

## CHAMPION CO. TO DEVELOP MINE

### Portland Company has Bonded 14 Claims on Humbug with Fine Prospects.

O. H. Poor, agent for the Champion Group Mining Company of Portland, who own and are developing a group of 12 promising gold quartz claims on Humbug creek, has bonded from W. D. Doggett the Beaver creek copper group, consisting of 14 claims in Oak Bar district, about seven miles southeast of the famous Blue Ledge copper mine. The property covers about three miles of a copper ledge, and is in the same mineral belt as the Blue Ledge.

These claims have one of the finest surface showings of any copper body in the county. The cropping of the ledge shows from 50 to 200 feet in width. The group contains 280 acres and is surrounded by a large body of timber, as fine as there is in the county. Garretson Springs are only half a mile from Beaver creek and fine water power can be had.

The contract provides for a two-year working bond and the consideration is fixed at \$45,000. The Champion Group Mining Company has been advertising the mining resources of the Blue Ledge district very extensively for several months past in connection with their own group on Humbug, and they can be depended upon to push the development of their new copper property just purchased.

The company recently started tunnel No. 4 on their Humbug group, which will tap the ledge at 300 feet. This tunnel will be used for a tram grade to the mill and at the same time open the mine to great advantage.

### FUGITIVE SURRENDERS.

#### W. B. Page, Alleged Horsethief, Visits the Sheriff.

A man walked into the sheriff's office last Wednesday and after looking around awhile, inquired of Deputy Grant if he was acquainted with a gentleman by the name of Page. Mr. Grant stated that he knew of such a man and that he had a warrant for his arrest. The man replied: "All right, I'm Page." It seems that something over a year ago Page took a horse off the range and, later, sold it. He then left the country. Afterwards a man by the name of Messenger, who was sent to the penitentiary some years ago from Ashland for manslaughter, swore out a warrant for Page's arrest, but the alleged horse-thief could not be found. He recently returned, and after making a successful get-away from the sheriff of Douglas county, he walked all the way from Trail, this county, to give himself up to the Jackson county officer. He is now in durance vile.

The Roseburg Review says of the prisoner:

"To find a fugitive from justice, after traveling into one of the roughest sections of Douglas county, and then allow the prisoner to give him the slip, without leaving the slightest clue as to his whereabouts, was the vexatious experience last week of Deputy Sheriff Harry C. Slocum. The complete escape of the prisoner is rendered remarkable from the fact that he is almost helpless from rheumatism. His name is W. B. Page and his age is 55 years. A requisition for his arrest was received at the sheriff's office last Thursday from the sheriff of Jackson county, Oregon. Page was said to be employed at Wright Bros.' sheep ranch, on the head

waters of Elk creek, near the Jackson county border, four miles south of Drew. The requisition did not state the charge against Page, but it developed later that it was probably horse-stealing.

"Slocum reached the Wright Bros.' ranch at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. One of the Wrights and their mother were at home when the officer arrived. Upon stating his business, Slocum was at once taken up stairs where Page lay ill in bed. He had rheumatism and was apparently helpless. He said he had eaten nothing for two days and declared he was so weak that he could hardly leave his bed. The truth of his statement was vouched for by Mrs. Wright and her son, who bear an excellent reputation in that neighborhood. To the officer's announcement that he was under arrest and would have to accompany him to Roseburg, Page pleaded that he be allowed to remain in bed until the following morning, when, he promised, he would try to mount a horse and go with Slocum.

"The two men had been absent from the house about 30 minutes, when Mrs. Wright rushed out, shouting that Page had crawled from his bed and got away, taking with him a Winchester rifle and a Colts revolver."

### The Journal's Special.

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### Late Legal Decisions.

Synopses of Land and Mineral Decisions, furnished the Post by Woodford D. Harlan, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

SETTLEMENT—Priority of, is protected only under legal assertion of right. Rights claimed under settlement should be asserted within the statutory period to be effective as against the intervening entry of another.

STARE DECISIS—The doctrine of Stare Decisis is recognized and followed in the department in cases that involve principles well established by a uniform line of decisions.

SURVEY MARKS—The law provides a penalty for the destruction of survey marks. A section of land is not surveyed until every line of the section has been actually run and the corners established.

TIMBER AND STONE—An applicant for the right of timber land purchase must show that the land applied for is free from adverse occupancy and that he has made no other application to purchase under the timber act. Until an application is finally allowed the applicant has no right to or control over the land.

TIMBER CUTTING—The owner of a mining claim in the Colville Indian Reservation, Washington, has the same right to use and remove timber upon claim as the owner of a mining claim elsewhere.

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