

GOLDEN MONARCH VEIN IS REACHED

H. H. Nicholson, of Denver, consulting engineer for the Killen, Warner Stewart company, returned last night from the Oregon Monarch and the Black Jack with a most encouraging account of the development work at both properties. At the Monarch, of which Tom Moffet is superintendent, the Golden Monarch vein of the Red Boy has been broken into. At least there is every evidence that this is the case, and Mr. Nicholson says it is the Red Boy vein named beyond any question. The lead was broken into while Mr. Nicholson was at the property.

The Killen, Warner, Stewart company has judiciously and systematically operated this property for several years, spending a lot of money on it, toward the end of tapping this vein in the course of development. The firm is to be congratulated. The property has the Red Boy leads beyond doubt and every mining man who has examined it, gives the opinion that it has the making of one of the big mines of the district.

At the Black Jack, which is largely owned by Judge Reese, of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Nicholson says that a blind lead has just been cut into showing highly mineralized quartz in the face, and was improving with every shot when he left. Shortly afterwards today Mr. Nicholson had a phone message from Tim Sheedy, who has charge of the work, saying that the ore is continuing to improve. Mr. Sheedy will send in a line of samples to have assayed at once.

Both these properties are making showings now better than ever before in the history of their operation.

BUILDING ROAD TO THORNBURG PLACERS

A report from Granite today states that W. L. Vinson, who recently took over the Thornburg placers in the Granite district, has a force of fifteen men at work building a road from Crane flat down Crane creek to his property, a distance of about five miles.

The new route is perhaps a trifle longer than the old one, but there is no comparison between the grades. The old road is exceedingly steep and difficult to haul over, while the new one is practically on a water level grade. Mr. Vinson is getting things in readiness to operate his placers on a big scale.

JOE MIKEL OFF FOR CALIFORNIA

Joe Mikel, one of the owners of the Nine Strike in the Cracker Creek district, and also interested in other mining property, left this afternoon for California and may not return before spring. Mr. Mikel did not intend leaving before winter, but was unexpectedly called away on busi-

ness. If possible, he says, he will try to get back before the end of the season.

Work at the Nine Strike, however, will continue under the direction of Jack Tibbs and Albert Weiss, Mr. Mikel's partners in the property. It is looking exceptionally well, and gives every evidence of making a good producer with development.

BIG STRIKE ON BOULDER CREEK

A report from Boulder creek states that Jack Dempsey and Frank Bradburn have made an exceptionally rich strike on a property they are operating in that vicinity.

The ledge, it is stated, is four feet wide and carries free gold in large quantities. Those who have seen the rock say it is exceedingly high grade and will assay very high. Nothing very definite, however, is obtainable this time.

COMPRESSOR PLANT FOR GOLD COIN HERE

J. R. Murrin, of Wheeling, West Virginia, arrived this morning to take charge of installing the compressor plant at the Gold Coin in the Cracker Creek district, operated by the Citizens' Gold Mining company, of Wheeling, West Virginia, in which Mr. Murrin is interested. He was met by Superintendent Doyle and left at once for the property.

The compressor machinery came in this morning and will be placed in a short time. The first thing to be done will be the clearing of the site after which the machinery will be moved from here. This will occupy only a few days.

Five Hundred Dollar Nugget.

The biggest gold nugget which was ever brought into Grants Pass and the largest which southern Oregon has produced in modern times, came this week from the Klippel mine on MacDonald gulch, a tributary of Boland creek, and is now at the First National bank. The nugget is a big, irregular chunk of gold, some four inches long, about two inches wide at one end and tapering to an inch, and about an inch and a half thick. In value it is just a few dollars short of \$500. In shape it resembles an old slipper about as nearly as anything to which it might be compared. It is perfectly smooth and solid and nearly pure gold.—Rogue River Courier.

Miner Hurt at the E. & E.

An Italian by the name of Bernetti, a miner at the E. & E., was seriously injured in one of the drifts by a cave-in yesterday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock and his recovery is thought to be doubtful.

As far as the particulars can be gathered from citizens of Bourne in town today, Bernetti was caught across the stomach by the falling rock and injured internally. No bones were broken, however. When he was rescued he was almost unconscious and appeared to be suffering great pain from his injuries. He was taken at once to Bourne and given medical attention.

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PRODUCING IN THIRTY DAYS

McEwen, Arthur & McEwen, of the Sumpter Sampling and Testing Works, who took a lease and bond on the Eagle Consolidated group, embracing the Imperial mine in the Cable Cove district, a few days ago, are preparing to operate the property at once.

The milling machinery used in the testing works now dismantled and loaded today for transference to the mine, where it will be immediately set up for the treatment of the ores. For the present home made jigs will be used, a couple of Wilfley tables will be installed. The three stamps from the testing works will be used for crushing, while the boilers, rock breaker and other equipment will be used in completing the plant. It will be complete in every detail and ready for operation in a short time. The new people expect to have the property on a paying basis within the next thirty days.

Captain Paul, who represents the owners, and from whom the lease and bond were taken, will have superintendence for them, while the management will be directed by John Arthur.

COMPRESSOR PLANT TO BE INSTALLED AT ONCE

J. M. Doyle, superintendent of the Gold Coin in the Cracker Creek district, operated by the Citizens' Mining company of Wheeling, West Virginia, was down today to meet Mr. Murren, a machinist, of Wheeling, who is coming to superintend the installation of the new compressor plant. Mr. Murren, however, was delayed at some point on the trip and failed to put in an appearance. He is also interested in the property.

The new plant is now at Baker City and will probably be here tomorrow, when Mr. Murren is also expected to arrive. Dr. Gasmire, one of the officers and stockholders, will be in Sumpter in the course of a week or such a matter.

The new compressor is a three drill plant and will be installed and operated as soon as possible. Hand work in the meantime has been proceeding uninterruptedly. The crosscut is now in 175 feet and two shifts are being worked. It is estimated that the main lead of the property will be reached in the next 400 feet.

Ore From Mountain City.

The Miner has received from J. H. Brown some samples of ore from the Mountain City district, the rejuvenated camp in Nevada, near the Idaho line. It is rich, all right enough, silver predominating; carries gold values and is stained green with copper. Mr. Brown writes that the whole country is staked, the claim owners are hard to deal with, demanding cash payments on bonds of from ten to twenty per cent, which action is liable to postpone activity in the way of development. He does not doubt the great value of the mineral deposits, but says the future of the camp depends on the presence there of energetic mining men with

money. There is also a treatment problem to be solved, as the 100 mile wagon haul shuts out all except the richer ores from shipment to smelters.

MILLIONS OF HORSE POWER

The Minam river, which heads in the high granite mountains, between Cornucopia and Wallowa, is one of the most beautiful streams in the west, containing a number of high, sheer falls, which would furnish millions of horsepower, if utilized.

The stream is hidden away in a deep mountain canyon, the only access to it being by pack horses, except on rare instances, where a rough wagon road leads down the precipitous bluffs.

At one of these beautiful waterfalls about eight miles north of the Cove, on the Union county side of the Wallowa-Union county line, the Eastern Oregon Development company, of which W. E. Davidson, of this city, is secretary, will install a monster power plant, in fact, the largest in eastern Oregon, from which electric power will be transmitted to the valley for distribution along the lines of railroad and to the different towns for lighting purposes.

Mr. Davidson expects to arrive here from Sumpter about August 16, after which time he will make his permanent home in this city. In speaking of the prospects ahead of the new company, Mr. Davidson says, in a letter to the East Oregonian from Sumpter, that they expect the new line of electric road in Grande Ronde valley to revolutionize the beet culture and cord wood business there, truck growing in the foothill districts.

At the present time all the cord wood is hauled for miles to the different towns, but the road will tap a timber belt at Union, and also at Elgin, giving the settlers access to market without making a long haul.

Sugar beets are not now raised in many localities there because of the long haul to the railroad. When this road encircles the valley, will tap the beet belt, affording cheap transportation to the factory, and as the track will be built standard gauge, O. R. & N. cars will be hauled by it around the entire circuit of the valley, thus bringing the small farmers and truck gardeners in easy reach of the main line and markets. It is estimated that 10,000 carloads of produce can be handled annually by the new road.—East Oregonian.

TO DEVELOP ROCK CREEK PROPERTY

Dr. Grafft, of Huntington, Ohio, and Hank Mounts, the mining man, left early this morning for the Rock Creek district to start work on a group of mining claims in which they are interested.

Dr. Grafft arrived here several days ago, and will remain in the district for several days looking after his mining interests. They left for Rock Creek on horseback, and a bucking broncho fell to Hank. The broncho unloaded him several times before he was able to retain his equilibrium. Jack Stonehocker is suspected of having put up the job.