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Brazos Mine Pumped Out After 35 Years

The job of pumping the water out of the Brazos mine near Pleasant valley was completed last week. The shaft which is 200 feet deep has been filled with water for about 35 years.

It was pumped down to the 100-foot level from where there is a drift of several hundred feet on the vein. Timbers in the shaft and on the level were found apparently as solid as when they were put in. Some of the lagging is said to be redwood lumber which had been cut for water tank construction and came from California.

A man is at the mine sampling the workings. He is understood to represent Nevada mining interests.

Haines Rancher Find Gold Near Old Brazzos Mine

In addition to conducting one of the best farms in the Haines section, John Ashworth enjoys a little prospecting occasionally. A couple of years ago Mr. Ashworth located some mining claims near the old Brazzos mine southeast of Baker.

Recently Mr. Ashworth while doing assessment work on the claims encountered a small vein of gold quartz. A streak of the ore about three inches wide discloses specimens liberally sprinkled with colors of gold. Some of these pieces of the ore are estimated to show as much as \$1000 per ton in gold.

Not bad for a rancher. A little more work may disclose an important discovery.

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Brazzos Mine To Be Cleared of Water

After having been filled with water for about 35 years the shaft at the Brazzos mine southeast of Baker is to be pumped out and a thorough sampling of the mine workings will be made.

Jim Drennen, well known mining man will have charge of the work. Equipment is now being moved to the mine and pumping will be started at once.

The Brazzos mine was developed by a group of mining men some 38 years ago and a 10-stamp mill was erected and the mine operated for a time. The mill was closed and the mine dismantled of all machinery, and the property has been idle since.

Roy Anderson recently secured a bond and lease of the property subject to examination, and it is for the purpose of making this examination that the mine is to be pumped out at this time.

A compressor and pumps will be installed at the Brazzos shaft which is 200 feet deep. It is thought it will require about two weeks to clear the workings of water.

Mr. Johnson is well known in Baker, having for a number of years purchased hay from ranchers in the valley for shipping to coast points.

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Pumping Started at Brazzos Mine

Water started pouring yesterday from the shaft of the Brazzos mine near Pleasant valley. The compressor and a duplex pump was installed Wednesday and tested out. It is expected the mine will be drained to the bottom of the shaft which is 200 feet deep in about two weeks.

Roy Anderson is having the mine cleared of water to permit examination of that part of the mine which has been filled with water since work was suspended there more than 30 years ago.

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An examination to determine values is being conducted in the **Brazos** gold mine which has been idle for about 37 years.



The property is being leased by Roy Johnson, Baker, from Albert Geiser of Baker and W. C. Fudge of Seattle, owners. It is located

two miles east of Pleasant Valley and comprises three patented and 12 unpatented claims. James A. Drennan was in charge of pumping operations. The property is opened by a 200-foot shaft.