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Thanks for your informative and encouraging report. The average result of your drilling is better than anything the boys had on the 8 claims above you. Based on this showing, Discovery should bring in \$65,000.00, and I believe that No.1 below should produce nearly as much.

I was looking over some of my correspondence to day and found a letter from my brother-in-law, judge Lars Gunderson who owned No.1 below and who did some work there. It is dated February 7th, 1932 and reads in parts as follows: " I was glad to hear the news about Coffee Creek. I can tell you now that I worked several measured cubic feet at a shaft in front of my cabin and about 150 feet back from the creek that ran \$1.00 to the yard. (That was at the old price of gold ^{\$20.67/oz}). I built a box the inside measurement of which was 1 cubic foot and rocked the contents of several boxes. I am convinced that there is from two to three hundred feet wide on that claim that will run that value. You may remember that where I started to put a cut through the hill, that would be on the north side of the pay channel. Where the creek runs around the point I was crosscutting, it runs on a bedrock similar to the right limit below Eagle Draw. The ground the Finn Boys were working on the right limit bench must have run two or three dollars to the yard".

My old partner N.O. Leding was in that ^{shaft} and he told me that the prospect was very good. That little Draw comes in on the lower end of No.1 below and you should run into some very good pay there.

Enclosed you will find sketches of Discovery and No.1 below. The Grant Mining Co. missed two paystreaks on Discovery. They went up the creek between them on comparative high bedrock so you may have some difficulty in getting a dry bedrock where you are working now. Working down stream on a creek as flat as Coffee Creek is a difficult problem. It is practically impossible to keep water out of the pit during high water or at any time. Gunderson tried it on No.1 below, but had to give it up. This was the main problem confronted the individual miners on Coffee Creek in the early days. Individual claims could not be worked. I made up my mind that if the creek was worked at all it would have to be worked as a whole, starting in at the lower end, and I organized our company in 1913.

The boys knew that there was good pay on the upper end of Discovery back on the left limit, but they were anxious to get a bedrock drain in to work ground higher up on the creek. The best pay they had was about in line with your lower holes and it was believed that the pay from the left limit crossed over to the right limit and they drilled 6 holes there with fairly good pay. This pay, however, may have come down from that high bedrock on the above claim. Those 6 holes would be on the bank of the creek on the south side of your waste ditch and what pay there is is still there.

Wishing you better luck and less trouble during the coming season I am

Sincerely yours

