The Evening News

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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 hig find in which full reasons are given for the conclusion that the material is not coal, but worthless rock. Professor Williams made two trips into the region and since his return about a week ago has made a careful study of many samples collected. minces no words in saying that the arguments of those who are locating claims are ground and that the present claimants are spending money and time which will never yield them any return whatever. Following is the report to Mr. Schlosser in full: Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 19, 1913.

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 the region some eighteen miles east of Glide from which have come repeated reports of an important find of anthracite coal. The first trip was made near the close of last month in company with Mr. S. W. French, also of the bureau corps. The object of our visits was to ascertain as fully as possible the exact facts regarding the reported coal

You are doubtless aware that the work of the Oregon Bureay of Mines and Geology covers all of our mineral resources, their discovery, development and utilization, It is, therefore, the duty of its employes 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. To discourage unpromising or worthless ment in the deevloping of favorable enterprises. It is with the belief former surface of the land. that a statement of the results of demosit may be of interest to you and of value to the citizens of Rosement knowledge of conditions, be

The records of the general land persons in five associations of four each, have made coal filings in the at intervals between sheets of volregion visited, all claims being lo- canic tocks of great thickness cated in township 26 south, range Twest, Each association claim cov-crs a full or fractional section of posed coal heals were taken and have land and all claims are based on the since heen carefully studied in the will make an effort to induce Coole, presence of the same bed of mater-laboratory, so there can be no ques-lal. The filings to date, therefore, tion as to the correctness of what I total over 3,000 acres. Outside of bave already said about them. The location and filing fees, it is neces- rock which is being called "mineralsary seconding to coal land law that | ized" coal and that is being tunneleach association of four persons ex-pend \$5,000 in opening up and im-coming coal was also carefully ex-There is involved, therefore, in alone closely allied to pitchstone. The the improvement of the five compostte claims \$25,000. A large propor-tion of the present claimants have pearance and the splintery and conthem as to the importance of the its properties does it exhibit any of coal discovery. Some have left lucrative positions and have brought does it show any evidence of pos-their families to become residents of their families to become residents of

The country in which the supposed coal occurs is decidedly rugged with sharp deep cansons and high It lies to the south tween it and the east fork of the ments, it is stated by a special the rocks which the so-called form the main rices and opened on the rocks with which the so-called her today sentiment is divided in form the main rices and opened on a section of the rocks with which the so-called her today sentiment is divided in that locality and there is some door below, are sedimentary. This is not as to whether an indoment can be which have flowed out in molten true, as I have already explained. condition from vents probably had-

er up in the Cascades and have spread over large areas and solidi-fied 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 At times these particles have fallen into and been distributed or sorted to some extent by water which would give to the resulting rock some of the characters of a sedimentary rock, though in reality of volcanic origin. The latter commonly termed volcanic tuff.

At lower altitude and underlying these volcanic rocks are true sedimentary strata, shales and stones, and occasional seams of lignitic coul. 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. They may even be found at times in between successive beds of volcanic rock as is to be observed at some points with the area of the coal claims. The rocks of sedimentary origin are readily distinguishable as a rule, however, from those of volcanic origin.

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 coal is black, hard, glass-like and a freshly broken surface has a dull luster like that of pitch. Scattered through the rock are small white specks, so plenty in places as to give it almost a mottled appearance. These white particles prove, when examined with a lens, to be minute crystals of a silicate mineral, probably feldspar, Wherever observed the entire bed has veins of white quartz running through it. These veins vary from a small fraction to an inch or so in thickness and intersect each other at various angles.

The rock which rests upon the supposed coal as a "cap rock" or roof is dark colored and shows a decided flow structure. On exposed faces it becomes brown with iron stain and pitted or cavernous by the weathering out of portions of it. The contains glistening crystals scattered through it. Every feature of this shows it to be votenic lava. probably andesitic or near basalt in composition. All of the other rocks for a thousand feet above this bed are likewise varieties of volcanies projects, then, is just as properly a most of which have doubtless reach-phase of their work as is encouragin the molten state out upon the

Below the alleged coal there are the examination of the alleged coal found in places several feet of what appear to be sedimentary beds. These have some of the characterisburg and of Douglas county, who ties or shales and shaly sandstones may otherwise, without an intelli- made up largely of weathered fragments of volcanic rocks. aded to interest themselves in carbonaccous and even coaly matter it, that I submit the following be- is found in these beds, which gives them locally a dark color. At greater depths and at lower aititudes office in Roseburg show that twenty down the mountain slopes other obviously water deposited strata occur

Samples of the rocks that are im-Each association claim cov- mediately associated with the supproving its claim of not over 640 aminod. This rock is properly clasproving its claim of not over each affect as a variety of volcanic glass of these attorneys, it is claimed, were recently come from outside states, chuidal way in which pieces of it attracted by representations made to some times break. In no other of fact, by one who is familiar with the common types of ig sous rocks this

volcanie glass is at once recognized It may be worth while to mention with sharp deep canyons and high ridges, the latter as a rule having flat toys. It lies to the south of the points on which he one is most insistent as to the great the North Umpqua rive and be-tween it and the east fork of the ments. It is stated by him that and

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Alleged Murderer Confined in • from Washington, D. C., to the • The City Jail.

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, Deputy Sheriff Mars-◆ ters will probably leave for ◆ ◆ Curry county with his prison- er tomorrow. Deputy Sheriff •
Marsters says Cooley's trial will •
be held in April or August, in •
the event he is indicted or held •
for trial at the tim of the account. • liminary hearing

Caim, deliberate and refusing to discuss his arrest, Riley Cooley, cent City, Cal. Judge Childs arrived 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 day Doyle, the Spokane detective. Cooley will be held here until tomorrow when he will be taken to Curry county for trial.

District Attorney George M. Brown who will have charge of Cooley's of this evidence he says, goes directprosecution reached the fail soon af- by to show that Cooley was employter the prisoner's arrival and cau-tioned the officers in charge against act because of his hatred for Vanadmitting interviewers, So strictly Pelt were the orders of the district attorney enforced that neither Attorney W. W. Cardwell, of this city, or the non-resident attorneys retained by with the prisoner

A close watch was maintained at the fall all day yesterday and the same vigilance continued throughout last night, Attorney W. well, of counsel for the defense, who esterday morning made repeated at tempts to reach the prisoner, list evening appealed to Judge J. W. Hamilton for an order admitting him an interview with Cooley. This order was denied, it is reported, o the grounds that Cooley was in charge of a state agent and was I transit to Curry county. In other vords, Judice Hamilton is said to have been without Jurisdiction to interfere with Stephen Doyle, the de tective in charge of the prisoner

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

trouble,

be involved in the murder. It is admitted here that Cooles will be represented in court by some of the most able attorneys in Ca fornia and Oregon. One or more of employed by persons other than

Win. Cooley, brother of the prinoner and Edward Marsters, the latof Curry county, arrived here yesterday Mr. Cooley and Mr. Mars ters soon after visited Attorney W. W Cardwell , who has been retained by the defense,

While relating to discurs the case at any length, Attorney Cardwell today admitted that the defense would demand a preliminary hearing immediately upon the arrival of the prisoner at Gold Heach, Curry coun-

ty. According @ Curry county citizen

Cooley, it is claimed, is of a in the city.

ANOTHER CHANGE.

Postmaster Louis Reizenstein this morning received notice effect that after January 1 all . parcels post packages of any
weight, an consigned to Coos • and Curry countles will be sent DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL NOT TALK . there by boat from Portland and not by stage from Rose-♦ burg. Only three towns, Ag- ♦ • ness, Illihee and Murial, in • ◆ Curry county, are excepted in ◆ • the order. The parcels post • · mail to these places will • over the trail from West Fork • · as at present

> morose disposition and flatly refuse to talk to interviewers. The prison er 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 velopment expected by the prosecution is a complete confession of the prisoner implicating the "higherups", who are alleged to be indirectly responsible for the killing of Van Palt

One of the prominent attorney who it is claimed has been, or will to retained by the defense, is Suprior Judge J. L. Childs, of Cres here Friday, spending Saturday and yesterday at West Fork and Grants He returned here last night and is looking over the ground to-

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

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

HORN.

HATFIELD To Mr. and Mrs. Irr Hatfield, on Hamilton Street, De cember 27th, an 11-pound boy,

W. W. Easter, of Sentile, who has been spending the past few days Reseburg left for Grants Pass this

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 Looking Glass Property Purchased corner on Cass street will erec, a large and commodious two story business block to be used by one of Romburg's prominent dry goods

It appears that there are difficulties in the way of renewing the least held by the proprietors of the storand 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 up 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. ing may come of the negotiations

MANY TESTIFY The Hotel Umpqua, under the new management, will serve a

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

PRESCRIPTION IS BONE OF CONTENTION

Ale 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 pubtion that Earl Strong was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the dismisal of Milton Ollivant, Ollivant, the defense claimed was a relative of Marshal Williams, the arresting officer

As predicted by The News the de is relying upon the prescription, alleged to have been written by 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, Markhal Fullerton, B. L. Darby, 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, COSHOW DIES AT HOOD RIVER LAST EVEN-

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

Robert H. Coshow, brother of Attorney O. P. Coshow, of Roseburg, and one of the best known regidents of Hood River, Ore., died late last evening after an Hiness of several The funeral will be held ht Hood River tomorrow afternoon

Mr. Coshow was a native of Linn county, and was the son of a pioneer esident of Oregon. Other than a father, who lives at Brownsville, is survived by four brothers, Attor-ncy O. P. Coshow, of Rossburg; and James Coshow, Brownsville: Luther Coshow, of Eastern Oregon, and five slaters, Mrs. J. M. Howe, of Eugenet Mrs. Franze, of California; and Mrs. Stannard and Mrs. Cavender, of Portland, and Mrs. Chaplin, of Washington.

Mr. Coshow belonged to the Masmic, Artisan and Woodman lodges. He was for many years a merchant, later taking up the profession of bookkeeper. has been retired.

left here this morning for Hood Rivor to attend the funeral. They will returned here this morning after a be joined by other relatives of the decease at Portland,

TEXAN BUYS BANCH.

By Homeseeker.

Cedar Brook Ranch, one of the choice properties of the Looking this week, 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 I, Montgomery was for many years conty commissioner of his former ounty, a large stock raiser and one of the leading reliable citizens of Totas. He has a most estimable family and the valley may be concratulated upon having secured so aluable a settler.

Mr. Montgomery has travelled ex-tensively throughout the Weern states, and has selected his present they do come to a realization I will the Ideal one. He will engage in put up one of the very best blocks the stock, horticulture and lumber in the city."

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

property was \$7,500, a very conservattre 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 Ore-With the opportunities awaitgon. ing 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

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to our county.

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 busines Earl Benedick returned here yes

terday from Cottage Grove and other northern cities, R. P. Stephens, of Portland, arriv. ed here this morning to look after

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

to business matters, J. Jones returned here this

morning after a few days spent at Albany and Salem. Minnie Weatherford arrived

here from Green this afternoon to visit with friends,

Mrs. Lillian Purdy left for Port-ING-56 YEARS OF AGE land 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 Ruseburg.

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

here this atternoon after a few days spent at Canyonville. George Glynn, the

Setherlin resident, spent Sanday in Rossburg visiting with friends. Miss McCurdy, a clerk in the Glen-

dalo postoffice, spent Sunda**y 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 Eu-

For some time past he turned to Grants Pass this morning after a visit with the former's parnts in this city

Mr and Mrs R E Neut and child few days spent at Portland visiting with friends.

John Culver and wife left yesterday morning for their ranch near Dillard. 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

C. T. Devore and wife went to Oak land this morning where they contemplate purchasing considerable

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

abave Bruce, of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, left for Junction City this morning where he will spendt 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.

Vesta Kruse left for Cottage Grove this afternoon after a visit with her parents west . the city. late go to Toledo where she is teach-