

SULPHUR'S WINTER WORK

Detailed in a Thorough and Systematic Manner.

Extensive Operations Have Been Conducted During the Winter—Big Cleanup Is Anticipated.

Sulphur is truly a creek of laymen and by far the majority of claims are worked by laymen. Many of them have fine plants of machinery, and good dumps have been taken out; others are burning the ground in the old style. The creek has more machinery than any other and the dumps as a whole are larger.

The upper part of the creek had considerable work done the early part of the winter; but most of the claims were abandoned after representation work was done.

No. 68 above has a medium dump by Messrs. McGraw and Munroe, laymen, who stayed with the claim when pay looked doubtful. They are getting some fair pay.

No. 66 is being worked by the owner who has burned out a good dump.

No. 65 was worked out on the upper end with machinery, the lower half is being worked, as is the upper half of 64 and a portion of 63. The paystreak on these upper claims is not an extra wide one, but the pay is good and the gold very coarse when located.

The first claim coming down the creek where extensive work has been done is 46, which created such a stir when the pay was located through 16 feet of gravel and bedrock. Harry Warren, the owner, prospected the ground for two years with no success, and one of the drifts of last winter was in the edge of his present pay drift, but being a narrow one the method of burning did not locate the pay. The bunch of heavy pay first worked out this winter, was like a gigantic umbrella and when developed left a fine paystreak a hundred feet wide and from three to five and six feet deep. The dumps are very large ones and will undoubtedly sluice up well.

No. 45 above, like 46, has a complete hoisting and thawing plant, and is doing very satisfactory work. Messrs. Cobb and Du Bell were late in locating their pay, but are making up for lost time in fine style. They also have a hundred-foot pay streak with a depth of from three to five feet. Some very fine pay has been taken out and the ground continues to show up well in a very pleasing manner.

The fraction between 44 and 45 was granted to the owners in lieu of a Gold Hill claim, recorded by two parties. They are prospecting the ground and will undoubtedly strike good pay, as 44 has just done. Here Jack Fisher and partners have prospected all winter and in spite of hard luck have persevered and have finally located the elusive pay streak which had crossed the creek and is on the left limit.

No. 43 above was sold to J. W. Murphy in the early part of the winter. It was considered only mediocre, but thorough prospecting proved it to contain the best pay, which, being in the bed rock, was formerly overlooked, and the claim has turned out a winner. One half was recently sold for as much or more than the whole claim cost. The dumps are large ones and promise to sluice out some big pay.

The following will be summer worked and will cut quite a figure in Sulphur's output.

No. 41 was not worked this winter, but Courtney and son have a small thawer on the claim and are prospecting the right limit of the claim.

No. 38 is owned by the Dome Mining Company, and is being thoroughly worked. A very wide and rich pay streak has been exposed and 80,000 buckets are on the dumps, and more coming up every day. Mr. E. Bennett is managing the claim and the work being done has made the claim a model of up-to-date mining.

No. 37 above is being worked partially by laymen and the remainder by Ronald Morrison, the owner. Mr. Morrison has three thawers on the claim; the one he uses himself is a complete modern plant, and has brought out an extremely large dump of rich pay from the bowels of the earth. The large plant is being moved and everything being put in shape for summer work.

No. 36 and its winter sluicing plant have been accurately described in a previous issue of this paper. A large quantity of dirt has been handled and the pay has been good. Mr. Geo. Spraul, who is running the McDonald hotel, has just moved into his quarters,

a modern hotel, and supplies the wants of the employees, about 80 in number. A well-furnished general merchandise store is run in connection with the hotel.

No. 35 is owned by Alex. McDonald and will be worked in connection with 36.

No. 34 has a thawer at work and fair dumps are out.

Nos. 32 and 33 are being extensively worked and will be continuously worked this season. Dr. Le Blanc, one of the owners, has been on the creek all winter directing the work. A complete hoist and thawing plant is on each claim, and some rich dirt has been taken out.

Capt. Atkinson is working 31 above with an up-to-date plant. He has some very large dumps out, and the ground has proved a paying proposition.

McCook and Long have worked 30 above with fires all winter, but a very fine plant has been placed on the claim recently and the remaining ground will be worked this summer. This claim had the largest cleanup of any on Sulphur last spring.

Messrs. Croak and Heimruger have a nice plant on 29 above and are taking out some good pay. They were handicapped by a great amount of dead work, but now they are on the paystreak and hitting it hard. The claim will be worked this summer.

No. 28, owned by Mrs. Healy, has a thawer on the upper end, some good dirt has been hoisted, and large dumps are on the claim.

From 27 to 20 nothing is being done. The pay seems to have disappeared into the air. No. 20 has out a large dump and in all probability will see some heavy summer work. This claim, with the two adjoining ones, is owned by an English company.

No. 17 was worked last winter, and but little done this year. Bob Menzie, the owner, is undecided as to what he will do. He may put machinery on the ground and work it out this summer.

No. 15 is being worked by Messrs. Cord & Co.; they have used a thawer and run an incline tunnel into the hill. Some fair pay has been taken out and the dumps are not bad.

No. 14 had a very nice plant working all winter and a moderate size dump is in evidence. The claim was to work this summer, but the dam could not be built and it has not been fully decided what will be done.

No. 13 was off the pay streak the greater part of the winter, but the laymen found it in time to get out a small dump.

No. 12 was the pay locator on the central part of the creek. Messrs. Moore and Hunter, after two winters of hard work, located the main rim of gold last spring, and took out big pay during the summer. The claim was not extensively worked this winter, but fine dumps have been taken out, and the claim will be worked on a large scale.

Nos. 10 and 11 above are being worked by laymen, and some very rich dirt has been hoisted. Upper 11 is being burned, but machinery on the central and lower parts have brought out some very large dumps. Messrs. Halley and Donovan and Mathewson Brothers are working the machinery. The latter have two complete plants and their dumps are among the largest on the creek.

Nos. 8 and 7 are both using the old time drift windlass, and the pay has been good. The laymen are pleased with their winter's work which speaks well for the claims.

No. 6 above has some large dumps brought out by Capt. C. E. Miller. He has a good plant on the ground and is working a large number of men.

Walton McDonald has some very good dirt on 4 above, and has let it out on lays. Both steam and fire is used to find earth's treasure, and some good dumps are on the claim. C. Garbuth has a good plant on 4 and has two large dumps out. The pay averages up well and will be run from the drifts to the creek and sluiced all summer.

No. 3a above has a fair dump taken out by Messrs. Cross & Co., laymen, who have drifted in the old way. From here to 3b no work has been done this winter.

Nos. 2b and 3 above will be summer worked, but the claims between have proved a blank, or have an undiscovered paystreak.

Messrs. McBride and Crowley own 4 and 5 below, and the entire ground is being worked by laymen. There is not a machine on the ground; yet the claim is dotted with big dumps, showing hard and steady work by the laymen.

Nos. 6 and 7 below are worked by laymen and some nice dumps are located across the claims. The pay has been very good and the cleanup will be a good one.

No. 7a below has good dumps produced by a thawer. The ground is proving rich and will be summer worked.

No. 8 below had two plants at work all winter; the upper part of the claim has had some first-class pay, but the lower laymen have closed down and will sell their machinery.

No. 9 below has a thawer and hoist prospecting the ground. Mr. Woodard is getting things in shape for heavy summer work.

No. 11 below has machinery on the upper part, and is burning the ground on the lower. The claim has a very wide paystreak and the dumps are correspondingly large and will average up well.

George Cora has a thawer on 10 below and his ground is proving very satisfactory. The dumps are good ones, both in the quality and quantity of dirt.

No. 12 below is being prospected, while 13, owned by Frank Swansen, has the pay located in sufficient quantity to warrant the laymen bringing out a first-class boiler and engine for summer work.

But little is being done on 14, 15 and 16 below, while 17 has out medium sized dumps and will be summer worked. Mr. Strong had his plant, intended for last winter, frozen in up river, so he has been compelled to delay operations.

No. 18 below is said to be one of the richest claims on the creek; it is being worked by Col. Joe Green, one of the owners and large dumps are out. A very fine plant has materially assisted in the good work.

No. 19 below will be worked this summer. Martin Harrias, the owner, was so well pleased with his last summer's work that he will work the ground only during that season.

No. 20 below has been prospected by F. E. B. Smith during the winter. He has some fair dumps out, and has located good pay for summer work.

No. 21 below has been worked by Martin Harrias for himself and partner; and for the old style work the dumps are large ones and the pay first-class.

Messrs. Jonas and Epler have one of the best claims on the creek, both themselves and laymen have machinery on the ground, and the dumps are large and nice ones. No. 22 below has fair dumps, as has 23. The pay on the latter has been big and a good cleanup is anticipated.

No. 24 below commenced work late in the season, but the pay has been located, and a thoroughly equipped plant will continue the work all summer.

Nos. 25 and 26 below had some first-class pay and some average dumps were taken out.

No. 27 below marks the beginning of another rich belt of pay which extends to 30. Two plants on 27, one on 28 and two on 29, have hoisted some fine pay, as have several laymen who burned their ground. Mr. Haney on 27 has a jigger that sluices the dirt as it comes out of the shaft. These claims are worked by laymen who have done very well and are anxiously awaiting the cleanup.

The pay seems to be drawn in toward Grimstone on 30, as 29 has worked well to the hill, and nothing noteworthy has been located on 30, 31 or 32; but 33 has a good run of coarse gold and large dumps are out. Frank Swanson owns the ground and laymen have worked it for him; three thawers are on the claim, and the cleanup will be a rich one.

Al Beede and sons have prospected their ground, 34 below, all winter and have taken out small dumps; but their work has been rewarded by locating the main run of gold, and machinery has been placed on the ground for summer work.

Of the gulches, Green gulch is showing up well on both the gulch and the left fork. The paystreak is from 15 to 25 feet wide and is rich in good coarse gold. The summer will see several thawers at work.

Meadow gulch has also located pay at the mouth, and a thawer is being set up; undoubtedly this will cause other claims on gulches to be more thoroughly prospected, and the number of pay creeks will be increased.

Taken as a whole, Sulphur's winter has proven a very creditable one for the creek, and the total output will aggregate a large sum.

Mr. George Compton of 11 below, Sulphur, who has been ill for several days, is able to be about once more.

Mr. F. J. Hemen of the Nugget has been spending several days on Dominion.

Ned Foster, of 8 below, Sulphur, is able to hobble about, after slashing his knee with a draw-knife.

Mr. Robert Woodard, of 9 below Sulphur, sprained his ankle last week and has been on crutches ever since.

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