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REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL AND THE BLUE SKY LAW.

From out the hills of Baker county where there is more actual mining than in any other county of Oregon came a young man by the name of Mitchell who aspired and was elected to the office of representative in the legislature. Being from a mining county the new blue sky law, when in the process of formation, was placed in his hands by the legislative assembly and he along with Ben Olcott, proceeded to become father and god-father to the measure.

The law was intended to do away with wild cat companies of every description. Its intention was to protect the person from being jobbed with worthless stock. Representative Mitchell very proudly took credit for the passage of the measure. The newspapers of the state screamed about the merits of it.

But, alas, there is a joker in it, according to latest decisions, and a mining company cannot place its stock on the market unless values and earning power is guaranteed.

How will Representative Mitchell manage to live in Baker county where mines are being constantly promoted? How will he be able to meet Fred Mellis Jas. Howard, and other prominent mining people of Baker face to face?

Mining companies cannot guarantee dividends. Every mine is a gamble and necessarily so. Some are better than others. But the sole idea of floating a mining company is to take partners in order to obtain large capital to do things that the individual is not able to do. When the capital is squandered and not used for development purposes then the crime is committed, but when the money is honestly spent in improving and developing the mine it is an honest transaction if the ore vein never pays for the people at the head have used their best judgment and honest effort in the enterprise.

What the blue sky law should have provided for, is honest expenditure of the company's funds, but never under any circumstance should any law presume to say how much value is in a vein of ore, nor guarantee dividends. If these features were possible then there would be no need of selling mining stock, for Wall street would at once finance every mining proposition and make it a close corporation, for believe us when we say nothing makes money so fast as a sure enough mine that carries the values in its ore.

A LATE FARMING SEASON.
This is a peculiar season for the Grande Ronde valley. When it is considered that the middle of April is

upon us and scarcely an acre of ground has been plowed, at any rate only a small area of the land to be tilled has felt the plow, the outlook for an excellent farming season is not of the best.

There is however, little discouragement among the ranchers for should the weather be agreeable to farming pursuits for the next few weeks it will be but a few days until the ox horse teams and traction engines turn the soil and plant the grain.

With the rains now coming and the drier in an uncertain condition there need be no surprise if farming is impeded to a still greater extent, which will mean when the settled weather does arrive everyone who is capable of doing farm work should be drafted into service throughout the valley.

Civil Service Examinations.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that a forest and field clerk examination will be held in this city April 26 1913, for the purpose of securing eligibles from which selection may be made to fill vacancies in the Forest and Reclamation services as they may occur. The salaries paid are from \$1200 to \$1500 per annum. Employment in the Reclamation service will be in connection with the Sun River and Milk River reclamation projects in Montana, probably at Fort Shaw (a camp town on the railroad), at the Sun River Diversion camp, about 20 miles from the railroad, at Malta, Montana (a town of about 800), and at Vandalla, Montana a diversion camp on the railroad. The work will last for two or three years, and capable and efficient employees will probably be in demand for transfer to some other reclamation project when the present work is finished. There are good prospects of advancement, which is conditional only on demonstrated efficiency.

Applications for forest and field clerk must have a knowledge of stenography, typewriting and bookkeeping.

Apply at once to the secretary, Eleventh U. S. Civil service district, Seattle, Washington, for application form 1371.

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To all the friends whose sympathy and services in our time of bereavement, we desire to extend our sincere thanks.

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