

ROLLS TO START AT BLUE BIRD

William Potter, millwright at the Blue Bird mine, returned from Baker this morning and drove out to the property. He authorizes the announcement that the new 100-ton roller mill at the Blue Bird, upon the erection of which he has been busy for the past three months, will be started up today or tomorrow. The plant is a new departure from established milling practices in eastern Oregon, being a high-speed centrifugal roller mill for wet crushing and amalgamation.

The Blue Bird is one of the successful promotions of Wheeler & Company, bankers and brokers of New York. Sufficient ore reserves have been developed to insure a successful and steady run.

SAYS COPPEROPOLIS MINE IS A CORKER

Marion A. Butler, of Portland, law partner of United States Senator John H. Mitchell, is nothing if not enthusiastic over the remarkably rich showing at the Copperopolis mine, at Quartzburg, in which he is a heavy stockholder, and en route to which he and General Manager W. W. Gibbs passed through Sumpter this morning.

"I believe," said Mr. Butler to a Miner man this morning at the depot, "that the Copperopolis will develop into one of the greatest, if not absolutely the greatest, copper mine in the Northwest. Recent developments have opened a body of copper ore, fifty-seven feet wide, thoroughly and evenly mineralized clear across, 500 feet long, being opened at three points, and 247 feet deep. The ore is the prettiest ever taken from a mine. It will grade high,—so high that the recent statement made by the mining editor of the Portland Journal, that it will average from one to three per cent copper, is utterly and unmentionably absurd. Furthermore, the ore is not refractory, as the Journal assumes. It is susceptible of easy concentration, as proved by elaborate analyses and repeated tests in bulk. Manager Gibbs, who is dedeveloping the property, is the man who opened the mother lode on the Sunset mine in British Columbia. He is both a scientific and practical miner. He knows the theory of ore deposition and can put in an upper. Work at the Copperopolis is entirely in his hands. Next spring he will order the installation of a concentrating plant, the product to be shipped to the Sumpter smelter. Pending that time development will be kept up, so that when the plant is ready there will be ore enough, and of a sufficiently high grade, to make the Copperopolis a corker."

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