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*Jumbo Mine*  
*(Windy Hollow)*

RECENT GREAT STRIKE OF FREE GOLD

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Mining interest in Oregon generally, and in southern Oregon particularly, has, for the past two months, been centered on the Windy Hollow district, of Lake county, near the town of Lakeview. Though this is one of the richest stock sections of Oregon, and has made many men rich with its "cattle on a thousand hills", the fever of a marvelous gold find has struck that region, and cowboys are deserting the lariat for the pick handle, and are enjoying their flapjacks and beans over the campfire of a prospect instead of on the bunchgrass range.

Windy Hollow is a little valley, scooped out of the rolling hills, 35 miles from Lakeview. Cattlemen have ranged their herds in and around the valley for almost a half century, but the presence of gold glittering among the very grass roots beneath their feet, was never suspected. It was discovered by accident a few months ago. The first strike proved a very glory-hole. It was made by Loftus Brothers, two stockmen, and the field yielded up a handsome fortune from the surface, and by such crude implements of mining as were convenient in a cow camp. They called their find the Jumbo.

It was the richness of the Jumbo that spread the fever over the bunchgrass range, and caused a stampede to the new district—a stampede that for excitement and nervous vigor rivaled those of Goldfield, Bullfrog, Manhattan and other famous Nevada camps. The rush was on both day and night. Claims were staked in the darkness, and the resulting confusion caused no little trouble and some gun play for satisfactory adjustment.

Now that most of the claims, at least those of the immediate Windy Hollow district, are located, the camp has settled down to business, the owners of properties are at work, gravel is flying, and ledges and veins are being uncovered. Loftus Brothers have been offered \$100,000 for their claims, but the offer is refused, as they prefer to open it up themselves, and to this end are preparing to begin extensive work on their properties at an early date.

The news of the Windy Hollow strike has spread beyond the cattle-ranged precincts of the Coyote Hills. Mining men from all quarters are turning their faces thitherward, and the advance guard of the caravan is already on the ground. The Amalgamated Copper Company, Nixon & Winfield, Jonathan Bourne, and other companies and capitalists have sent representatives to Windy Hollow, and all of them have pronounced the new district O. K. It is peculiar in that it is located in the heart and center of a prosperous cattle country, surrounded not only by verdant ranges, but by productive farms and orchards. It has neither crags, icebergs or deserts, it is only a short distance and a short drive from the town of Lakeview, and thus devoid of all the hardships, difficulties and troubles that belong to mining camps in other sections of the west.

Most of the claims, at least those in and around Windy Hollow, were located by stockmen of Lake county. While these men are not miners, they are hustlers and workers, and always have an eye open to the good things of earth. Also, they are always ready to back their judgment with what capital is at their disposal when they feel they have a good thing. It was men of this sort who grouped their claims and organized the Lakeview Mining & Milling Company. The company is composed of business men and stockmen in and around Lakeview, though they have secured the services of outside men to help them with the development, both to supply additional capital and practical mining knowledge. W. Marks, manager of the company, is an experienced mining man. He has mined in every state or district of any note from south Africa to Alaska. F. H. Briggs, secretary and local manager of the company, is also an experienced mining man. Thus equipped the stockmen have set out to carve a mine from the prospects they have at Windy Hollow, and have entered the task with cowboy grit and cowboy determination to "win or bust".

The properties of the Lakeview Mining & Milling Company consist of 15 claims, located in the heart of the Windy Hollow district, and adjoining the Jumbo group of Loftus Brothers. The company has placed a crew, and the properties are not only being developed along intelligent and practical lines, but a mess house, boarding house, quarters, shops and buildings are being built, and the camp shaped to begin business on a permanent basis.

The original strike on the Jumbo, from which a fortune was removed in a few days, is now being opened up by a shaft. The ore removed from the ledge carries gold in visible quantity, some of it being so thickly studded with the yellow metal as to allow whittling with a jack knife. Some remarkable chunks of quartz have come from the Jumbo vein, and the proposition is undoubtedly one of the richest ever uncovered in Oregon, and will make a mine as rich and productive as the famous Greenback, of Josephine county, near Grant's Pass.

The principal claim of the Lakeview Company's group is being opened by shaft, and other claims of the group are being prospected by open cuts, to ascertain the surface value and general indications. The value of this group lies in the immensity of the great dike that cuts the claims, and upon which the development work will be centered. This dyke does not carry gold in rich bunches or narrow veins, but throughout its wide extent of 1,200 feet in width. The gold values are regular and constant, and besides these, considerable copper is also carried.

The mineral formation of the several claims of the Windy Hollow district is pretty much the same for a wide extent of territory. In general it may be defined as a quartzite and phonolite, the principal values occurring in huge porphyry dykes. These values run largely free, with very little silver, and some copper, the latter being a certain indication of permanence and depth. The only variation from the pure metal is that of telluride and sylvanite of gold. The great bulk of the dyke matter will run \$6 per ton. Though of dyke character, the general formation of this district is not broken; there appears to be no faults, and the wide lodes are as well defined, and set as firm as

the best of true fissure veins; in truth, the Windy Hollow lodes are really true fissures, and the mining men who have examined them declare emphatically that they are propositions that will hold good to the "center of the earth and back".

Because of its immensity, and the fact that the values are largely free, the dykes form the basis for gigantic milling, and it is for this purpose that they will be used. The vast width, and the carrying of regular and dependable values from the surface, will allow of the removal of the ore matter very cheaply and in unlimited quantity. Most of it can be mined and milled at a cost not to exceed \$1 per ton, thus leaving a wide margin of profit. From all indications there will be some big mills thundering their batteries in the Windy Hollow before long, and fortunes will be made there just as they are being made at Goldfield, Fairview, Manhattan and other bonanza camps of the great mineral west.

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JUMBO MINE

Windy Hollow District

Lake County.

Owner: John Loftus located this mine in 1912, and it has been relocated recently by Stanley Gray, of Lakeview.

Development consists of the Jumbo shaft and the Bat tunnel, <sup>later</sup> about 175 feet long.

Geology: The workings are in rhyolite tuff and breccia with much secondary hematite, hyalite, and opal in small veinlets and openings. The shaft must be of considerable depth and some of the oxidized ore is said to carry values. The tunnel cuts two small hematite seams which strike N. 20 W. and N. 80 W.

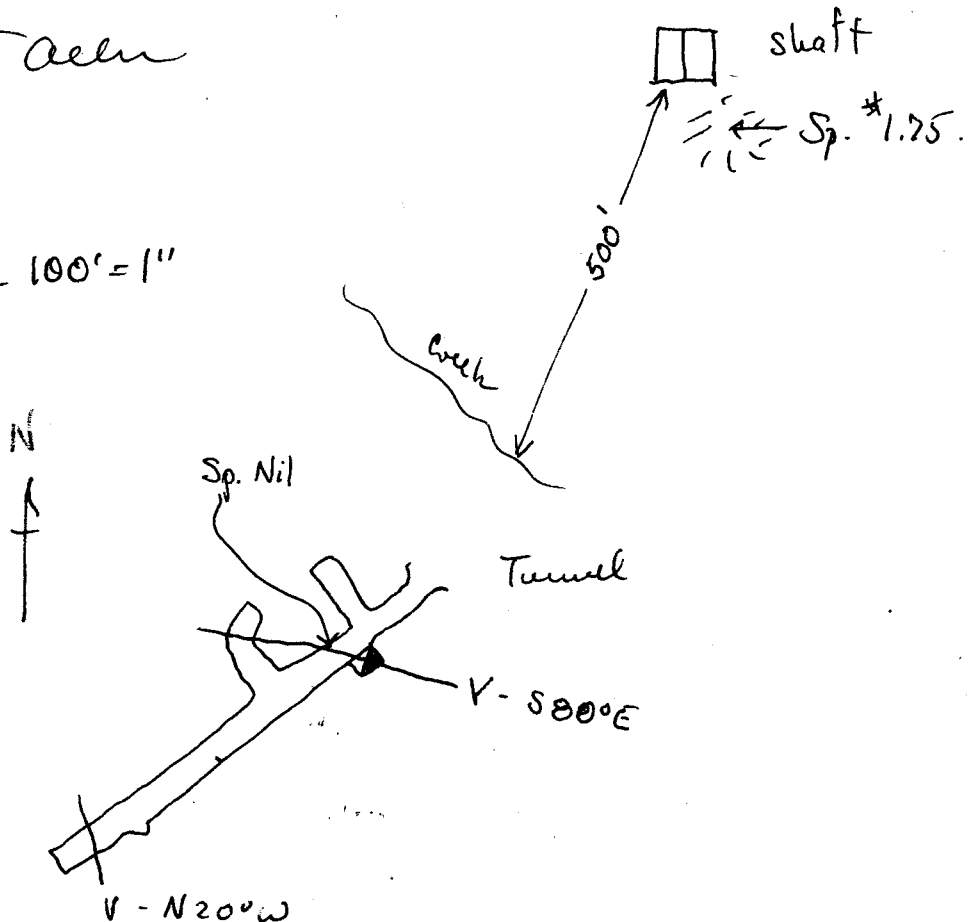
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Picked sample from shaft dump of "best" ore \*1.75, au,  
ml, Ag.

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Scale 100' = 1"



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NAME

OLD NAMES

PRINCIPAL ORE

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PUBLISHED REFERENCES

..... *Lake* ..... COUNTY

..... *Windy Hollow* ..... AREA

..... ELEVATION

..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY

..... DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S)

*John Loftis*  
*Stanley Gray*

Address

*Lakeview*

OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY