

BULLION FROM BLUE BIRD IN NINETY DAYS

G. H. Wheeler Says That Property Will Be Brought in This Season.

"We will be producing gold bullion at the Blue Bird in less than ninety days," said G. H. Wheeler to a Miner man last night, on his return from the property. "I say less than ninety days, because I want to give my prophecy plenty of time in which to be fulfilled. It may be within sixty days. The machinery will be installed and the mill ready to operate in about one month, say August 1."

Mr. Wheeler stated further that he, personally, had bought all of E. J. Thorp's Blue Bird stock, which gives the control of the company, by a large majority, to himself and O. C. Wright. That shows conclusively what he thinks of the property. The Blue Bird is capitalized at only \$250,000 and \$30,000, par value, of stock still remains in the treasury. As the stock is now quoted at about double par value, there will be plenty of money forthcoming to keep things going until the proposition is self-sustaining and dividend paying.

It was Blue Bird stock around which centered a sensational exposure made a few weeks since by the

New York banker. It detected a member of the fake New York Mining exchange hammering that stock, at the same time endeavoring to trade for it stock of another company in which he was heavily interested.

Mr. Wheeler says that the mining stock market east is very dull at present, apparently in sympathy with industrials. Large operators in the latter are afraid of Roosevelt, believing that he will be reelected. This uneasiness of the giants has been conveyed to the lilliputians, who invest in mines. There is no reason for this, of course, as no legislation can possibly effect adversely the gold mining industry, but financial flurries are never governed by reason. Capital is not only ridiculously timid—but a trifle less than half witted. That is the not the way Mr. Wheeler stated the proposition, of course, but it is the inference that is easily drawn from his statement of facts.

He left this morning for the Black Butte, in company with O. C. Wright, expecting to return Monday.

NEARING LEDGE AT PLATTS GROUP

Bert Rusk, of the Platts group, a Geiser-Hendryx property, in the Rock Creek district, is here today.

Mr. Rusk says development at this mine is going ahead with satisfactory results. A full crew is being worked, and the crosscut is expected to encounter the main ledge any day. It was thought that the lead would have been tapped before now, but owing to the flat formation, it is difficult to figure on the distance.

MAY INSTALL HOIST AT THE VALLEY QUEEN

Superintendent Gray, of the Valley Queen, came down from the property last night to confer with Mr. Wheeler, of New York, whose firm is financing this among other Sumpter district properties.

Mr. Gray is continuing the shaft on the Pentateuch claim, and at the same time crowding work on the main crosscut, which is aimed for this shaft. He will sink to the 100-foot level and then crosscut north and south for two known leads. One is thirty and the other forty feet away. Both show ore from \$40 to \$70 on the surface. The company has under advisement plans for the erection of a hoist in the near future.

Mr. Gray says that the Cable Cove district is in a flourishing condition and various properties are being operated.

400 Tons Badger Concentrates.

The Susanville correspondent of the Pen-Helton Tribune writes that paper: The roads having been almost closed to freighting for several weeks the past spring, has caused a vast amount of concentrates to accumulate on hand at the great Badger mine, and 400 tons of this class of freight are ready to be transported to the railroad for shipment to the smelter. Teams at present are in great demand, but the condition of some of the public highways has caused many of the freighters to reject offers of this class of freight. The Badger Mining company are heavy taxpayers, and furnish more men with employment, directly and indirectly, than any other mine in the county. In the past they have contributed largely toward putting the highways, over which their ore is freighted, in passable condition. Assistance given by the county has not alone been a benefit to them, but to every person interested in the development of mining property at Susanville.

Visit Gold Coin.

S. O. Frenker, H. H. Ashman and James B. Sire, of Pittsburg, passed through the city this morning en route to the Gold Coin. They are on an itinerary of the west, and are stopping over for a short time to visit Manager Kennerly, of the Gold Coin. On their return they will go to Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Victoria before departing for Pittsburg.

ROAD BETWEEN TIPTON AND GREENHORN

Judge Travillion returned today from a trip to the Greenhorns, and went on to Baker City. The Judge was looking over a roadway between Tipton and Greenhorn.

There is only three miles not completed and the proposition is for the smelter people and the citizens of that vicinity to complete the remaining distance. It will be useful to smelter company as an ore road. Manager Fuller was with Judge Travillion. The judge says if the road is finished it is probable the county will look after it and keep it in repair.

GOLD FEVER NOW RAGING

Sensationally Rich Strike Made on Sucker Creek, Josephine Co.

Under date of June 22 the following is sent out as a press dispatch from Grants Pass: Not since the palmy days of fifty years ago have there been as much excitement and comment in southern Oregon, over a gold discovery as at present over the big pocket found a few days ago by David Briggs and sons, on Sucker creek, Josephine county. The parlor of the Grant's Pass Banking & Trust company, where a portion of the gold is kept on display, is continually filled with curious people, eager to see the heap of dull metal.

Since the last report in the Telegram several thousand dollars more has been panned and mortared from the loose dirt, and a report was sent here yesterday from Sucker creek that there is at least \$100,000 in sight. By this it is evident the find will prove even greater than the famous Fowler, and will pale the great Divoll pocket, of Sonora, California.

While the find is called a pocket, it is, to all appearances, a well defined ledge, some twelve inches in width, and the free gold found on the surface is but the compact and decomposed substance of the vein. The gold is of a flaky sort, ranging in size from minute particles to great slabs. Much of it is dark and corroded by the action of the elements, and its long exposure. Banker Jewell exhibited one large piece, picked from the surface of the ground, to which the grass roots and little tender blades cling.

News of the discovery, carried seemingly on the swift flying wings of the miner's "wireless" telegraph, has reached every weather-scarred follower of the trail in the surrounding mountains, and all have left their present diggings and joined the rush for the new Eldorado. The route follows the Grant's Pass-Crescent City stage road from here, and past the old mining town of Kerby, and on to Holland ten miles farther. Here the wagon road is abandoned, and the remainder of the journey into the wooded mountains and dense undergrowth is made by trail—an unbeaten trail.

New parties, many miners from a distance, are leaving here every day, and Sucker creek will be given such a prospecting as it has never before known. There is no doubt that a number of good discoveries will be made.

At the pocket David Briggs, his two boys and a few assistants are working determinedly. It is a fascinating business working such a find. Moreover, it is easy. It is simply a matter of scooping up the loose dirt and panning it out in a nearby stream. To some of it fragments of quartz are attached, and this needs to be mortared. But the greater part of it needs nothing better than a shovel, pick and pan. The gold in dust, nuggets and slabs, shows across the bottom of each pan like new butter. Several thousand dollars are mortared and panned out each day.

There is little doubt that the treasure will be a vast one. The \$5,000 heap first taken from the top was merely the covering for the main body beneath. After the richer portions of the surface have been worked, and they are done with that capable of being washed with rocker and pan, there will yet remain, beyond doubt, a large quantity to be ground out with arrastra and mortar, and beyond this the baser values of the ledge.

On the Fulver pocket, found in the same district, just over the divide, four arrastras were operated after the surface ground was worked, and a weekly cleanup of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 made from the four machines.

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