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STANDARD INVESTORS LIKE THE PROPERTY

Party of Nine There and They Unanimously
Agree That it is a Great
Proposition.

A Standard party from Iowa and Wisconsin, headed by Dr. C. P. Riley, of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and F. M. Riley, of Des Moines, Iowa, representatives of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, returned last night from the property. There were nine altogether.

Today the party in charge of D. L. Killen made a trip to the Cracker Creek district, visiting the various producing mines in that vicinity. This afternoon Dr. A. M. Vail, Dr. E. S. Stevens, J. P. and T. J. Saylor, members of the party left. The others will remain a few days longer.

Regarding the Standard, the unanimous opinion is that it is one of the great mines of the district. Not a single visitor expressed a derogatory word. All were pleased and well pleased. In fact the general verdict was that the property had been misrepresented by the management in that insufficient praise

had been given it. Here's about the stock phrases which the newspaper representative encountered:

"We are agreeably surprised. It is vastly bigger than we had supposed. The company had not told us all before our visit. But we have seen and we know now. Unmistakably the mine is one of the biggest things in eastern Oregon."

These expressions were just picked up generally this morning while circulating through the visitors.

And why shouldn't they think well of the the Standard? They saw a full breast of gold-cobalt ore in the Standard drift No. 1, which will go into the hundreds, the only ore of its kind in the world, they saw high grade gold-copper, and gold sulphide ore in the Cleveland-Willie Boy drift, and moreover if they looked around they saw a mountain crisscrossed and checkered with rich metal bearing veins. These things are certainly conducive to a high opinion.

BLUE BIRD, BUCKHORN AND WOLVERINE GROUP

Hon. George J. Barrett, of Granite, who is managing the development operations at the Buckhorn, Blue Bird, and Wolverine was in town yesterday en route to the meeting of the American Mining congress, which convenes in Portland today.

Mr. Barrett brings favorable news from all these properties. The Blue Bird, he says, has the best ore in its history, and the reduction works now going on there are well under way. Development at the Buckhorn is proceeding satisfactorily, and the showing is of a character to warrant great faith in the property. These are Wheeler Mines, of which O. C. Wright is the general manager.

The Wolverine group is Mr. Wright's individual holdings, although he is interested in others.

He has started the drift tunnel in the Wolverine, and the vein now shows from six to seven feet between the wall. This drift will give about 700 feet on the vein. The thing looks good.

Kemp Has Gone to Alaska.

Randall H. Kemp, well known in this state as a mining engineer and writer on mining topics, and who recently contributed several brief articles to the Miner and Manufacturer, has gone to Seward, Alaska, the terminus of the Alaska Central railway, where he will engage in the publication of a new paper called the Seward Getaway. Mr. Kemp is well fitted for this and will undoubtedly score a success.—Seattle Miner and Manufacturer.

Here to Invest.

Alfred Lavoil, a capitalist of Elgin, Illinois, accompanied by his wife, left this morning with W. W.

Elmer, consulting engineer for the Snow Creek, to visit that property. Mr. Lavoil arrived here a couple of days ago to take a general survey of the district with a view to investment. So far as he has seen he is well pleased. He will visit Portland, Seattle, and make a general tour of the Northwest before returning.

La Bellevue Mine.

Fred Cabell, of the La Bellevue in the Cable Cove district, came in yesterday to have some horses shod and returned to the property today. His blacksmith went on a spree, which necessitated his coming to Sumpter. Mr. Cabell is carrying on development work at the La Bellevue right along.

GRAPHITE AT THE ARCTIC CITY GROUP

Louie Ostlund, proprietor of the Arctic City group in the Cracker Creek district, is in town today. Mr. Ostlund reports and shows a sample of almost pure graphite which came from the hanging wall of the main drift.

The graphite is practically pure and came from the hanging wall of the drift tunnel about seventy feet in. The peculiar part of it is that the side of the sample next to the wall is polished, presenting as smooth a surface as if prepared. There are three or four feet of it.

Assays from the Arctic City have gone as high as \$73, and the prospects of the property, Mr. Ostlund thinks, are exceedingly good.

WILL HAVE CHARGE OF THE BLUE BIRD MILL

W. G. Gleason, who is a mill man of well known ability, will have charge of the new Blue Bird plant. Mr. Gleason, with his wife, left for the property today.

The Blue Bird mill will probably be completed within the next six weeks. The machinery is all on the ground, the buildings are up, and much was done toward the completion of the plant last fall before the weather closed down. Mr. Gleason will be on the ground to arrange details to his own liking, since he is to have charge of the milling operations.

W. C. Calder Back.

W. C. Calder, who has been in the east for the past few months on important mining business, returned this morning. Mr. Calder spent the time while away in New York and other Atlantic seaboard cities.

INCREASED FORCE AT THE VAULT

An increased force will be put to work on the Vault group in the Cracker Creek district, five miles from Sumpter, this week. This property, which consists of three claims, was originally owned by Louis Ostlund, of Sumpter, L. L. McCartney, of The Dalles, and W. F. Woodford, of Sumpter.

Not long ago Messrs. Ostlund and McCartney, bonded their interests to J. W. Kontz, of The Dalles, who with Mr. Woodford now has control. Mr. Woodford is to have charge of development operations.

There are three claims, as stated, and the surface showing is good. The croppings show a ledge of from ten to fifteen feet wide, with surface values going as high as \$66. The drift is in now 140 feet on the vein, with a depth of 200 feet. The object is to push the work ahead to the highest point, where the croppings show fifteen feet, and where a depth of 500 feet will be attained. The tunnel site is said to be fine and foot for foot will be gained. The ore is refractory, and the property will probably be an early shipper to the smelter.

SUMPTER VALLEY RAILROAD WONT GO BEYOND TIPTON

Joseph West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley, passed through to Tipton this morning. Mr. West does not think it probable that work on the John Day extension will be undertaken this fall.

While he expresses no doubt but that the road will be built next year, he says that conditions are such, in his opinion, as to render work this fall practically out of the question. In the first place, the timber reserve matter upon which the extension was largely contingent, was settled so late that it will be next to impossible to complete the branch before snowfall. This being the case, it is thought advisable to postpone work till next season, when the branch can be pushed to completion during good weather.

Mr. West does not state this, however, as an ultimate conclusion, but in his opinion, it is probably what will be done.

To Test Ore.

H. C. Armstrong, of the Chloride, was here today. Mr. Armstrong is manager of this property. He brought in a pack train of ore to be tested at the smelter.