

ROCK-NOT COAL

"Coal" Discovery Near Glide, Is Myth, Is The Report.

INVESTORS WARNED TO BE CAREFUL

"Coal" Discovery East of Glide is Worthless Volcanic Rock Reports Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Mr. Schlosser, secretary of the Roseburg Commercial Club, has received from Professor Ira A. Williams, of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology, a detailed report on the much-talked-of big find in which full reasons are given for the conclusion that the material is not coal, but worthless rock.

Mr. G. P. Schlosser, Sec., Roseburg Commercial Club, Dear Sir:

As a representative of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology, I have just returned from a second trip into the region some eighteen miles east of Glide from which have come repeated reports of an important find of anthracite coal.

You are doubtless aware that the work of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology covers all of our mineral resources, their discovery, development and utilization. It is, therefore, the duty of its employees to make every effort, as opportunity offers, to determine the nature, extent and value of these resources as well as to aid in every legitimate way in their exploitation.

The records of the general land office in Roseburg show that twenty persons in five associations of four each, have made coal filings in the region visited, all claims being located in township 26 south, range 1 west. Each association claim covers a full or fractional section of land and all claims are based on the presence of the same bed of material.

The country in which the supposed coal occurs is decidedly rugged with sharp deep canyons and high ridges, the latter as a rule having flat tops. It lies to the south of the North Umpqua river and between it and the east fork of the North Umpqua.

er up in the Cascades and have spread over large areas and solidified into solid rock. Others are made up of particles and fragments that have been forcibly ejected from volcanic openings to fall and accumulate in beds of great thickness which were later cemented into solid rock.

At lower altitude and underlying these volcanic rocks are true sedimentary strata, shales and sandstones, and occasional seams of lignitic coal. These beds are seen along the channels of both the North Umpqua and its East Fork and in places in the hills at varying distances above the streams.

Now, the reported coal discovery consists of a bed varying from ten to twelve or fifteen feet in thickness which appears to underlie a large area of the country in this and adjoining townships. The so-called coal is black, hard, glass-like and a freshly broken surface has a dull luster like that of pitch.

Below the alleged coal there are found in places several feet of what appear to be sedimentary beds. These have some of the characteristics of shales and shaly sandstones made up largely of weathered fragments of volcanic rocks.

Samples of the rocks that are immediately associated with the supposed coal beds were taken and have since been carefully studied in the laboratory, so there can be no question as to the correctness of what I have already said about them. The rock which is being called "mineralized" coal and that is being tunneled into with expectation of its becoming coal was also carefully examined.

It may be worth while to mention some of the points on which he is most insistent as to the great value of this deposit bases his arguments. It is stated by him that the rocks with which the so-called "coal" is associated, both above and below, are sedimentary. This is not true, as I have already explained.

COOLEY IS HERE

Alleged Murderer Confined in The City Jail.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL NOT TALK

Cooley Will Probably Leave For Curry County Tomorrow Where He Will Be Given a Preliminary Hearing

LEAVES TOMORROW.

Detective Doyle received a telegram from Sheriff Bailey, of Curry county this morning asking that Riley Cooley be turned over to Deputy Sheriff Marsters, who is at present in Roseburg.

Calm, deliberate and refusing to discuss his arrest, Riley Cooley, charged with the murder of Thomas Van Pelt in the isolated Chetco Valley, in Curry county, 14 years ago, arrived here early yesterday from San Francisco in custody of Stephen Doyle, the Spokane detective.

District Attorney George M. Brown who will have charge of Cooley's prosecution reached the jail soon after the prisoner's arrival and cautioned the officers in charge against admitting interviewers.

A close watch was maintained at the jail all day yesterday and the same vigilance continued throughout last night. Attorney W. W. Cardwell, of counsel for the defense, who yesterday morning made repeated attempts to reach the prisoner, last evening appealed to Judge J. W. Hamilton for an order admitting him to an interview with Cooley.

Persons closely identified with Cooley's prosecution say the state has a strong case. In fact, it is claimed the prosecution has evidence indicating that Cooley was employed by men prominent throughout the Northwest to kill Van Pelt, and that he secured a princely sum for his trouble.

It is believed that the prosecution will make an effort to induce Cooley to turn state's evidence and thereby furnish facts upon which to base an action against the men alleged to be involved in the murder.

It is admitted here that Cooley will be represented in court by some of the most able attorneys in California and Oregon. One or more of these attorneys, it is claimed, were employed by persons other than Cooley.

Who, Cooley, brother of the prisoner, and Edward Marsters, the latter of whom was formerly sheriff of Curry county, arrived here yesterday. Mr. Cooley and Mr. Marsters soon after visited Attorney W. W. Cardwell, who has been retained by the defense.

According to Curry county citizens here today sentiment is divided in this locality and there is some doubt as to whether an indictment can be obtained against the prisoner. Cooley, it is claimed, is of a

ANOTHER CHANGE.

Postmaster Louis Reizenstein this morning received notice from Washington, D. C., to the effect that after January 1 all parcels post packages of any weight, are consigned to Coos and Curry counties will be sent there by boat from Portland and not by stage from Roseburg.

morose disposition and flatly refuses to talk to interviewers. The prisoner is about 48 years of age, is well dressed, and displays some evidence of refinement.

District Attorney George M. Brown interviewed Cooley late yesterday, but refused to discuss the status of the case. The most sensational development expected by the prosecution is a complete confession of the prisoner implicating the "high-ups", who are alleged to be indirectly responsible for the killing of Van Pelt.

One of the prominent attorneys, who it is claimed has been, or will be retained by the defense, is Superior Judge J. L. Childs, of Crescent City, Cal. Judge Childs arrived here Friday, spending Saturday and yesterday at West Fork and Grants Pass. He returned here last night and is looking over the ground today.

Stephen Doyle, the detective, who assisted in bringing about Cooley's arrest, admits that the state has some startling testimony to introduce at the time of the trial. Much of this evidence he says, goes directly to show that Cooley was employed to commit the murder, and did not act because of his hatred for Van Pelt.

In the event Cooley is held following a preliminary hearing the trial will probably come up in April. District Attorney George M. Brown will have charge of the prosecution.

BORN.

HATFIELD—To Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hatfield, on Hamilton Street, December 27th, an 11-pound boy.

W. W. Easter, of Seattle, who has been spending the past few days in Roseburg left for Grants Pass this morning.

BUSINESS ROOM

May be Built Next Summer on Cass Street.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE PENDING NOW

Well Known Dry Goods House May Change If Negotiations Mature to a Realization.

An important building transaction is hanging fire in this city if reports that are being circulated can be relied upon. The report is to the effect that the owner of a prominent corner on Cass street will erect a large and commodious two story business block to be used by one of Roseburg's prominent dry goods stores.

It appears that there are difficulties in the way of renewing the lease held by the proprietors of the store and negotiations are pending for the erection of the modern store rooms to be opened about the time the lease expires the coming year.

The owner of the ground was approached by a News representative late Saturday and all that he would say was "Of course I am figuring with the party but nothing definite has been decided upon and I can't tell you any more about it now. Nothing may come of the negotiations which are now being made, but if they do come to a realization I will put up one of the very best blocks in the city."

MANY TESTIFY

S. E. Krohn on Trial in the Justice Court.

PRESCRIPTION IS BONE OF CONTENTION

Mc Smith Says He Presented Prescription Which Resulted In Arrest—Physicians and Druggists on Stand.

The trial of S. E. Krohn, a local druggist charged with violating the local option laws, was called before Justice of the Peace Marsters, at the court house this morning. The jury is the same as previously published by The News, with the exception that Earl Strong was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Milton Ollivant.

As predicted by The News the defense is relying upon the prescription, alleged to have been written by a local physician and presented to Krohn by Ale Smith. This prescription Krohn claims was identical with many others found in local drug stores.

The physician, however, denied on the witness stand that the prescription called for two quarts of whiskey, and in explanation said the "two" must have been inserted by some person other than himself.

Other witnesses testifying today were Ernest Applewhite, Nathan Fullerton, B. L. Darby, Marshal Thomas Williams, and Ale Smith. Smith testified that he secured the prescription of a physician and presented it to Krohn unaltered.

The trial will be concluded early this evening.

ROBERT H. CASHOW DIES AT HOOD RIVER LAST EVENING—56 YEARS OF AGE

Deceased Was a Prominent Mason and Was Well Known Throughout Noted Fruit District.

Robert H. Cashow, brother of Attorney O. P. Cashow, of Roseburg, and one of the best known residents of Hood River, Ore., died late last evening after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held at Hood River tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Cashow was a native of Linn county, and was the son of a pioneer resident of Oregon. Other than a father, who lives at Brownsville, he is survived by four brothers, Attorney O. P. Cashow, of Roseburg; George and James Cashow, of Brownsville; Luther Cashow, of Eastern Oregon; and five sisters, Mrs. J. M. Howe, of Eugene; Mrs. Franz, of California; and Mrs. Stannard and Mrs. Cavender, of Portland, and Mrs. Chapin, of Washington.

Mr. Cashow belonged to the Masonic, Artisan and Woodman lodges. He was for many years a merchant, later taking up the profession of bookkeeper. For some time past he has been retired.

Attorney and Mrs. O. P. Cashow left here this morning for Hood River to attend the funeral. They will be joined by other relatives of the deceased at Portland.

TEXAN BUYS RANCH.

Looking Glass Property Purchased By Homeseeker.

Cedar Brook Ranch, one of the choice properties of the Looking Glass Valley, better known as the Whiting place, on the Coos Bay road, was transferred this week to Russell Montgomery, of Dalhart, Texas, who takes possession January 1. Mr. Montgomery was for many years county commissioner of his former county, a large stock raiser and one of the leading reliable citizens of Texas.

Mr. Montgomery has travelled extensively throughout the Western states, and has selected his present home in the Looking Glass valley as the ideal one. He will engage in the stock, horticulture and lumber business. The consideration for this

The Hotel Umpqua, under the new management, will serve a fine dinner New Years 5 to 8 p. m., 75c. Special music d31

property was \$7,500, a very conservative price and an index of values for improved creek bottom land in this locality.

With the annual disasters in the East and South of life and property from flood and heat, a very strong agitation is now in progress among all classes of people to come to Oregon. With the opportunities awaiting them here, where their fondest hopes can be realized and a real home and all the enjoyments of life can be secured at a nominal figure, there is no reason or obstacle to prevent a large increase of settlers to our county.

CITY NEWS.

T. B. Burnette came up from Round Prairie this afternoon.

J. Mathias went to Oakland this morning to look after business matters.

E. L. Giles left for Eugene this morning to look after business interests.

J. H. Luduis, of North Roseburg, went to Oakland this morning on business.

Earl Benedick returned here yesterday from Cottage Grove and other northern cities.

R. P. Stephens, of Portland, arrived here this morning to look after business matters.

Editor D. E. Vernon, of Oakland, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters.

S. J. Jones returned here this morning after a few days spent at Albany and Salem.

Mrs. Minnie Weatherford arrived here from Green this afternoon to visit with friends.

Mrs. Lillian Parry left for Portland and Seattle this afternoon to visit with friends.

Judge Stearns, of Oakland, came over this morning to attend to business matters.

Mr. Howser and family returned to Riddle last evening after spending a few days in Roseburg.

Nellie McCulloch returned to Green Saturday evening after a couple of days spent in Roseburg.

Mrs. Benton and children returned here this afternoon after a few days spent at Canyonville.

George Glyn, the well known Sutherlin resident, spent Sunday in Roseburg visiting with friends.

Miss McCurdy, a clerk in the Glendale postoffice, spent Sunday in Roseburg visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Burgh returned here this morning after two weeks spent at Vancouver and Portland.

Anna Ferguson, a local school teacher, went to Myrtle Creek yesterday to visit with Ana Hermann.

Mr. and Mrs. Yokum returned here last evening after spending Christmas with the latter's parents at Eugene.

Mrs. Ray Wright and children returned to Grants Pass this morning after a visit with the former's parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Neal and child returned here this morning after a few days spent at Portland visiting with friends.

John Culver and wife left yesterday morning for their ranch near Dilard. They are spending a couple of days there.

Mrs. W. A. Pettit was admitted to Mercy hospital yesterday where she will undergo an operation some time this week.

G. T. Devore and wife went to Oakland this morning where they contemplate purchasing considerable land.

Mrs. C. W. Clark and daughter and Mrs. Frank Clark left for their homes at Eugene this morning.

Dave Bruce, of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, left for Junction City this morning where he will spend a week or more with friends.

Harry Phillips left for his home at McMinnville this afternoon after a visit at the home of Mrs. J. H. Cunningham in this city.

Vesta Kruse left for Cottage Grove this afternoon after a visit with her parents west of the city. She will later go to Toledo where she is teaching.