

WILL PATENT MINING CLAIMS

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special).—After four years of preliminary prospecting and development work, 25 of the 26 mining claims on Matherhorn peak in Thurston creek canyon, will be patented shortly. Surveys were finished last week and applications for patents have been prepared, according to a local newspaper.

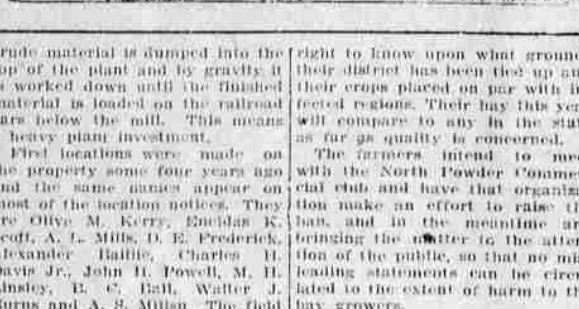
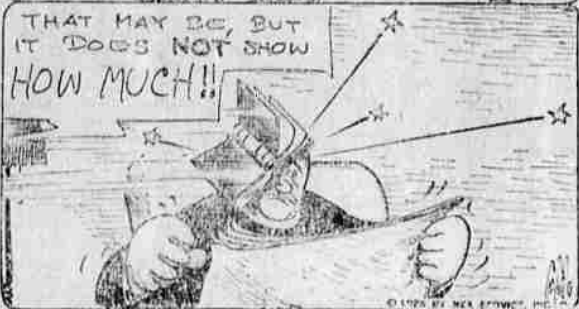
The claims were located under the placer law which permits claims of 100 acres, on the 25 claims cover 4100 acres which include the Matherhorn itself. This is a beautiful gray or white limestone mountain, and cement and lime are the minerals sought, not gold, silver or copper.

To handle these products the property must be operated in a large way, with shipments by carloads. Owners of the claims hope to build a wagon road up the canyon without delay so they can get in and develop their properties. It is said United Pacific officials have agreed to build a railroad spur to the mines when tonnage is assured.

The plant will be run, it is expected, something like that at Lima, not far from Huntington. The great crushing and treating plant is in the valley, above the railroad track. Rock is brought from high up on the mountain, across the valley, in aerial trams, or buckets traveling on cables. The

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Vast Riches of Baku Face Waste and Ruin

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP).—No more attractions for the American capitalist and business man than the vast Baku oil fields on the Caspian sea. If properly developed these wells are capable of producing sufficient gasoline to supply the world's needs. It is said that in their present state the fields present a mechanical picture, only a small percentage of them are in actual operation. The great wooden derricks and the pumping compressors and drills on the remaining wells are fast falling into decay. It is an ill-fated story, but suddenly visited a principal factor, stripping the trees of their bark and roots, leaving ruin and desolation in its wake.

At a distance the idle, decaying derricks, which cover an area of 60,000 acres, resemble a vast cemetery of colossal tombstones. Scarcely a vapor of smoke issues from the blackened wells or the neighboring refineries to give the somber any form of animation. Only here and there does one see a workman. The interminable rows of small wooden houses which in former days housed the tens of thousands of employees, have degenerated into wretched hovels, for the most part deserted and ruined. The roads leading from the city are in a deplorable state, and it is a positive punishment to

traverse them even in a cushioned automobile. This stagnation is due to Soviet Russia's lack of capital, modern machinery and technical skill to develop the oil fields, which were taken over by the state soon after the 1918 revolution. "We have the necessary equipment to work these fields properly," said the Azerbaijan socialist official ranking to the correspondent, "and we are anxious to have American capital and American engineering skill."

When asked upon what terms American oil promoters would be admitted to Baku, the Soviet official referred the correspondent to Moscow. It is obvious from this that no concessions or privileges in the oil fields can be granted without the consent of the central government at Moscow.

According to the Moscow government, the Baku fields are now producing only slightly less than the output of pre-war days. But a visit to the fields failed to confirm such rosy figures. Only at the refinery of the Nobel brothers, now nationalized by the Soviet as Russian state property, was there anything like normal activity. Here the monthly production of oil and its by-products was said to be sufficient to take care of all of Russia's needs and to provide a considerable quantity for export abroad.



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crude material is dumped into the top of the plant and by gravity it is worked down until the finished material is loaded on the railroad cars below the mill. This means a heavy plant investment.

First locations were made on the property some four years ago and the same names appear on most of the location notices. They are Olive M. Kerry, Nicholas K. Scott, A. L. Mills, D. E. Frederick, Alexander Baille, Charles H. Davis Jr., John H. Powell, M. H. Lindsay, E. C. Ball, Walter J. Burns and A. R. Millan. The field worker throughout has been William Donnelly, whose name appears as witness to each of the notices. He has been in town several years and has had charge of the assessment work each summer.

Surveys of the claims have been made by Lewis A. Stanley, who came back from the mountains last week, with Glen Jacobs. It is believed that the project is amply financed and that it will bring a new and strong industry to the county which will prove of great and permanent value.

QUARANTINE IS DISLIKED

NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Special).—Quite a storm of protest is coming from the farmers living across the Union county line, but adjacent to North Powder, because of the recent quarantine order placed on their alfalfa hay by Blaine county authorities, claims the locals. The action is looked upon as persecution for Blaine in the county.

Some parts of Blaine county are infected with the alfalfa weevil, but not this particular section, it is alleged, and quarantine can do nothing else but force farmers to sell their hay at far below market prices. The market known infected region is around the lower Powder river country, which, according to the local men, has nothing to do with the farms adjacent to their city.

That they are not going to submit to the order if there is any way out it is certain, and we cannot blame them for their stand on the matter. Just why it should be quarantined is for the Blaine county agricultural agent to explain. To prohibit a quarantine against something that isn't there is certainly poor business. And if there is an infected farm, there is no excuse for keeping it a secret. Farmers living here have a

right to know upon what grounds their district has been shut up and their crops placed on par with infected regions. Their hay this year will compare to any in the state as far as quality is concerned.

The farmers intend to meet with the North Powder Commercial club and have that organization make an effort to raise the hay and in the meantime are bringing the matter to the attention of the public, so that no misleading statements can be circulated to the extent of harm to the hay growers.

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