QUARTZ LOUSY WITH GOLD FOUND IN TOWN

A few evenings since Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sterling were taking a walk over the hills in the northern part of town, when, and as is the former's custom, he had his eyes "peeled" for all objects of interest, especially anything in the way of quartz. On this occasion he was rewarded by finding a piece of white rock "lousy with gold." He had broken open several pieces of float, which were found to be bull quartz. Finally he picked up a chunk about the size of a hen egg, brushed off the dirt and the gold was there, visible to the naked eye of a nearsighted man.

During the last few years a half dozen or more similar pieces of float have been found within the limits of the townsite. A little over a year ago a teamster who was hauling wood from the hillside east of town, found a rock about the size of his fist that contained twenty dollars in gold.

There is scarcely a doubt but what a ledge rich in free gold runs under the town. As there are no outcroppings, it probably lays far below the surface, but the float found indicates beyond a doubt that it was thrown from a ledge in this immediate vicinity, by some upheaval of nature. No attempt has ever been made to locate this vein within the townsite, because the ground is patented and owned by the Sumpter Townsite company. Deeds conveying one or two tracts of this land to the company contain a clause reserving mineral rights; the owners having evidently entertained a suspicion that there was something good hidden under the surafce. The placer gold found in different parts of town also substantiate this theory.

Just to the north of the city limits, however, it is believed that this same ledge has been found, on the Pulaski. The quartz is identical in appearance with that found here, as is also the free gold it contains. Then, too, the known trend of the Pulaski ledge would carry it through that locality to where the float has been picked up within the city limits.

OWNERS OF THE GYPSY QUEEN HEARD FROM

The Boston people who paid cash for the Gipsy Queen mine last fall, having made the deal through W. H. W. Hamilton, and whom no one ever could learn anythnig about, or as to their intentions regarding the proppetry, have been heard from again. They didn't do the assessment work last year, so Eugne Bartholf and William Rummery did it and relocated the claims. They wrote the gentlemen what they had done, stating that if they would pay for the work, the property would be deeded to them, but never received a reply to their letter.

During the winter both L. V. Swieggtt and T. W. Davidson met them while in Boston and say they are citizens of large means. Some days since Mr. Davidson wired them that the claims were about to be sold. A day or two since he received a reply by mail, stating that they thought the property was patented, of course they would pay for the assessment work and thanked him for his kindness.

Messrs. Bartholf and Rummery will do the square thing, of course.

SUMPTER-BOURNE ROAD IS ASSUMING SHAPE

D. L. Killen, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, had a wire this morning from J. M. Vanberg, the Omaha banker and capitalist who is financing the Sumpter-Bourne railway project, stating that he would leave Omaha today with an engineer to put the enterprise in shape for construction work as soon as possible.

If no delays are encountered Mr. Vanberg will arrive in Sumpter Friday. It was his intention to have been here at least a month ago, but he was detained on account of his wife's sickenss, which prevented his carriyng out the original plan.

There were some matters and agreements on the part of the Sumpter citizens to be arrainged and if these are satisfactorily settled it is understood that work on the preliminary survey will begin at once, and actual construction of the road will soon be under way. Mr. Vandberg, himself is a wealthy man, and besides represents large interests amply able to finance the enterprise. If he meets with the proper encouragement locally, and the conditions heretofore mentioned are met, no doubt is expressed but that the road will be a go, and that work will be inaugurated at an early date.

JOHN DAY ELECTRIC CO. COMPLETES ORGANIZATION

The Consolidated Electric Light company, of this place, has completed their organization by the election of directors and officers, and in many ways furthered the work of installing the machinery for lighting the town. At the last meeting of the stockholders three directors were elected and they immediately chose executive officers. The directors elected were H. M. Basford, Clarence Johnson and H. Newell. The board chose the following as the officers of the company: H. M. Basford, president; H. Newell, vice president; Clarence Johnson, secretary; and C. P. Johnson, treasurer. The officers appointed Mr. Newell as manager.

When asked as to the progress being made in the work of installing the plant and stringing the wire for distribution, the secretary gave to the News the following items:

"The machinery has been selected, and will be shipped in as soon as it is needed. Contracts for poles call for their early placing on the ground, and the company's agent in Portland, Mr. Amis, has been instructed to make arrangements for shipping the wire. Perhaps the part of the work that will most delay the turning on of lights will be the pole contract. Everything else is now in shape to be placed on the ground as soon as needed, and their actual installment will be governed somewhat by the setting of the poles.

"The ditch is already constructed, and is now undergoing repairs. Turbins are already in place and an engine will be suppiled before the winter season. With all these things in readiness and all the legal phases of the system adjusted, it will certainly not be long before the plant will be in full blast, furnishing our towns with the best of modern electric lights."—Grant County News.

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