



# THE SUMPTER MINER

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## RICHEST STREAK YET OF COPPER-GOLD-COBALT

### Opened in the Main Drift, at the Standard Mine, 730 Feet From the Portal of the Tunnel.

Fred Lane, chief clerk in the head offices of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, was a passenger to Tipton this morning, en route to the Standard mine at Quartzburg. He is armed with check book, money bags and payroll, and goes to make the new Standard crew happy by handing out wages.

At the depot he told a Miner reporter that Superintendent Heath had telephoned news of the opening in the main Standard drift of 14 inches of the richest cobalt-gold ore ever uncovered in the world, the streak being almost solid cobalt. The strike was made at a point 730 feet from the portal, where the drive enters the Copper Ridge No. 2 claim of the multi-metalled Standard group.

It will be from this shoot that the remainder of the proposed 16-ton test shipment to a Denver metallurgical laboratory will be made. Already

deliveries of ore for this shipment are being made at Tipton, the rich rock coming from the upraise from No. 2, which has penetrated 126 feet into as fine a body of copper-gold-cobalt ore as ever was created.

Prof. H. H. Nicholson, chief consulting engineer for the K. W. S., Co., and general western manager of its various properties, will accompany the Denver shipment and personally make the final tests, which will determine the exact character of the reduction plant to be erected at the Standard in the spring.

Assistant Engineer Kuehn is at the mine, making elaborate surface and underground surveys and laying out a site for the proposed mill.

The old Standard crew, which was discharged a few weeks ago because of trouble in the boarding house, has been replaced by experienced miners recruited from various portions of the camp.

## RAND THINKS SMITH BILL WILL DIE IN THE SENATE

### It's Not the Measure the Mining Men of Eastern Oregon Would Like to Have Enacted.

While sending the interim between sessions of the legislature, Senator John L. Rand, of Baker county, Sunday evening, in a special interview with the Democrat, stated that the bill for a division of the eighth judicial circuit would undoubtedly pass this legislature. The bill was introduced in the house a number of days ago and has passed second reading.

Mr. Rand states as the house is the most difficult body of the legislature through which to pass the judicial bill, it was first introduced there, and will not be introduced separately in senate. When the house bill comes up to the senate, it will be passed by the latter body without question.

A number of important matters are before the legislature of interest to east Oregon, and besides the judicial bill, the bill amending the Eddy law is perhaps next in importance. It seems that Representative Smith, of Baker, has introduced a measure which is exactly contrary to the agreement entered into by the committee which met in Sumpter a short time ago, representing the mining interests of eastern Oregon. A few days ago Mr. Smith left Baker

county for Salem with a draft of the bill which was agreed upon, but the information comes now that an entirely different bill and one which is not nearly as good as the Eddy law, has been adopted by Mr. Smith and will be or has been presented to the house, and an effort will be made to pass it. It is understood that the change was made by an agreement with representatives from southern Oregon.

The bill as proposed now, mining men say, is not nearly so good for their interests as the Eddy law itself, and it will be interesting to note what will be done with it. Operators generally do not favor the proposed bill and quite a delegation has gone down from here to see what can be done in the way of withdrawing this new move, or having it killed in the senate. The latest information in the possession of the Democrat is that the bill will be killed in the senate.

Mr. Rand is confident that his other bills will pass, especially the one increasing the salary of the sheriff of Baker county, and for abolishing the office of county recorder.—Democrat.

## ANOTHER MIX-UP TOMORROW AT PENDLETON IN FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF THE GOLCONDA

H. T. Hendryx and N. C. Richards departed this afternoon for Baker City. Mr. Hendryx, who is ill, will return tomorrow morning, while Mr. Richards, his attorney, will proceed to Pendleton to be present at the Golconda stockholders' meeting, which will be held tomorrow.

Mr. Richards is attorney in fact for the Geiser-Hendryx investment company and for Alexander Prussing, of Chicago, trustee for the minority Golconda stockholders, whose dogged fight for control of the mine bids fair to result in success.

Mr. Hendryx said to a Miner reporter today:

"The Geiser-Hendryx company has submitted to the Golconda

company a proposition to take \$75,000 worth of first mortgage Golconda bonds and pay off all the indebtedness against the mine, leaving a good sized working fund for reopening the property. The only hitch in this plan is caused by Mr. Prussing's proviso that this indebtedness shall be proven correct. The mortgages against the mine are in process of foreclosure and the court will soon determine the exact sum of money due to Carter, the Wade estate, to Howard, and the others. The other debts of the mine will be adjudicated later on. The matter can end but one way—in the Prussing plan being accepted. Mr. Howard favors our plan."

### Option on Hot Springs.

The famous Blue Mountain Hot Springs, situated at the head of the John Day valley, may change hands within the next few weeks, as an option has been taken. Baker City men have been after these springs this week, but arrived too late, as others had slipped in and tied them up in options for 60 days, and it is believed that they will be sold. The owners of the springs state that the contract to purchase is let for \$23,000, but decline to disclose the parties interested. Considerable speculation has been indulged in as to the probable customers. From the way outsiders have been quietly slipping into this country and bonding everything, it looks from the outside as

if somebody had some inside railroad news and on the strength of it are getting ready to invest much capital. Some important developments are looked for within the next few weeks.—Prairie City Miner.

### Pounding Out Bullion.

Fred D. Smith, general manager of the Snow Creek, returned from a business trip to Portland this morning, and will depart for the mine tomorrow. The Snow Creek mill is again pounding out bullion, and both the surface and underground forces have been doubled.

Three feet of \$100 ore shows in a 265-foot tunnel at the Iowa group on Cow creek.