



THE SUMPTER MINER

GOLD SULPHIDES FOUND IN THE STANDARD MINE

This Many-Metalled Proposition Furnished Another Surprise Party Last Week.

The Standard mine is showing high grade gold sulphides in the face of the Cleveland-Willie Boy drift. This is rather an unexpected turn in this gold-copper bearing vein.

Zoeth Houser, who has charge of the development work, and Professor E. Nicholson, of the University of Minnesota, who has been doing some special work at the mine, came in last night. Professor Nicholson will leave Thursday for Minneapolis.

The gold sulphides referred to first came in the drift as a thin seam, but has now widened to between two and three feet. This was encountered at a distance something over 500 feet from the point from where the main Standard drift cuts the Cleveland-Willie Boy vein. It is rather unprecedented in the operation of the property and proves the statement hitherto made that it is a many-metalled proposition.

But this is not all. To the left of the Cleveland-Willie Boy drift, and evidently paralleling the Standard system of veins, a gold-cobalt lead has been broken into. For the last

seven feet this character of ore has been appearing, and while the evidence may not be conclusive, the opinion is that it is a blind lead, hitherto unknown, belonging to the Standard vein system. From previous mention it will be recalled that the Standard is the gold-cobalt system and the Cleveland-Willie Boy, cutting it at an angle of about thirty degrees, which is a part of the gold-copper vein system. No cobalt ore has ever yet appeared in the latter, and the only conclusion to be reached is that the cobalt encountered in the drift referred to comes from an unknown vein lying parallel to the Standard. This goes far toward proving the theory that gold-cobalt ore may be expected in all the veins of the Standard system.

Gold-cobalt, Mr. Houser says, is showing in the face of Standard drift No. 1 for the full face, and that general development work is being pushed right along.

Mr. Houser returned on this morning's train to Tipton, where he has a team with which to make the rest of the trip.

Humboldt placer mine, have temporarily suspended work at their mine for the present. While they had ample water to operate two giants, the supply was too low to handle the amount of rock that they had to contend with. To the Blue Mountain Eagle they stated that the amount of gold taken from their placer mine was very satisfactory, considering the fact that much was lost during the early part of the season in moving their giants from place to place. Messrs. Dart and Yorgenson expect to resume work as soon as the fall rains begin, which will be about the last of September or early in October. In the meantime, they will let the Empire Gold Dredging company have the use of the water in the Humboldt ditch to enable them to prospect the large tailing piles along Canyon creek between Canyon City and John Day.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

INJUNCTION AGAINST THE MORNING MINE

Sheriff Harvey Brown served an injunction issued out of Judge Eakins' court on the Morning people today restraining them from working the mine or taking ore therefrom, pending a settlement of debts against the company.

The injunction was issued at the instance of Clark Snyder of Sumpter, and Peter Basche, of Baker City, to whom, it is claimed, the Morning people are indebted \$10,000. It is alleged that the owners are gutting the mine, taking out much valuable ore and the people who have claims against the property are anxious that this business be stopped until there is an adjustment.

This is only another turn in the affairs of this much-litigated property, and what the outcome will be no man knows, and at this stage of the game will hardly dare predict. The Morning people have had various and sundry deals on for the sale of the mine, but some way or other when it comes to a show down there is a failure to connect. T. W. Davidson, of the Eastern Oregon Development company has had the money in the First National bank for the last four months to take over the property, but so far no understanding could be effected with the owners.

Testimony Completed.

The testimony in the case of E. H. Boyer vs. Stewart et al, involving the title to the Vananda mining claim in the Alamo district, was completed this afternoon, Miss Lulu Burt acting as referee. Sam White, of Baker City, ex-prosecuting attorney, appeared for the plaintiff and J. P. Bannou, of Sumpter, for the defense.

MAY BUILD TO THE JOHN DAY

W. H. Wattis, of Ogden, manager-in-chief of the Utah construction company, which has just completed the Tipton extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad, accompanied by A. Bowman, also of Ogden, local manager, went through to Tipton this morning. This company will probably have the contract for the John Day branch, if it is decided to start this work this fall. Speaking of the matter, Mr. Bowman to a Miner man said:

"Concerning the proposed extension, cannot speak definitely. I know that it is the intention of the company to proceed if the timber reserve proposition is satisfactorily adjusted in Washington in time to begin operations this fall. In this particular there has been no definite advice. Mr. Eccles, president of the Sumpter Valley, is expected here Thursday of this week, and then we will probably know just how matters stand. In the meantime, the preliminary survey is proceeding and the railroad company will be in a position to start work immediately when instructions from President Eccles is received. But what the status is now, I am not in a position to say."

EAST ON GRANDE RONDE RAILROAD

T. W. Davidson, of the Eastern Oregon Development company, which concern is promoting the Grande Ronde belt line, left this afternoon for the east, to be gone an indefinite length of time.

Mr. Davidson, as previously stated, has started the preliminary survey of the road, and his mission east is to complete the financing of the project. Mr. Davidson, he it stated, has always been successful in raising money for enterprises to which he has lent his assistance and it is not expected that this instance will prove an exception.

Early Days in Cripple Creek.

The first hotel in Cripple Creek, Colorado, was the Gourley House. Beds at first were \$3 per night, and for the money the guests was allowed to sleep eight hours. If he overslept, he was charged again. The first shooting scrape in Cripple Creek was at the Gourley hotel. A mule skinner raised such a disturbance because the beds were all full, that the clerk took a shot at him to quiet him. He did it.

WILL START WORK AT THE MERCURY

Rev. W. J. Hughes, of the Equity in the Quartzburg district, and the Oregon Free Gold near Durkee, passed through the city this morning en route to the Mercury in the Greenhorn district, in which he is also interested. Mr. Hughes contemplates putting a force of men to work developing this property.

At both the Equity and Oregon Free Gold, Mr. Hughes says that shipping ore is being taken out for shipment to the Sumpter smelter. Both properties have recently sent consignments of ore to the smelter.

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WORK AT REX GROUP ON ROCK CREEK

Hank Mounts and Dr. Grafft, the latter of Hamilton, Ohio, owners of the Rex group in the Rock Creek district, returned last night from the property, where they have been looking after development work.

The work now being carried on is largely of a prospecting character. Various open cuts are being made to determine the size and direction of the veins.

Water Low, Placers Shut Down.

G. W. Dart and F. A. Yorgenson, who are operating a placer mine between Canyon City and John Day, on the same channel as was located the