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## MINES, MINERS AND MINING OF SOUTHERN OREGON.

(Written exclusively for THE MAIL, by a reliable representative.)

It is reported that C. W. Price, of Smith river, has sold the Copper Prince copper mine to H. W. Jackson, of Medford. What was paid for it is not known, the consideration in the deed, however, is only \$100. The vein matter is said to assay 20 per cent copper.

Wells & Thompson have bonded Cook & Co.'s ledge on the left hand fork of Foothills creek. The vein is narrow, but carries free gold, and mills about \$50 per ton. There has been considerable work done on the ledge, and it gives promise of developing into a permanent and valuable property.

F. H. Kelley has a force of men at work on a proposition, on Jackson creek, which gives promise of developing into a good property. Mr. Kelley has had a number of men at work on the property for several months and is encouraged to go ahead and prove its value.

J. A. Hanley and Booth Lee, who own a ledge in Willow Springs district, have their tunnel in eighty feet, and expect to tap the vein within fifty feet more. They are following a stringer several inches wide, which is more or less mineralized, and the partners believe when the main ledge is reached it will prove to be a valuable property.

Work on the Oregon bonanza, a promising quartz lead in Williams creek district, owned by W. R. and W. K. Rogers, of San Francisco, will be commenced at once, and the vein thoroughly prospected. The owners, who are abundantly able, intend to open up the mine on scientific principles and do sufficient work to fully prove its value before putting a plant on it.

A determined effort is being made to secure the construction of a wagon road to the Mt. Reuben mining district. The county court at Grants Pass has been asked to render its assistance. As there are many valuable and permanent holdings in the district, and the output a material factor in Josephine County, it would seem a matter of business for the county to lend its aid.

The Waldo dredger has suspended operations and is awaiting larger and heavier machinery. The work of a dredger is of such a character as to require very heavy machinery. Another dredger is in contemplation to be located near Waldo for operations the coming season. As these machines work successfully in California there is no reason why they should not work here.

The rich and extensive hydraulic mine on Briggs creek, which has been a large gold producer, was sold lately to Pool Bros., of Colorado, by Horn, Tucker & Cope. The Bros. are practical mining men of large experience, and will put the mine in fine condition for next season's run, and in many respects materially improve it. It is the purpose of the Bros. to make it, if possible, the rival of any mine in the district in the matter of output.

John Donegan, who owns a ledge on the middle branch of Foothills creek, has been working on it at intervals for the past four years. He has been unable to work it steadily on account of funds. The vein is from one to two feet wide and carries uniformly from \$10 to \$12 in free gold, besides valuable sulphurets. A lot of work has been done on the

vein, the lower level being seventy-five feet from the surface. Mr. Donegan has faith in the mine and will continue to develop it as his means will permit.

The Wimer Bros. are building a new flume preparatory to better and more perfect operation of the mine next season. This mine has been a large gold producer for many years and there is no probability the output will be less for many years to come. Mines of this character are in the nature of permanent property in that they will last for a number of generations. It would be interesting to know just the amount of gold that has come out of this and the Simmons & Cameron mines.

The Bailey Bros., who own the Mountain Lion ledge on Missouri flat, are running crosscut tunnels and have opened into a vein eighteen inches wide which, from indications, appears to be a true fissure, and it is believed will prove to be permanent. The brothers have been developing this mine for a number of years, and have done a vast amount of work and taken out a lot of money. They have had a stamp mill in operation on the property for several years and the output has been such as to justify them in continuing to develop and operate the mine.

The Carr Bros. own a valuable hydraulic mine on Lyons Gulch, embracing 80 acres; and while the situation of the claim is such, the Bros. are somewhat handicapped in the matter of suitable water supply, except during the midwinter months, they have done well. They have fine pressure and unlimited dump, and with a suitable system of reservoirs in which to husband the surplus water during heavy rainfalls, would be enabled to do much more work, and largely increase the output. One-half of this valuable property is for sale, and it can be bought at a bargain.

J. S. Howard, the Medford engineer, was down at the Yank ledge last week surveying the property for the company preparatory to procuring government patents for the land. Work is still going on at the mine, and though the ore is mainly low grade and base, it is an immense proposition and ought to pay better than the great Treadwell mine, the ore of which will now hardly reach an average of \$3 per ton, while the Yank will run from \$6 to \$12, if reports are true. Few mines on the Pacific coast have paid better than the Treadwell, and 555 stamps are still dropping on this vast ore deposit.

J. A. Rhoten, who owns an interest in the Foothills creek ledge, from which report had it that he had taken \$600, says the report is not true; that the vein is not a pocket proposition, but a well defined ledge carrying a uniform value of about \$42 per ton, and that a competent company is now prospecting the ledge with a view to buying it.

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THE MAIL has had sufficient experience in mining matters to have learned that flying reports of remarkable finds and discoveries are not always to be relied on, hence it is its custom to give the name of the informant, or simply give the matter as report and let it go for what it is worth, without assuming any responsibility.

Swinden & Knott are developing a promising ledge on the Foothills side of the mountain between Galls and Foothills creeks. The ledge is narrow, but mills from \$40 to \$70 per ton. It is supposed to be a continuation of the Kubi vein on Galls creek. The ore is free milling and a lot of work has been done on the property. The contact in this district is almost uniformly slate and porphyry. The country rock is largely porphyritic, with talc and the magnesian compounds and calc spar. This formation is considered to be specially favorable to mineral deposits; but it should not be forgotten that "gold is where you find it," and where a great many anxious people don't find it.

Chas. and Alfred Anderson are developing a promising vein on Lyons gulch, a tributary of Foothills creek. The discovery was made about a year ago. The vein is narrow, but carries much free gold. Crushings by the arrastre process gave an average result of about \$30 per ton. They have a tunnel in 200 feet and have made quite an upraise. Thos. Carr and Thos. Mee, who formerly owned the vein, sunk a sixty-foot shaft on it. The ore was oxidized and free milling at the surface, but at the bottom of the shaft was entirely base; and though it carried the same values, Carr & Mee were discouraged and left it. The Andersons intend to develop the vein as fast as possible and prove its value before abandoning it. They believe the ledge will prove to be permanent and valuable.

Peter Applegate, who has been on an outing of business and pleasure up in the Elk creek mining district, has returned and resumed his duties in the office. He informs us that want of time prevented his visiting the various holdings of that section as they are scattered over a wide area, some of them being ten or twelve miles from his claim. Work is steadily prosecuted on his location, which, he says, shows a width of paying vein matter of 150 feet. He characterizes it as a mineralized porphyry dike, the extent of which he has no knowledge. The vein matter as a whole is low grade but there are many rich strata running through it which raise the general average sufficiently to make it a paying proposition. Mr. Applegate says the same porphyritic and volcanic formation runs through to Bohemia, and that so far as his knowledge extends there are about 200 miles square of it. It has been known ever since the Elk creek discovery, that the general formation, ledge matter, size and trend of the ledges, were the same as at Bohemia. It may take some time to prove the value of the Elk creek district, but that it is destined to be one of the leading quartz sections of the district, THE MAIL does not entertain a doubt. It has taken a long time for the Bohemia district to come into note. It was scarcely heard of ten years ago, though it was discovered in 1858. Those who doubt the future of Elk creek should suspend judgement until time has been had for its development.

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