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## OLD ABE.

### The History of White Oaks' Celebrated Mine.

In the month of November, '79, J. M. Allen, O. D. Kelsey and A. P. Livingstone laid claim to a mining location on Baxter Mountain, which they designated as "Old Abe Lode," and the ground lying north and east of Baxter Gulch, which has lately become famous for its production of precious metals has been since popularly known as the "Old Abe claim."

Some work was done on the original location up to 1882, and one or two mill-runs were made on the ores therefrom, but the ore appeared in deposits and the then owners were unable to find any vein or lode from which these deposits had their source.

No assessment work was done on the claim in 1882 and 1883, and the new claimants, who about the first of 1884 had acquired considerable interests under the old location, went to work on the ground and afterwards made discovery of the vein which recently has proved a bonanza, and May 2nd, 1884, located the White Oaks and Robert E. Lee lodes, which together embraced a part of the ground formerly included in the Old Abe claim.

Some \$1,200 were then expended in the running of a tunnel, which cut the vein and work was put in a shaft on this vein within the tunnel. The ore always as said will and the locators never lost faith in the value of the property.

Last November, Mr. Watson, one of the owners, went to work with one assistant, and opened the same vein one hundred and fifty-two feet south of the old shaft and found a rich body of ore within a few inches of the surface and this is where the present working shaft is located. This ore body continued down and remained in the shaft to a depth of seventy-five feet when it dipped sharply to the east and remained a few feet from the shaft until the sixth level was reached, two hundred and forty feet from the surface, where it a gain appeared in one side of the shaft and has since remained in the work to No. 7, two hundred and ninety feet.

A drift was run along the vein at No. 2, which tapped the old shaft and secured to the mine thorough ventilation for a long time to come. In this drift it has been demonstrated that the vein is not only continuous but will average about three and a half feet wide and work done on all the lower levels has fully confirmed what the drift on No. 2 demonstrated.

The latter part of December '91 the Gallagher Mill was rented and on the 1st of that month it commenced dropping its stamps on the ore of the White Oaks and Robert E. Lee.

At each level of the 8 stories as the work on the mine progressed downwards, the ores grew richer and the width of vein at No. 2 has been maintained.

Since the commencement of the milling about sixteen hundred tons of ore have been crushed and the fortunate owners have realized \$98,000 in gold bullion.

The work of development is still being pushed as fast as we can do it.

The owners have adopted the rule from the start to employ only good sober men on their property and now have a first class crew at work. They pay the highest wages, pay their bills on the first of each month, and whenever any of their employees are discharged, or desire to quit, they receive them

checks on the spot. No pains or money are spared in making the works secure from accident and protecting those engaged there from injury.

Owing to the former claim of a portion of this ground under the name of "Old Abe," the present owners have adopted as their business cognomen that of "Old Abe Co.," and the mine is still known as the "Old Abe."

The title to the property is in the names of—

John Y. Hewitt . . . . . one-third.  
H. B. Ferguson . . . . . one-third.  
Wm. Watson . . . . . one-quarter.  
M. W. Hoyle . . . . . one-twelfth.

Messrs. Watson and Hoyle have special charge of the milling operations; Mr. Hewitt of the finances, and Mr. J. D. Grumbles superintends the mining.

With a harmonious ownership, a competent corps of managers and employees, and especially with such a mine, there can be no question as to the results of their enterprise, and while the income assured to the proprietors is flattered, the benefit to be derived from their work to the town of White Oaks and this portion of—in fact to all—the Territory can scarcely be over-estimated. Most of the owners are residents of White Oaks and the money derived from Old Abe is invested and expended here. Their work has already sent a thrill of new life along the veins of our business community, and a better feeling exists and a brighter future is anticipated.

As evidence of the purpose of the owners for the future it need only be said that a sixty horse power steam hoist has already been ordered with one thousand ft of cable with which to hoist the ore from a great depth. They are also arranging to build the coming fall, a best class 20-stamp mill, which will be erected at the mine and the water for its operation pumped from the valley to the mill.

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### Newspaper Laws.

Dr. Tuckerman, editor of the Workman, Cleveland, has taken some pains to collect and compile the decisions of the U. S. Courts on this subject and gives to the Washington Post as the result of his investigations, the following, which may be relied upon as correct:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered wishing to renew their subscriptions.

2. If the subscriber orders the discontinuance of his periodical the publisher may continue to send it until all arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are responsible until they have settled their bills and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher and the papers are sent to the former address, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office or removing and leaving them unsealed for prima facie evidence of intentional refusal.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it, and the subscriber will be responsible until an express notice will be payment of all arrears, is sent to the publisher.

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