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This is one of the best musical institutions in the state, and that people in this city and valley are beginning to discover the advantage of this school. The system is the latest and most practical, and includes all the latest discoveries in the art of teaching music. The school is divided into two departments; No. 1 is for beginners from 5 years or more and are taught the first three grades. Pupils come one hour each day. This is no kindergarten system but far superior. In No. 2 the grades are from 2 to 5. Here they graduate. Pupils take one or two lessons a week as they desire. No scholars will be permitted to remain in this school who do not study. Opposite the Foley House over the candy store. Phone. 475.

WHAT WATER WOULD DO TO GRANDE RONDE VALLEY

No one can question the figures as given below astounding as they seem.

We will all agree that in order for this country to become thickly populated the large real estate holdings must be subdivided and before they will be divided the conditions must be such whereby a comfortable living can be made upon a small tract of land.

In this country we have several localities that are typical of the conditions to be desired. May Park, Fruitdale, Cove and the suburbs of Union are thickly populated. These land owners live comfortably and educate their families and save money from the cultivation of small tracts from 5 to 10 acres of land and few larger than 40 acres. The only secret of their success is water, which they possess.

The object of this article is to show, the advantages of a prosperous, thickly populated community, and to suggest that concerted action be taken, whereby the now wasted waters of Grande Ronde river, may be stored and conducted over a portion of some of our richest land upon which there could not be the least possible doubt but that the owner could live in luxury and ease on every 80 acres saying nothing of smaller holdings.

We have investigated sufficiently to be warranted in making the statement that water could be conducted upon 20,000 acres of Sandridge land at a cost of less than \$10.00 per acre and assuming that this land today will be worth \$50 per acre and if the cost of water is \$10, it would mean land that would cost \$60 would be worth at least \$100 per acre. Here is a net profit to the owners of \$800,000.

We will consider what would be the result to the commercial interests of this valley, if 20,000 acres of this land were thus watered and subdivided into acre tracks and a family upon each subdivi-

sion. First we would have 250 additional families, which would mean 250 new houses, and barns which would cost each \$2000 easily 500,000

Horses, cows, wagons, farm- 250,000
ings implements and etc
Furnishing these homes \$200 each 50,000

Cost of living (government statistics each year) 175,000
Cost of land \$100 per acre 2000,000

\$2,975,000
Think of it, quite \$5,000,000 made possible with an expenditure of from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

One million dollars of this amount would immediately find its way into the various channels of trade, such as lumber for the new houses and barns, hardware, furniture, dry goods, stock, implements, etc., and out of these 250 families at least 247 of them would be reading the Observer. If the business interests of this city could but fully realize what such an undertaking would mean. Think of the annual expenditures from these 250 families of \$175,000, and the produce of these 250 farms would mean a still greater sum, then the magnitude will be apparent. If the present owners of the land fully realized that an expenditure of \$10 less per acre, would add anywhere from \$40 to \$65 per acre to the present values, they would join hands and not only 20,000 acres would be placed under water, but several times 20,000. The valley would immediately become populous and La Grande would soon reach the 15,000 mark.

We will grow and increase in population under present conditions. We have, but really we could move faster, and no better or more permanent basis could possibly be secured than the above.

GLAR WAS MUSICAL.

Betrayed His Love of the Piano by Giving a Nocturnal Concert.

The tenant of a villa in an outlying suburb of Hamburg was aroused from his sleep by the sounds of extraordinarily good piano playing issuing from an adjoining sitting-room.

He went to the door and saw a ragged, disreputable-looking fellow seated before the piano and playing Handel's "Messiah" with remarkable skill. A number of other pieces followed in a low key, the hearer standing at the door, charmed and mystified by the talent of the mysterious performer.

Suddenly the man broke off with a shrill discord, and throwing himself across the piano, burst into bitter tears. When the owner entered the room the musician started up in alarm and attempted to escape.

He finally confessed that music had been his profession, but that, led away by bad company, he had eventually turned to burglary.

He had only lately come out of prison, and had broken into the house in order to steal. When he saw the piano, however, his old love came back, and he had begun to play, unconscious of his surroundings.

The gentleman finally promised to help the talented burglar to follow a more honest career.

Old Russian Costumes.

The old local costumes are still worn in many parts of Russia. There is great variety in them, but rich embroidery and an imposing head-dress of some sort are common to all.

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REAL MINE OF ICE.

WARM-WEATHER RESORT OF PENNSYLVANIA PEOPLE.

Discovery of an Old Soldier Proves of Great Value—It Is a Great Attraction on Hot Sundays.

The high temperature which has prevailed here recently was responsible for a great influx of visitors. Crowds drove in from the surrounding villages for the reason that the weather was hot, some even coming from as far away as Austin, 12 miles away over the mountain. Visitors will continue to flock here every Sunday throughout the summer says a Coudersport (Pa.) report.

This town never was planned for a summer resort. It is in a gorge where not a breath of air stirs and the thermometer frequently registers 96 degrees. Nevertheless, the people of Potter county come here, because it is hot to get cool.

This is the home of the now celebrated "Potter county ice mine." Here winter humanity may enjoy an arctic atmosphere by descending into the shaft, or can moderate the temperature by moving to or from its mouth, to catch the currents of chilled air which the mine sends forth.

The hotter the day the cooler the mine. Atmospheric condensation goes on at a great rate when the mercury approaches the 100 degree mark, and currents of cool air are produced which circulate as far as 50 or 60 feet from the mouth of the shaft.

It is now seven or eight years since the fact became known that during the summer ice formed freely on a wooded hillside two miles southeast of Coudersport, on the Sweden Valley road. The village of Sweden Valley, consisting of half a hundred empty houses, is in fact a deserted village. Some milling or factory project which finally failed was the occasion of laying it out. Had the inhabitants known that in the pine forest less than 50 yards from their doors a veritable field of ice was spread out during the summer, it is hardly likely that they would have pulled up stakes for there is profit in the ice mine and its possibilities have hardly begun to be developed.

An old union soldier became possessed with the idea some years ago that the country's rich store of treasures had not been exhausted. He determined to search for mineral wealth on the forest-clad mountainside southeast of Sweden Valley. Shouldering a pick, he toiled up the mountain one scorching day for 100 yards. Selecting an open space on a little plateau, he struck his pick into the earth. The implement met with no resistance from the loose soil at the first blow.

On the second attack some hard substance gave forth a crunching, crackling sound. The veteran withdrew the pick and examined the point. Several glinting and rapidly dissolving crystals adhered to it. They were all devoid of taste and odor. The rapid melting only served to arouse his curiosity. The veteran threw on his faded blue coat and hacked away with renewed vigor until at the end of an hour he had laid bare a fairly large mass of the glinting substance. He examined it carefully and then ejaculated: "Ice, by gum!"

The old soldier guarded his secret closely, and returned day after day to work at the excavation. In the course of a week he had cleared out a circular space ten feet in diameter and a dozen feet deep. He lowered a ladder into the hole, covered it with boards, and went away for a few days. When next he visited the place he found that masses of ice covered the sides of the excavation. These were shaped like huge icicles. Then he began systematic observations. He soon learned that on the days of greatest heat the amount of ice in the excavation was far in excess of that found there on cold days.

Rumors of the "Potter county ice mine" had spread far afield. Incredulous persons visited the spot and left, fully satisfied that the story was no myth. It was not long before learned professors from colleges and universities came to examine the ice mine and the neighboring territory. None, however, was able to account for the formation of the ice.

While digging around one day the old soldier cleared away the loose earth from a small opening, which proved to be a cleft in the rock. A current of cold air rushed out and led him to believe that a small tunnel led to a cavern in the body of the mountain. Chemical action of some sort going on in some subterranean expanse may account for the manifestations on the local excavation. This solution of the problem, however, never has been verified.

A narrow stairway was constructed from the roadway up the steep mountainside to the rude platform surrounding the shaft, and here the discoverer and owner of the mine began in a modest way to reap the profits of his find. Mild refreshments were dispensed, and a small admission fee was charged.

As the cool nights of the high altitudes came on with the advance of the season, the ice began to disappear, and at the onset of winter it was gone, leaving the interior of the excavation perfectly dry, and many degrees warmer than it had been throughout the entire summer. The same phenomena have been observed each year since the discovery of the place. The ice formation and the frigid atmosphere at and near the mouth of the mine shaft are never ceasing sources of wonder to all who visit the place. When the heat is extreme an examination of the gray moss which covers the ground in the adjacent forest discloses the fact that its interstices are filled with ice.

There has been talk of building a big summer hotel on the mountain side, but the project has not been realized.

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