ore body of immense size was encountered. The reports he has received are of a most encouraging nature. It is probable, Mr. Willetts states, that a conclusion will be reached at an early date as to a reduction plant for the Copperopolis.

ROADS BEING GOTTEN IN GOOD SHAPE

Pete Esets, road supervisor, is getting the highways leading to Sumpter in good shape. He has a force of men at work on the California road and will have it in first class condition.

Travelers say that the roads to the Golconda, E. and E., Bonanza and Granite are in better fix than ever before at this season of the year. Mr. Estes himself has been slightly indisposed for the past few days, but his crew is going ahead with the work.

Special Excursion to The World's Fair.

The Denver and Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June. These excursions will be run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points en route. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Baker City will be \$60 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

J. H. BROWN FOUND THAT BLIND VEIN

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown returned yesterday from the Burnt river country, where they have been for some weeks past. As has been before stated in The Miner, Mr. Brown went down there this time, determined to find a blind ledge that has been diligently sought for for the past twenty years. He located it in an open cut, but where it is uncovered the ore is not particularly rich, though it pans free gold everywhere.

As near as any one can know anything relative to the workings of Nature's underground laboratory, it is a certainty that this ledge supplies the rich placers below, that have been mined for many years. The inevitable corollary is that the vein has a rich shoot somewhere in that vicinity. J. H. will not try to find it this season, being satisfied with the knowledge that in future he can work on some intelligent basis; that his search for the proverbial needle in a hay stack is ended.

Mr. Brown says that two shifts are now at work sinking on the Black Eagle, to prove that property at depth. This is the porphyry dyke of which so much has been said and written, where low grade ore has been quarried and run through a twenty stamp mill at a profit. The mill will soon be started up, after a shutdown for some months.

He says that there is great activity over in Mormon basin, from all he could hear, but was unable to inspect the district personally.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.

Jodie Wallick, plaintiff vs. Henry C. Wallick, Defendant.

To Henry C. Wallick, the above named Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 29th day of June, 1904, which is the last day of the publication of the summons as prescribed by the order duly made and filed by the Hon. W. W. Travillion, county judge of Baker County, Oregon, on the 16th day of May, 1904, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint filed herein. And you are further notified by said order so made and filed on the 16th day of May, 1904, ordered that service of summons in this suit be made upon you by publication thereof in the Sumpter Miner, a weekly newspaper of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, and that the date of first publication thereof is May the 18th, 1904, and the date of the last publication thereof June the 29th, 1904.

C. H. McCULLOCH,
Attorney for plaintiff.

WANTED—on Salary.—A man with light rig, who is well acquainted in Baker and Grant counties, to handle a standard article. Fall and winter job for the Right party, must give reference. Address Box 71, Union, Ore.,