



THE SUMPTER MINER

HIGH GRADE SULPHIDES IN THE STANDARD MINE

Shoot of the Richest Gold Ore Ever Found in the Quartzburg District Opened Up.

Professor Nicholson, E. F. Warner, John Phillips and Gustave Beyer returned last evening from a trip to the Standard, coming back by way of the Greenhorn district and the Oregon Monarch mine, in which section they spent two days, visiting a number of the leading properties.

With the exception of Professor Nicholson neither of these gentlemen had visited the Standard since the cross vein carrying high grade copper ore had been cut on the Overland-Willie Boy, some weeks since, and they are much elated over the showing there made.

Mr. Beyer, of St. Louis, one of the heavy stockholders in the Standard, is particularly well pleased, this being his first visit to the mine. To a Miner representative today he said:

"I have been in the workings of perhaps a dozen mines on this trip and nowhere did I see anything to equal the Standard. I went through all the tunnels, and positively you couldn't find a thing but ore anywhere. It is certainly a great property, apparently a mountain of rich rock."

Zoeth Houser, who left the Standard two days later than this party, arriving here on the train yesterday afternoon, brings additional information. He says that Friday while drifting on the Cleveland-Willie Boy main ledge, at a point about thirty feet beyond the cross vein of copper ore, they broke into a shoot of sulphides that carries the highest gold values ever found on the hill. The ledge matter is there five feet wide and is a solid mass of rich ore. The assay returns had not been received when he left.

It will be remembered that Mr. Hauser was in the stage accident several days ago, and it was reported that his nose had been broken. Fortunately, that was a false alarm. His face was badly bruised and still shows the effects of its encounter with a boulder; but its symmetrical beauty was not permanently marred.

John Phillips says the Oregon Monarch showing is what pleases him especially, because he knew that the Standard was a winner, from all reports received, and that there has been some annoying delays in opening up a satisfactory ore body in the Monarch. He thinks their troubles are over with there also now, and it will enter the producing list before many moons.

SIX-OUNCE NUGGET IN CHICKEN CRAW

Brig Ballantyne has a six ounce nugget displayed in his window, around which is enveloped a mystery. When questioned regarding it, he first evaded the query; then, after exacting a promise from The Miner man not to reveal the dark secret, finally prevaricated as follows:

"Of course, my reason for not wanting the facts generally known will be readily recognized when I tell you the truth, that I found this \$120 gold piece in a chicken's craw. The poor bird had died, death doubtless having been caused by carrying the heavy load around where it wouldn't do the most good. See how smooth it has been worn by performing the menial service of grinding up all kinds of chicken feed and things—and it's a splendid specimen of the royal metal, too."

"The reason I cut open the fowl was that I expected something of the kind had caused its untimely death. It belonged to a dear friend of mine, with whose chicken house I have long been familiar, visiting it frequently even when he was not at home, so intimate have I been with the family. I frequently found gold in their craws and know that they are scratching in good ground. Now you know why I insist that

you do not repeat what I have told you—because it might sever this strong tie of friendship—besides, there are others there, both chickens and nuggets. He is a peculiarly suspicious individual anyway, and has at times even doubted my loyalty, without cause, of course."

Resume Work at Oregon King.

Tom Kennerly left on the morning train for the end of the track, en route to the Gold Coin, in the Greenhorns. Yesterday he went out to the Oregon King, in the Cracker Creek district, to arrange for early resumption of work on that property. He let a contract for the erection of a tunnel and timber house, and employed men for underground work. He says that the Philadelphia people who own the mine will now develop it on an extensive scale, working continuously.

T. W. DAVIDSON FLOATS ELECTRIC BELT LINE

R. A. Marr, former senior members of the firm of Marr & Davidson, who went to Tonopah some months since, arrived in Sumpter today, having left the Nevada camp yesterday a week ago. He is here on business pertaining to the Oregon Development company, of which he is an officer, and will leave tomorrow for Union, where he will remain perhaps a month and then return to Tonopah.

He says that T. W. Davidson writes very encouragingly of the success he is meeting with in securing money with which to build the Grande Ronde electric belt line, and thinks there is no doubt but what it will be constructed without delay. Mr. Marr will devote some weeks of his time to that enterprise while in Oregon.

Of the Tonopah mining district, he confirms reports of the rich gold ledges and great activity there.

Things Moving at the Vault.

W. T. Woodford is in town today from the Vault group, in the Cracker Creek district, five or six miles from town. He says they are working a full force of men there now, making excellent progress and expect to cut the main ledge within two weeks. This property is owned largely by people living at The Dalles and they are supplying the capital for development.

Jonh Riggs has gone back to the Red Boy, to do something on that Olive lake water power; just what is not known, or how long it will require. Harley Wood is doing the night watchman stunt in his place, but dislikes to run in a kid merely because he has broken a Chink's window with a rock.

RICH ORE FLOAT IN THE OVERLAND

M. E. Bain, manager of the Overland, received from the mine last evening two sacks of ore that is the best looking stuff ever brought down from Cable Cove district. One consists of a solid mass of iron pyrites and the other is oxidized. The former is from the hanging wall, is about eleven inches wide and the latter from the foot wall, being eighteen inches in width, so says the letter from the foreman that accompanied the ore.

This shoot was broken into since Mr. Bain left there Friday. The indications are today, says a telephone message, that these two shoots are coming together, as both are widening, and if they do, the Overland will be a bonanza indeed.

At the point where this shoot was first encountered, the vertical depth is about 250 feet and depth is being gained very rapidly.

Mr. Bain took the cayuse express for the Overland this forenoon to take a peep at this new strike himself, and estimate the profit on shipping to the smelter here.

WILL WASH OUT WIRE GOLD SOON

F. O. Bucknum came in from his mining property in the Greenhorns Saturday, accompanied by his family, that his children may attend school. They have been with him in the hills for six weeks past.

Mr. Bucknum says he has a proposition out there that is a new one in his experience. He took it as a quartz claim, and that is what it is, for the ledge is clearly defined; but the vein matter is thoroughly decomposed and soft, to what depth he does not yet know. He has been working all summer digging a ditch to bring water to the property, for the purpose of hydraulicizing this decomposed ledge matter. That work is now finished and he is waiting for a rain, that he may begin taking out gold.

He has washed considerable of this stuff with pan and rocker, getting good returns. The interesting feature is that it is mostly wire gold that he takes out.

M. F. Muzzy is interested in the property with him.

Fred D. Smith, of the Snow Creek mine, passed through Sumpter this morning en route to the property, from a business trip to Baker.