Owyhee River Strike Draws State Interest

A strike contacted recently on the Owyhee River Copper company claims near Rio Tinto was reported in Elko last week, when J. H. Kershner, shift boss, came to town with samples of the ore.

Containing good values in gold and silver the strike was made at a depth of 185 feet in the new shaft. Excitement reportedly was high in Mountain City, Nevada, and in Mountain Home, Idaho.

Ore recently contacted in the drift and displayed here contains unusually high values in copper. "Peacock blue" is prominent in the heavily mineralized copper ore. It was contacted in a drift being run to contact a gold quartz ledge.

Running on a 60-degree incline, the shaft crossed the quartz vein at a depth of 43 feet below the collar shaft. Approximately four feet wide, the vein has been assaying \$10 to \$35 per ton in gold, and also carries silver and copper. Incline of the vein is 60 degrees and the present development work includes making a "station" near the point at which the shaft encountered it.

Incorporated about two years ago the property was originally known as the Baker claims having been owned by George Baker. It is among the claims originally staked by S. F. Hunt who discovered Rio Tinto. The original patent included 11 and a fraction claims later sold to the incorporators who added four claims belonging to Arthur Andrae and John Keller of Mountain City, making a total of 15 and a fraction claims in the present holdings of the Nevada corporation.

Development work started a year and a half ago, began on the Owyhee river bank, under the Elko road, and now includes 1000 feet, tunnel and drift, with exposed copper and gold in various places.

Shaft Necessary

In order to secure dumping space it became necessary to go to the top of the hill and sink a shaft 120 feet higher up the hill, and it is on this shaft that the strike was made.

A crew of 18 men is now engaged in the development work, running three shifts in the shaft progressing at the rate of five feet a day in order to cantact the high grade copper vein. One shift is developing the gold quartz vein in the tunnel.

Only a quarter mile from Patsville, located at the foot of the hill between Rio Tinto and Mountain City, the property is one-fourth mile by airline from the Rio Tinto mill.

Questioned as to the probable method of handling the ore, corporation officials said that two plans were possibilities, one to send the ore by tramway to Rio Tinto for milling and the other to send it on the empty Rio Tinto trucks as they returned to the copper camp after hauling ore to Elko. Plenty of ore of milling grade has been uncovered but interest of the officials is not at present centered in milling ore.

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Work Complete At Whitelatch

Last week marked completion of work upon the Snyder segment of the Whitlatch vein from the 143foot level of the Camargo shaft by the Austin Silver Mining company.

This vein is on the Marshall canyon side of the hill south of Main street. Work has been under way for several months supplying millfeed for the company's flotation concentration plant and a large amount of silver has been shipped from it.

Recently the work has been in segments of the vein which were mined many years ago by the first miners of this area. Other unworked portions of the vein at varying depths is planned in the near future if conditions permit. From the Littell, Snyder and Camargo areas nearly 3500 tons of good ore have been taken.

Last week a mill run was made by the company. From a lease on the 100-foot level of the Buffalo shaft of the Jack Pot mine, approximately three tons of ere mined by J. R. Sibbald and Al Britto has been sent to the smelter without concentration.

5000-Pound Iron Bird Atop Tall Tower of Sun

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. — A giant Phoenix, a mythical bird, symbolizing the rise of San Francisco from the ashes of its disastrous fire of 1906, perches atop the 400-foot Tower of the Sun on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

Fashioned in wrought iron, the massive metal bird weighs more than 5,000 pounds and is 22 feet in height. The Phoenix is the largest hand-hammered wrought iron art piece ever made in the West.

Nine craftsmen worked sixty days to complete the statue, which has more than 780 square feet of surface. This surface is finished in pure gold-leaf.

Mrs. Crosier Entertained

Mrs. H. W. Crozier entertained at luncheon Wednesday honoring her house guest, Mrs. F. P. Zoffman of San Jose. Other guests were Mrs. R. G. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Arthur York and Mrs. C. P. Squires.

JUDGE LOCKKHART HERE

Judge J. M. Lockhart, of Ely, presided in the Clark County District Court while Judge W. E. Orr was absent in Pioche. Judge Lockhart was accompanied from Ely by his wife.

Mexican Fiesta In North Vegas

The pupils of the North Las Vegas school held a Mexican Fiesta Thursday afternoon at the school house. Besides the program a Mexican dinner was served. The proceeds of the affair will be used to purchase much needed play ground equipment.

BRACKENS IN ELY

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken left Friday morning for Ely where they will spend the week-end with friends. Mr. Bracken will attend the Shrine Ceremonial.

HUNSAKERS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunsaker have returned from their honey-moon trip and are at home to their friends at 514 South Seventh.

An outdoor living room will be among the rooms displayed in the Decorative Arts exhibit at the 1939 World's Fair of the West on Treasure Island.

Stockton's old grouch says if the city administration has a clean-up week and hauls off the trash there will be hardly anybody left in town.

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