

THE STURGIS MINE.

BY W. J. PLYMALE.

Mr. A. W. Sturgis, the Forest creek miner, was in Jacksonville a few days since, and much interesting information was gleaned from him concerning the mine and its future prospects.

When the whites had skimmed the cream of the camp, the Chinese took possession of it for many years, and worked it all over again.

From the forks of the creek down for some distance below where it intersects Poor Man's creek, about four miles, the bed of the stream has been worked out on an average of about 150 yards wide.

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It should be mentioned that there is something remarkable about the boulders in this old channel. When first taken out they are hard and solid, but when exposed to the air for a short time they slack and crumble like lime.

With the extended improvements, new pipe, and new ball-bearing giants, Mr. Sturgis thinks he will break all former records in the output during the coming year.

Was It Suicide?

THE MAIL of November 27th recorded the death of Wm. F. Doran at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. E. Van Vliet, near Central Point, from a gunshot wound, apparently self-inflicted.

The dead man's relatives do not believe that Mr. Doran deliberately destroyed his own life, although at the time he was suffering from temporary aberration, as a result of injuries sustained in the manner stated by the subjoined article from the Redding Free Press:

On the day on which his death occurred, Doran had hobbled on crutches, with his leg in a plaster of Paris cast, through the mud two miles from Central Point to the Van Vliet home.

The accident referred to in the above excerpt had evidently happened at least twelve days before Mr. Doran's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Vliet believe that Mr. Doran's death was accidental, rather than intentional.

Burke Pleads Guilty.

J. H. Burke, the forger, who was captured, after he had escaped from the Washington County Jail at Hillsboro, near Vancouver, Wash., on September 27th, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery at Hillsboro on Monday, and on Wednesday was sentenced to the penitentiary.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Revival services every night this week and next. Revival services next Sunday morning and evening. All are welcome.

REV. W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor.

Rev. F. G. Strang pastor of the Presbyterian churches of Jacksonville and Phoenix, will preach in Jacksonville Dec. 6th and 20th at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. and at Phoenix Dec. 13th and 27th at the same hours.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

REV. R. C. BLACKWELL, Pastor.

TO EXTEND THE BUSINESS.

Messrs. Palm, Whitman & Co., of the Medford Cigar Factory, have made arrangements, whereby the territory in which their products are sold will be somewhat increased. By the deal above mentioned the entire output of the factory is to be handled through Page & Son, of Portland, fruit and produce dealers and commission men.

THE MAIL is glad that the Palm, Whitman & Co., is prospering. It always is pleased to see an institution which gives employment to labor go ahead. It helps build up the town, and that is what this paper and its proprietor has been striving to do ever since we landed here.

The benefit derived from the presence of this cigar factory in the city has not been entirely realized by some of our people. The work has been carried on quietly, but the institution has been steadily advancing. The pay roll averages over \$500 per month, or \$6000 per year. This is for the working force alone—outside of the office force, travelers, and other incidental expenses.

When you smoke a cigar made in the Medford factory, you can be certain that it was made by white girls, under conditions of sanitation and cleanliness of the very best. The room in which the cigars are made is large, light and airy, and is kept scrupulously clean, as is every other part of the establishment.

A shipment of 100,000 cigars to the new depot of distribution at Portland is now being made ready, besides which there are orders ahead for many thousands more.

The company has had for the past year or more three branch houses—one at Pendleton, one at Weiser, Idaho, and one at Walla Walla, Wash. Hereafter, however, the main depot will be at Portland, although stocks will likely be kept at the above named places for distribution.

The force will be increased as rapidly as possible until there are between forty and fifty girls employed—for the present—afterward there will likely be further increase, as the trade justifies it.

City Council Proceedings.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Mayor Wilson, councilmen Willike, York, Pickel, Wilson. Absent—Councilman King.

Reports of recorder and superintendent of light and water for November were referred to the finance committee.

Reports of treasurer, recorder and superintendent of light and water for September and October were approved. The following amounts, claims on the various funds, were allowed: light and water fund, \$1046.49; general fund, \$151.35; street and road fund, \$98.41.

The petition of Young & Hall for liquor license was granted, and the bond, with J. E. Bodge and C. W. Palm, as sureties, was approved.

The petition of J. W. Lawton and others, for the removal of the hitching rack on B street between 9th and 7th,

was granted, and said rack ordered moved to a point opposite the vacant lot on 6th street, between B and C streets.

Petitions for the extension of sidewalk on the north side of 7th street, from I street to connect with sidewalk at the M. E. Church South; and for the building of a walk on the south side of 11th street from the railroad track to C street were referred to the street committee.

Petition for a street light at corner of 4th and I streets referred to water and light committee.

Petition of C. H. Lewis and others for the repairs at the head gate of the city ditch to prevent damage to the petitioners' property from high water was referred to the light and water committee, with power to act.

A resolution was passed authorizing the city treasurer to reserve sufficient money from the street and road fund to pay warrants and interest thereon, drawn to pay for road machinery, as they became due.

A call was made for an election to take place on Tuesday, January 12th, for the purpose of the election of a mayor, two councilmen for each ward, a recorder and a treasurer.

The following judges and clerks were appointed: 1st ward,—J. C. Ferguson, judge; Geo. A. Jackson, Frank Jordan, clerks. 2nd ward,—H. G. Wortman, judge; F. W. Wait, W. L. Halley, clerks. 3rd ward,—A. Z. Sears, judge; J. L. Demmer, F. M. Stewart, clerks.

Polling places—1st ward, City Hall; 2nd ward, Wilson's opera house. 3rd ward, Perry's warehouse. The recorder was instructed to secure the necessary election supplies.

On resolution of the chief-of-police was instructed to enforce the law regarding the presence of minors in saloons, and the resolution was extended to authorize the chief-of-police to stop the playing of slot machines by minors in places other than saloons where such machines are kept.

The matter of repairs to the city jail, brought to the attention of the council by Chief McCown, was referred to the committee on buildings within fire limits, with power to act.

J. W. Mitchell was unanimously elected councilman from the first ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. D. Elwood.

Treasurer Strang appeared before the board and stated that the light and water fund was on the wrong side of the ledger and asked permission to transfer money from the general fund to make up the deficiency. On motion he was authorized to transfer \$250 for that purpose.

Communications read from the Condor Water & Power Co. and the Siskiyou Electric Power Co., relative to bidding for the purchase of the light plant and lighting the city. The Condor Co. stated that they did not wish to bid on the proposition until their works were complete which would perhaps be sixty days. The Siskiyou company pointed out that the council had no authority to dispose of the plant, under the charter, until it had been granted such power by the vote of the people.

The matter was discussed at some length and finally it was decided to postpone definite action until a full board would be present.

To this end an adjournment for one week was proposed and agreed to. Thereupon the council adjourned to Tuesday evening, December 8th.

Under Two Flags.

The dramatization of Ouida's famous novel will be presented at Wilson's opera house on Saturday evening, by local talent, under the direction of Wm. Edgar Graham, late of the Frawley company, and under the auspices of Reames Chapter, O. E. S. The advance sale of tickets has already reached nearly 400, and many more will doubtlessly be sold before the date of performance. Following is the cast:

- Bertie Cecil, of the Guards, afterwards known as Louis Victor..... Wm. Edgar Graham
Bekeley Cecil, his brother..... W. F. Isaacs
Lord Rockingham..... Ivan Humason
Lady Rockingham..... H. W. King
Col. Chateaufort..... L. C. Saragren
Capt. Leroux..... W. H. McGowan
Raynon Leroux, Guard..... Frank Drake
Pettit Picpou..... W. H. McGowan
Pierre Maton..... George Merriman
Leon Raymond..... Tom Whitman
Chanterouse..... Frank Watson
Cigarette, the Friend of the Flag..... Genevieve Reames-Rickey
Venetta..... Elvira Hibbard
Princess Corona, Rockingham's Sister..... Mrs. Daisy Bodge
Lady Guenevere..... Katherine Angle
Nora McShane..... May Merriman
Diehlma..... Lulu Harrison

New Suits Filed.

State of Oregon vs. W. J. and E. A. Boosey; information. Emma Hughes vs. Henry C. Hughes; divorce.

STREET ECHOES.

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise

John F. White:—"That ad. White & Trowbridge had in THE MAIL last week offering for sale part of the old Bashford place on Griffin Creek, now owned by Jos. C. Smith, had the desired effect. This week sixty acres of the farm were sold to W. H. Ostrander—the fifty acres advertised at \$50 per acre, and ten acres additional for which he paid \$1300. It is all good fruit and alfalfa land and a bargain at the price paid."

E. S. Wolf:—"Speaking about curios and things antiquated here in a flatiron that I picked up at a second-hand store. Only paid four bits for it but I wouldn't take \$10. It is made of solid brass, as you can see—and notice when it was made—1834. How did the people of its time heat them? Why, see here. See that door? Well, the flatiron is hollow and before it was used a red hot piece of iron was put in that hollow place and the door closed. That's all I know about it."

Willie Warner:—"When I commenced carrying the mail on Rural Route No. 1 there was a great many people who said to me, 'why, that's a snap. Nothing to do but ride over the route once a day, and draw your pay.' Since the fall rains set in and the roads have gone out o' sight, I haven't heard a person intimate that he wanted the 'snap' I had fallen heir to. It is a little tough wheeling these times, but I have a good team and if nothing gets in my way bigger than I have yet encountered and the patrons keep the roads good, I am going to pull through. My horse may be 'spring poor' by the first of April and your cousin Willie likewise, but we'll all pick up when we get out to spring pasture. There is one whaling business in connection with rural delivery and that is the habit some people have of fooling with the mail boxes. It's like this: There is a little red flag on each mail box. When I put mail in the box for any of the patrons I put up the flag and they come and get it. When they have a letter to mail they flag me in like manner. Someone, either to be funny, or from a disposition to be mean and cause people unnecessary trouble, has gotten into the habit of raising these flags—and no end of inconvenience follows. When you tamper with a mail box you are interfering with the United States post office—and you had better keep hands-off. There is a penalty of \$1000 and three years imprisonment, for tampering in any way with mail boxes."

Mail Office Devil:—"Say, I'm going to be good, from this on. I was a chasin' around over at the S. P. depot the other night, when the train came in late and I tell you it was fierce. I turned the corner of the depot, just as No. 10 pulled in, and honest, it was as dark as a stack of black cats. Yes, the lights wuz a burnin', but shucks, two little lamps ain't goin' to light that platform, especially when there's a whole lot o' people buttin' around on it. I got in a mix up. There wuz me an' some other fellers in a bunch, and one feller he wuz comin' down one side with the wagon, and another feller, he wuz a rattlin' along on the other side with a truck load of drummer's trunks—steep feet high. Besides that der wuz brakes a flashin' der lanterns around an' fellers a gittin' off de train, an' all in darkness. If it had been day light it wouldn't been so bad, but a feller couldn't see which way to go. I got out the wreck finally, but the first thing I did was to butt into a 250 pound drummer, who was carryin' a big grip. That grip struck me 'bout midships, and, say I wuz paralyzed for a minute. I thought that merchant what made de spoil here a week or so ago 'bout the Southern Pacific not a lightin' its depot was a talkin' trough his millinery, but now I know he wuz dead right. This yer man's town ships more freight dan a whole lots of places what looks bigger on de map an' de census reports, and Mister Harriman could light that depot wid 'lectricity for what he pays for oil to fill lamps, that, when dey is burnin' good, a feller has to strike a match to help 'em out, so's he can see what time it is."

Farm for Rent.

I have 240 acres of land for rent, one mile and a half east of Eagle Point, 80 acres under cultivation, have 60 acres sowed to wheat and hay. I want to sell the oron sowed and rent the whole tract, or will sell the place. Address, J. WILLIAMS, Eagle Point, Oregon.

Here is a Snap—

Four lots, near brick school house, between L and M streets, block 3, Gallows' addition, for only \$400; they are worth \$500. Apply at once to E. E. FAULCONER, 3116 North 27th street, Tacoma, Wash. 45-4t

PURELY PERSONAL.

Lem Charley was in from Brownboro Monday.

Sheriff Rader was in town Wednesday, on business.

Merchant Kenney, of Jacksonville, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. N. Langell visited old friends in Jacksonville, this week.

Simpson Wilson, of Trail, was in Medford on business, Saturday.

Hon. N. Langell made Ashland friends a visit on Wednesday.

Gus Williams, of Central Point, was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Fancett, of Watkins, were in the city this week.

Fred Inlow, of Trail, was in the city Saturday making a homestead filing.

Mrs. B. Oberchain, of Central Point, was in the city Saturday upon business.

Art Earhart returned this week from a several months stay in San Francisco.

Ed. Tryer has taken a position as "block man" in G. W. Nichols' O Street market.

J. D. Heard returned from a business trip to San Francisco on Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Shearer left Tuesday evening for San Francisco, for a short stay.

E. D. Elwood left Tuesday evening for Sacramento and other California points on a visit.

R. A. Carter and Jos. Haskins, of Gold Hill, were in Medford Monday upon land business.

Dr. Biddy returned this week from his quite extended visit among Willamette valley friends.

V. T. McCray and D. E. Morris were in from the Jackson County Improvement Co.'s farm on Monday.

E. E. Bagley, of Woolville, and his brother-in-law, J. Swinney, of Wisconsin, were in the city Monday.

Ray Satchell, of Ashland, the general manager of the Helman orchestra of that city, was a caller at THE MAIL office on Friday last.

E. Piper and family, of Willow, Calif., were in the city last week in quest of a location. They left Monday for Marshfield; but will return to Medford.

Pike Thurman, formerly of Jacksonville, who has been at Boise, Idaho, working for an electric company, returned on Tuesday. He will spend the winter here and at Klamath Falls.

The interior finishes of Young & Hall's billiard parlors are about completed. The tables are expected to arrive the latter part of this week, and the rooms will be opened some time next week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Maples returned Thursday from a trip through Klamath and Lake counties, where Mr. Maples was delivering a large number of fruit and ornamental trees he had sold there.

Attorney C. P. Snell returned from several weeks stay in California, where he has been engaged in locating scrip on government land. He has located 12,000 acres for eastern capitalists—and has more to locate for the same parties.

J. J. Straw, of Yreka, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. N. M. Straw, arrived in Medford last Friday. Mrs. Straw will spend the winter in Medford with her daughter, Miss Lulu Straw, and grand-daughter, Miss Hattie Currin.

Col. R. F. Maury, the venerable pioneer, is reported to be somewhat indisposed, at his home between Central Point and Jacksonville. Col. Maury is a veteran of the Mexican, Indian and Civil wars, and is over 80 years of age.

Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Lamolno, Calif., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. O. Gilbert, was called home Friday, on business. She expects to return in a few days, however, and spend the holidays in Medford. [Mrs. Anderson returned Wednesday evening.]

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Coes returned Sunday from Crescent City, and other Northern California points, where they have been for the past several weeks. Mr. Coes says that eighteen inches of water—it was water not rain—fell in twenty-three days. And we thought there had been some rainfall here!

Harry B. Myers arrived from Los Angeles on Friday, for a short visit with relatives and friends here. Harry is now in the employ of the Edison Electric Light and Power Co., operating in Southern California, and is doing well. Charlie Perdue, who left Medford with Mr. Myers, is still at Chloride, Arizona, holding down a job at \$3 per-

Wm. Robinson, of Jacksonville, went to Ashland Wednesday. Mr. Robinson has been suffering from asthma of late, and is seeking a higher altitude. Friday, (this evening), he expects to leave with other nobles of the "Mystic Shrine" for Redding, Calif., whither a caravan of the "sons of the desert" will journey to initiate some heretofore "unbelievers" into the mysteries of the star and crescent.

H. T. McClanahan left Wednesday evening for Portland, where he will take a position as traveling salesman for Page & Son. Mr. McClanahan's territory comprises all of Western Oregon from Portland north. "Mc" has been "on the road" before for the Palm Whitman & Co., and part of his line with his new employers will be to sell the goods manufactured by the above company. He is a good salesman and we believe he will "make good" on the road.