

## Robbins Options the Del Monte Mine

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The mine has been filled with water since work was stopped in 1903, and Mr. Robbins' first work will be to pump the water from the shaft, after which he will determine future plans of working the property.

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Sparta Dist.  
Baker Co.

# FIRST SHIPMENT OF ORE IS MADE

## Del Monte Produc- ing As Are Other Mines

The first shipment of ore from the Del Monte mine at Sparta was made this month after the 200-foot shaft had been pumped out this summer and the mine re-opened after being closed for 37 years, according to the Oregon Mining Review, published by H. E. Hendryx.

The Robbins brothers expect to ship from two to three cars of ore each month, trucking it 35 miles to Baker and then shipping by train to a smelter in Tacoma.

Driving of the Clark tunnel at the Cornucopia Gold Mines is continuing with about 4500 feet to drive to open the Wallingford and Valley View veins at depth. In addition to cutting these two veins the tunnel will open other veins for examination. It is the general plan of the company, Mr. Hendryx writes, after completing the Clark tunnel to eventually extend the low Coulter tunnel to the Wallingford and Valley View veins. This tunnel is now in the mountain 6250 feet and will be about 9000 feet when completed. The company has been increasing the tonnage treated in the mill in recent months. In August 5400 tons, or 190 tons per day, were treated.

The new 10-ton cyanide plant under construction at the Hidden Treasurer mine east of Baker is ready for operation. The Hidden Treasurer is operated by Miles Rom-bough, W. T. Burns and Fred Kub-on, all of Baker.

Del Monte Mine in the Sparta district east of Baker is being reopened by the Robbins Brothers, Clayton and Earl. The latter is at the mine in charge of the work. The Del Monte mine is owned by the E. H. Eddy estate of Boston, Massachusetts. The last work at the mine was done by George A. Packard, a mining engineer of Boston. It was developed by a shaft 240 feet deep. At the 140-foot level a drift was driven 500 feet on the vein which showed a width of 1 to 4 feet. This drift opened three ore shoots. The present work is reopening the shaft and retimbering it. The mine has been closed since 1903. *OMR May 1940*

The 240-foot shaft of the Del Monte mine near Baker, Oregon, is being reopened and retimbered by Clayton and Earl Robbins of Homestead, Oregon, who acquired a lease on the property last fall from the George W. Eddy estate of Boston. The property has not been worked since 1903 and is managed by William L. Woodbury, 177 Milk Street, Room 208, Boston, Massachusetts, one of the executors of the Eddy estate. *W.L. 6/30/40*

Del Monte Mine—Earl Robbins in charge of the Del Monte mine which he and his brother, Clayton Robbins, are reopening at Sparta, reports the shaft has been cleaned out and retimbered to the first level, 40 feet deep, and they are opening the drift to the north where they are getting some good ore. The Del Monte has not been worked since 1903. The Robbins Brothers are reopening the property under a bond and lease from the George W. Eddy estate of Boston, of which William L. Woodbury, 177 Milk Street, Room 208, Boston, Massachusetts, is manager. *OMR July 1940*

Del Monte—The first shipment of ore to the smelter at Tacoma, Washington, was made in September by Clayton and Earl Robbins from the Del Monte mine at Sparta. The Del Monte which was developed by shaft to a depth of 200 feet, forty years ago and had been closed since 1903, was re-opened during the summer and the shaft pumped out. Ore is trucked to Baker, 35 miles, and loaded on the Union Pacific. The Robbins Brothers expect to ship two or three cars a month during the winter. *OMR Sep 1940*

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