

# RICH FREE GOLD LEDGE CUTS THROUGH SUMPTER

## Float Found in East End of Town, Which Evidently Comes From Ledge in the Suburbs.

General Frank Hall, the Colorado mining engineer, writing in the Denver Post, says that recent developments in the old Colorado ground lease underneath the main business street at Leadville, show that the ore body is 1,500 feet in length, 500 feet wide and 200 feet thick and that it contains 120,000,000 cubic feet, averaging twenty cubic feet to the ton. Discarding altogether the copper and silver values in this ore, and taking only the iron values therein, which General Hall says will approximate \$5 per ton, we have a valuation of \$30,000,000 for an ore body comprising less than eleven acres of ground. The startling part of this calculation is the fact that the ore lies directly under the main street of Leadville. The figures upon which the calculation is based were secured by diamond drill explorations.

About two weeks ago, L. G. Sterling, the well known painter, who is also a prospector, discovered in a gulch leading up from the eastern end of Sumpter, a piece of free gold float, which was startling in its richness. Since the discovery he has been endeavoring to locate the parent lode, which, judging by the topography of the country, and reckoning from the locality of the float, cuts directly across the eastern limits of the city. Similar float has been found on the summit of the hill north of the city reservoir and identical discoveries have been made at divers points on the north slope of the same hill. Further to the northwest, miners in the Pulaski have developed a vein of free gold ore similar in character to the float already described. Southwest of Sumpter, a short distance beyond the corporate limits, the Golden Chariot mine is in remarkably rich ore, differing but little from the ore found in the Pulaski, and resembling in many important characteristics the float found along the intervening territory.

From all of which the conclusion is certainly warranted that the Golden Chariot vein, which is wide and rich, and of the geological character which spells permanence, cuts directly under the eastern part of Sumpter in a general northwest and southeast direction, to a junction with, if it is not a continuation, of the Pulaski vein.

It has long been a theme for space filling newspaper writers that Sumpter is built on a rich placer gold deposit. Across the river, from the old Ellis placers, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been taken: That the ground upon which Sumpter is built is equally as rich has frequently been proven by well

diggers who have at varying depths, struck pay dirt. Often large nuggets, and frequently extraordinarily rich pay gravel have been uncovered.

Most of the warranty deeds from the Sumpter Townsite company contain mineral reservations, granting to the townsite company permission to mine for precious minerals on the premises.

Last year Sumpter men sunk a series of prospect holes on vacant lots in the upper end of town. So flattering was the result that a company to exploit these deposits was formed. For some unknown reason the company died before accomplishing anything.

It is not improbable that some day quartz mines, as well as paying placers, will be in operation inside the Sumpter city limits.

### RED BOY PLANS ARE MATURING

Secretary John T. Donnelly, of the Red Boy Consolidated Mining company, has issued a notice for a stockholders' meeting to be held in Baker City November 18. The object of this meeting is to dissolve the old corporation, which has its existence under the laws of Virginia. The new company has been organized under the laws of New Jersey and has its principal offices in Chicago. After this meeting it is expected that all matters in connection with the company's business will have been satisfactorily arranged.

Mr. Alexander Prussing, trustee for the purchasing stockholders, left last evening for Pendleton for consultation with some of the stockholders and from there will probably go on to Portland, returning to Baker City in a short time. Mr. Prussing stated yesterday that all matters in connection with the Red Boy mine looked well and everything seems to be in good shape for the carrying out of the reorganized plans. The directors will undoubtedly begin operations under the new company in the immediate future, and are now only awaiting the report from a certain engineer in order to decide upon their line of action. That report Mr. Prussing expects in a few days. The opening of this great property is eagerly anticipated by Sumpter and Baker City people generally, and all mining men will be glad to see it on its feet again and hear the stamps when they visit the Red Boy camp. It is not only a question of pay rolls and increased wealth, but it is a question of the scientific develop-

ment of the ore ledges of that section.—Baker City Democrat.

### Crook County Copper Strike.

Reliable reports reach Baker City of an extraordinary find of copper ore on Goose creek, in Crook county. This is the word sent to this point by a party of traders from the camp of J. S. Nelson, Burt Hall and R. M. Mandeville, who have been prospecting along Goose creek for the greater part of the past season. The vein is over forty feet wide and runs from 17 1/2 to nineteen per cent copper, with more than the usual proportion of gold.

### Reported Strike at I. X. L.

It is reported on the very best authority that a strike of very rich ore has been made on the bottom of the 240 foot shaft of the I. X. L. mine in the Greenhorn district. The ore is very high grade and the ledge is about five feet wide. Manager Fred T. Kelly, who was in the city yesterday, is reticent in regard to the matter, but mining men look for big things in the Greenhorns in the near future.—Democrat.

### Val Verde Smelter Burned.

An explosion of molten slag caused the total destruction of the Val Verde smelter, twenty miles east of Prescott, Arizona, Saturday night. The smelter employes were engaged in drawing slag from the furnace and were unable to get a plug in to stop it. When the molten mass ran onto the wet floor, an explosion followed. The red hot stuff was scattered all through the building, causing fire to break out at several places. The building and machinery were destroyed. The plant was of 300 tons capacity and cost between \$150,000 and \$220,000.

### Lew Walker Heard From.

Jack Stonehocker is in receipt of a letter from Lew Walker, at Mountain City, Nevada. Walker had only been in the new camp one day when the letter was written, and consequently had not formed a comprehensive opinion of the district. He says, however, that he has already seen a big lot of rich ore, and is prepared to believe that the camp is exactly what it is cracked up to be. Walker met George Probasco, who is doing well.

### PAY COMING IN AT THE AUBURN DEEP

Joe Reed, manager of the Auburn Deep Sinking company, of Sumpter, who left yesterday for the scene of the company's operations, which is on the old channel at Auburn, will arrange for continuation of work during the winter. The long sought pay is understood to be coming into the drift at the ninety-foot level. Other levels will be run.

### Keystone-Equity Case.

Rev. J. W. Hughes, of Baker City, was a passenger on the east-bound Sumpter Valley train this afternoon. He has been present at Canyon City at the taking of testimony in the Keystone-Equity mining case, before Circuit Court Reporter Coleman at Canyon City. Rev. Hughes expresses hope that this somewhat celebrated case will result

favorably to the Equity, of which he is president and general manager. He says, however, that a mass of conflicting testimony has been adduced. The matter will come before the circuit judge of the Ninth judicial district, in chambers, sometime next month.

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