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THE MINERVA JINE, AJ?D SURVEY LAEHODS ERPLOYKD IN COMLCRION WIMH MIPE SAES, AT ATLAMTA, IDAHO.

## LOCAIION:

The property is located on the Grouse Creek Fork of the Yuba piver, one of the tri hutaries of the uf ddie Fork of the Boise River, in the itiddle Boise "ining District, Flmore County, Idaho, and is ahout five inles due south from the town of Atianta. The elevation is arrooximately six thousand feet, and the adjacent sountry is very wild and rugged, being in the Saw Tooth Range of mountains.

## CLITMTE:

During the summer months the climate is delightful, but durine the winter the snow fall is very deep. The cold is not sovere, and the general hoalthfulness of the distrint can he considered good.

## TY PROTERTY:

The acsompanying may will show the claims and their position. The seven claimg represented on the plan, and named Mnerva, Minerva No. 1 to lo. 6 , and al so the Hattie, have been patented. Recently the Company purchased an additional half claim, ufon whit oh the present milling plant is located. In all the holdings embrace something over one hundred acres.

The initial rock or primary foundation of the district is a eray granite,or syenite, massive and with no clearly marked structural lines. At only one point in the dif stelct has any other rook been seen, and thet is a basic eruptive dike which has sut the granite and, no doubt, bers some important relation to the formation of the vein. The dike rakes its appearance ahout onemile to the north of the anerva clafm, and is on the patented ground of the lonar oh "ines Company. The veing occur as aimple fissures, with a general strike of ahout due east and west, and have a dif of anproximately forty-five degrees to the north. In some parts of the district, and particularly to the north of the town of Atlanta, there 1 s sonslderahle evidence of faulting. IV attention was called a few month 3 ago to an old river channel which is now some two thousand feet ahove the present level of the Boise River, and about two miles northwest of Atlanta. This bed carrles considerable placer gold, is all located, and, when water is avaflable durines the early spring, is worked on a small scale. The vein filling, or gratue, is principally quartz, but in places there is considerable gouge and talc. Wi th the present depth attained no water level has been reashed, and work is now heing carried on 1 n the zone of oxidized and al so sulphide ores. The oxidation products in the main

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are limonite and hematite, while the undecomposed ores contain pyrite, argenopyrite, and some antimony. cilver fredominates over the rold nut only to a very small extent. The ground where the present active oferations are heing carried on is termed "swelling ground" on acoount of the instanility of tre walls. The accompanying map of a cross section of the mountain uron which the mine is located shows the position of the vein and foot and nanging walls.

## DEVILOPMENT:

The mine is worked hy a main cross cut or adit tunnel some elght hundred feet in length, and muts the vein at a depth on the slope of ahout four hundred and fifty feet. Drifts have heen extended east and west on the vein from the main cross sut aggregating about two thousand feet, and stoping has heen carried on as rapidly as the ground could be opened un, and the ore sent to the mill. At the present time three levels are being morked from the main cross cut. The ore is dropped from level to level by a system of chutes, whence it is tramed to the ore hin. Electric lights and fans have heen installed. The latter greatly assist the ventilation of remote parts of the mine, while the main workings recelve their air supply from an air ralse through to the surface. The underground passages are all well timbered. A great deal of time has to be devoted to this phase of the worl for the ground tends to swell. The following buildings are maintained at the entrance: hlacksmith shop, timher fraining shop,

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powder house, store room, and a lnrge ore hin, together with necessary accessories.

## MIGTORY - TAPLY AND GGMTAL:

During the early gixties a great deel of prospecting work was done and at the present time much of this primary work is still intant. Considerable ore was mined at that time and treated in old arrastras, the remains of whith are stili in evidence on Grouse Creek near the "inerva "111. The efforts of these early pioneers no dnuht were soncentrated on very ri ch pockets and seams, for the cost of mining and milling fer ton of ore in the way that they were compelled to handle It precluded the handing of anything except high grade ore. The poorer material was left, ana much of that is now heing successfully treated. During the last few years the property has grown considerably in every way, which fact is largely due to the afficient management it has received since falling into the hands of TV. J. Keough, who is now the General llanager. Last summer the mill was increased to twenty stamps, and Johnson concentrators ingtalled. This alone increased the work in every department, particularly so in the rine, where double the quantity of ore had to he mined, and the force of miners increased. Maturally, as this work was rushed along a great many problems came up oonceming the underground workings, and from time to time the management found it necessary to have surveys made of sertain parts of the mine, and of which a few follow.

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## SURYEX $1: 0$.

PROBI. KTr :
Find the length and bearing of a line that would join with the face of the "Cld Powder Tunnel", and the tor of ras se in the east drift of the "A" level, at Buikhead.

The accompanying mar and notes of the survey will give an ldea of the lay of the ground. The Old Powder Tunnel was run about the year 1870. It cross cuts the formation for a distanse of shnut one hundred feet to the yinerva vein, and its distance, hoth horizontal and vertioal. from the present operating tunnel is considerable, as will he seen from the plan of the claims, and also from war No. 1 . In surveying for this solution the sifnerva wine is entered hy the Nain Cross cut from point "OO", and a part of the traverse connecting this point with the face of the Fowder Tunnel was made over a very rough country, and a fortion of tt is surface work. Both terminations of the survey are underground. Progress was slow in the traversing of the east drift. Considerable water was encountered and much of it came from overhead, which was a constant source of arnoyance, particularly so in the narrow winding drifts where frequent gights had to he made and many readings taken. Mne work was suspended in that nart of the mine during the time that the worik was in progress.

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DIVIGION NO. 1

THN KINERVA INE

The econmic conditions depend in a lerge measure uron the individual who has that phase to deal with. Timber sultable for all mining furposes grows in abundance. There is also sufficient water to develop power for all mining and milling purposes, and the same is utilized hy all mines now operating in the district. Freight rates are not excessive. Supplies should be delivered during the sumer months to get the nest results from an economical point of $\nabla 1 e w$, for as soon as the fall gnows come freight retes are increased. The headquarters for supplies is 3013 se , the capital of Idaho. Comretent men for $a l l$ departments of mining work are not hard to secure, and the sol ries and wages faid are as good as at other camps and districts. The expense of instailing heavy mine aud mill macinery 1 s very high, for the reason that all freight must come by wagon from lountainhome, whi ah requires time; and the other expenses attendant on the same make the cost of machinery, set up and ready to run, about twice what the iirst cost is on the outside. In the installation of a mill one should figure on double the factory cost by the time the same is installed and operating. The mages and salaries commanded in the district are:

Rate fer day

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M1ners - - - . . . . - - $3.50
Carmen - . . . . . . - - 3.50
Laborerg - . - - - - - - 3.50
T1mber Cutters . . . . . 3.50
Tram Bucket Tenders - - -3.50
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2. Thether the "liew Raiye" is ahove or helow the "Old Air Raise".
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The followhrig mar and notes show the relation of the tro raises one tio the other. the old Air paice. which connects with the surface, had ceved from a point in the drift ur alonis ite course for e distance of some thirty feet or more, making it impossinle to enter or take nny hearings from there. As a result af tris fillife, the ventilation of the mine, as well 8 g the satiety of the men, war endangered, it heing the only outlet to the surface. The finceman fut through ancther ralse, starting some di stance west, and raising on the vein intended to intercept the "Old Raise" on the slope. Arter ruating the morl for some time, he failed to find the Old Reise. The accompanyi rig maps and notes will show how the mattci was worked out, and how eagy it, is for one to hesome confuged undergrounc. The nature of the rassages in this part of the mine made it impnesihle to safely use a transit, sn a compass wes suhstituted. Connection was made wi thout Eniy cilfil culty, and rroved to he just where the solution of the pronlem ind ceted.

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## EURVEY NO 3.

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1. Find the folsit in ine lifnerva filt ?'unnel to cross cut and intercert station lo. 5, Hast Drift, on the ghortest possihle line.
2. Find the azimuth, vertical anfle, and al 30 the lenel of line to weike sormact!or.

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## Map No 2.

Problem:
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() point in New Ralse in Vertical plane with Old AIf Raise,
(2) Whetrey is above or below the "
(3) Distance through to moke commection.

| Sta | frear of Lire | STope |  | lerth | Elev | Lat | De | Remarks |
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| 1702 | N $70^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ | $28^{1}$ | 3.00 | + ${ }^{\circ}$ |  | +786 | $\frac{-21.61}{1204}$ | - |
| ${ }_{3}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $73^{\circ}$ | $\frac{80}{80^{1}}$ | 26.18 | + $29 \%$ | $14.54^{\prime \prime}$ | -7.74 | +25. |  |
| $4 * 5$ | $\bigcirc 60^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ | $9^{1}$ | 7.87 | +29 |  | -4.50 | +6.87 | Face |
| /"2 | N $8^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ | - | - | $-30^{\circ}$ | - | - |  | lown O/d Rewso |

Lat and Dep from Sta Nol to Nos.


Results

| (1) Mea sure on slope up New Ralse <br> (1) trom point Noz | 41.95 |
| :---: | :---: |
| (2) "New Raise is a bove "O/d Raise" |  |
| (3) Sink from "Now Ralse" at point on | 4.45 |

# Underground Traverse. oo" to face of Powder Tunnel. 


rd Traverse
oo" to top of Raise East Drift


## Results.

## Add E. Lang N. Lat

 Line bears NEKS WLat+
Long +

$\theta=25^{\circ} 40^{\circ} 54^{\circ}$
Length of Unknown Side
Bearing " "
Vertical Angle ir rom "Fop of Rinse +


## Survey Notes and Solutions

Accompany Map Nos.
Problem:

> (1) Required a point in the Minerva Adit Tunnel to Cross Ci and intercept Stallion No East Drift on the short e st possible line
> (2) Required the Azimuth and Vertical Angle, al lenglio of line.

Underground Traverse Starting Point Sta Noil. in Adit Tunnel 7661.36' from Point "oo"



$\frac{y}{377.53}=\frac{\operatorname{Sin} 10^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 8^{\circ}}{\operatorname{Sin} 90^{\circ}}$
$y=\frac{377.53 \times \operatorname{Sin} 40^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime} \log 977.53}{\operatorname{Sin} 90^{\circ}}=2.57696$

$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(247.37)^{2}+z^{2}} & =377.53 \\ z & =285.19^{\prime}\end{aligned}$
Elev Sta Noil $=6.84^{\prime}$
Diff - " $-\frac{5=18.67^{\prime}}{-11.83^{1}}$


## Results:

(1) Measure South from Sta Noil 247.37: of $513.99^{\circ}$ NoM th from Sta "oo" at entrance.
(2) A azimuth from A dit Tunnel $79^{\circ}$ 47. Vert/ca/Angle $+4^{\circ} 9^{\prime \prime} / / 1 "$ From Adit Tunnel
Length of Line $=285.19^{\circ}$

NORTH and SOUTH
SECTION - MINERVA - MINE Atlanta - Idaho.

Creek

Scale: $---1-1$ nch $=500$ feet

