



GOLDMINES IN OPERATION.

Canyon City Activities Resumed with Close of War.

Canyon City, Or., April 18.—Gold mining has been resumed here again with the closing down of all chrome mining activities. While the government was urging the production of chrome ores the gold mines were deserted.

A. S. Knapp of Boise, Idaho, and F. I. McCallum of John Day have leased the mining property located a mile east of town belonging to the Canyon Mountain Mining company. They are operating the stamp mill at night, are mining with placer and hydraulic methods and have a crew of 30 men in their employ.

Recently Fred Barnard, in working his claim, which is a 1/2 mile northeast from the Canyon Mountain property, found a flat piece of gold about five inches long, two inches wide and an inch thick that was nearly solid gold, containing only a small amount of quartz. This chunk of gold when weighed was found to have a value of \$315.

Albany to Pave Streets.

Albany, Or., April 14.—Three petitions for paving Albany streets have been filed with the city council and different stages of progress have been reached, looking toward the completion of all work petitioned for during the coming summer. During the war Albany's paved street area was not extended, but with the reconstruction, work is beginning here already in that direction.

The streets which it is proposed to improve by the petitions now of record are, Elm street, from Ninth to Thirteenth streets eastward to the eastern limits of the city at Geary street; and First street, from Sherman to Pine Streets.

South Bend Still Taken.

South Bend, Wash., April 15.—A raid on a moonshine plant by Deputy Sheriff Stevens of Pacific county and Sheriff John F. Berry of Lewis county resulted in the arrest of James Hurley of Ashlock and the seizure of half a barrel of whiskey. Mr. Hurley's outfit consisted of a large milk can and the regulation copper worm.

Hurley is lodged in the Pacific county jail.

An Easter Flower



Meeting of Parent-Teachers Association.

The regular meeting of the Jacksonville Parent-Teachers Association was held at the school house Friday, April 11, at 3 o'clock. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed the program given by the school.

The next meeting will be on May 9. Come and help make these meetings useful to the community.

River Water is Salted.

Cottage Grove, Or., April 13.—That the Willamette river from Creswell north is a flowing stream of salt water this week, and probably the only inland stream of the kind in the state, is the result of accident rather than design. It happened this way:

A truck loaded with salt and other groceries became unmanageable at the top of the hill this side of Creswell and plunged into the river. Truck, groceries, salt and all were completely inundated.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon

Hood River Has Smallpox.

Hood River, Or., April 16.—A. P. Adams, a local business man, is quarantined at his home with smallpox. The attack is light, and it is thought by physicians that Mr. Adams' disposition will be a mere matter of worrying out the quarantine regulations. The city has had more than 12 cases of the disease recently, all light.

Lightning Strikes Schoolhouse.

Ridmond, Or., April 14.—During an electrical storm Saturday afternoon lightning struck the school building at Terrebonne, six miles north of here. A hole was torn in the roof, a part of the front torn out and the telephone shattered into fragments. The damage will amount to \$500 to \$600.

Rabbit Veterinary Sues.

Marshfield, Or., April 15.—Four dollars and costs of suit are asked of Elzie Lingo, a shipyard worker, by F. B. Gehrke, a neighbor, for service rendered a Belgian hare. Mr. Gehrke has no veterinary diploma.

Mr. Lingo declares that when Mr. Gehrke's dog mauled his rabbit he took the rabbit to Gehrke and demanded reparation, and, not receiving it, left the wounded animal in his neighbor's yard. A few days later Gehrke returned the rabbit, cured, as he said, but the hare died the same night. Lingo refused payment and the details will be discussed before Justice of the Peace E. H. Jochnik.

Dalles to Boost Roads.

The Dalles, Or., April 14.—A mass meeting, under the auspices of the Wapinitia Plains Commercial club, will be held Saturday night, April 19, at the Wapinitia public schools.

The meeting is called for the purpose of greeting all soldiers and sailors who have returned; to boost the victory liberty loan; to explain the state chamber of commerce, and consider the general Oregon and Wasco county highways programme for 1919.

Site Obtained by Church.

Klamath Falls, Or., April 15.—With the completion of the transfer by the members of the Presbyterian church of this city for a new site, the most important step toward the construction of a modern structure will be taken and the campaign to raise funds will be launched in earnest.

It is planned to erect an edifice costing between \$16,000 and \$20,000, to be about 70 feet square. Plans already have been completed for the church home which is to be in keeping with the other public buildings of the city. It is to be so constructed that the Sunday school room and auditorium will form one room with a combined seating capacity of nearly 500, a full basement, with kitchen, big dining room and gymnasium quarters, is projected.

Requirements in Junior High.

The new Course of Study will be ready for distribution in August. It will contain a course for Junior High Schools and will list books for use in same.

The State Department of Education announces that after June 1, 1919, no certificate will be issued to those who pass an examination for a one-year certificate valid to teach in the Junior High Schools of the State unless the applicant has had two years of work beyond the high school in a standard college or university. Graduates from standard normal schools will be certificated to teach such schools based upon their graduation.

Washington Apples

Bring \$4 a Box.

Yakima, Wash., April 14.—Samuel Blackman, a fruit grower of Selah, yesterday reported that he had just sold two carloads of storage apples to an eastern buyer at \$4 per box, f. o. b. Yakima. Three cars of Winesaps have just been shipped to a buyer in a small Texas town, who paid \$3.80 a box. The shipment came from a Selah cold storage house and consisted of 4 1/2 tier fruit with the usual 10 per cent 5-tier.

CANAL SYSTEM

FEASIBLE.

Seattle Engineer Talks of Proposal in Grays Harbor Country.

Aberdeen, Wash., April 15.—The proposal for a system of canals covering southwestern Washington was discussed by George Bernard Hussey, Seattle civil engineer, who was here in his capacity of sovereign grand inspector for the Scottish Rite Free Masons, at a gathering of business men last week.

Mr. Hussey declared that such a canal system was not an idle dream, but a near possibility. He stated that the canal most needed was one to connect Puget sound and the Columbia river, with a lateral to Grays Harbor. Such a canal, he said, would be about 75 miles in length, with a maximum elevation of about 110 feet. Of this length of canal only 40 miles would be dug, the remaining 35 miles being canalized rivers.

Standardization.

It is certainly safe to say that we have some of the best rural schools in the county to be found anywhere. To a few of our schools, however, have become standard according to the requirements for a standard school as decided upon by the state board of education. And, it seems we must agree that their standards are good, yet not too high.

This little story may be helpful. Three months ago the Lake Creek school, Dist. No. 19, lacked eight of the fourteen requirements for a standard school. The people of that district are standardizing their school this year. The school officers, Mr. J. H. McCullister, Mr. Tom Farlow, and Mr. H. C. Myer, the teacher, Miss Julia Sidler, and the pupils working together have met four of the eight lacking points and have very definite plans laid to meet the other four before the close of school this year. The total cost to the district will very probably not exceed \$75.00.

There are at least thirty-one non-standard rural schools in the county where building conditions and many other conditions are better to begin with than with was the case at Lake Creek. These schools should become standard and should do so, the teacher, the school board, and the community working together.

The reputation of having a standard school is worth something, but, more important is the fact that by standardizing we are making better schools.

During the last month of school an effort will be made to ascertain just what requirements have been met by each school in the county, and those meeting all requirements will be awarded a Standard School Certificate signed by our state and county school superintendents. —School Letter.

To Build Concrete Road.

Chehalis, Wash., April 13.—The first paved roads to be built in Lewis county under the Donahoe road law will be built this year. The first petitions to be filed locally under this act, which provides that the abating property inside certain zones shall pay one-fourth the cost, the district one-fourth and the county one-half the cost, is from Hanford valley. This contemplates a pavement 9 feet in width with a macadam side road. Concrete is to be used for pavement.

Indications are that many miles of such road will be built at an early date. More than two-thirds the interested property owners signed the Hanford road petition.

Employ Teachers Early.

The majority of our best teachers are employed early in the spring, usually in March or April. It is well for board members to extend an invitation to a teacher to stay in the school if her services are satisfactory, otherwise she may seek a new location when it would be far better for all concerned if she were retained. On the other hand, a teacher who does not contemplate staying in a district should notify her board in ample time for them to secure another instructor. The county superintendent has a list of vacancies as well as a list of teachers desiring schools and is glad to consult with teachers and board members regarding positions. —School Letter.

Enterprise Odd Fellows will hold a \$10,000 lodge hall.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

April 14.—Portland Lumbermen have arranged to co-operate with Oregon highway commission in laying an experimental section of five miles of wool block paving with full confidence that if it is properly put down it will prove so satisfactory that it will be the forerunner of an extensive use of wool blocks in the northwest.

North Roseburg shipping carloads of broccoli.

Eugene has extensive building program.

Portland building permits for March increased 100 per cent over 1918.

Astoria gets new \$100,000 bank.

Oregon City gets new soda water factory.

Marion county has program for 160 miles market roads in six years.

Two bridges costing about \$10,000 to be built in Douglas county.

Satherlin gets \$50,000 fruit drier and cannery.

O. & C. grant lands to be thrown open to entry soon it is hoped.

Jobs are going begging on Coos bay for lack of laboring men.

Perdleton north side paving program meets with approval.

Northwest sawmills get orders for 175,000,000 feet Douglas fir ties.

Klamath Falls municipal railroad to Dairy to be opened to public Aug. 15.

Heavy snowfalls in the Cascades mean abundance of water for crops.

Salem fruit union to increase dues to \$75,000.

Salem public schools to have three gymnasiums costing \$18,000.

Hubbard to build a beautiful memorial to soldiers and sailors.

Newport people want spruce logging road operated to that city.

Corvallis—Ground broken here for new \$25,000 cannery.

Paved highway to be built from The Dalles to Dufur.

Molalla pushing new road to Willhoit Springs.

Portland Northwestern electric earnings increased \$36,553 in 1918.

Brownsville farmers short of labor to do spring plowing.

Sherman county carried \$300,000 bond issue for 67 miles of highway.

Highest priced wheat cutting off flour sales to the Orient.

Pacific Power and Light Co. shows increased net earnings over 1918.

Warrenton—\$200,000 bond issue for three years reclamation program.

Hermiston—Contract let for highway grading 21 miles, \$180,553.

Portland—Willamette Iron & Steel Co. has \$103,000 Union Tanker contract.

Salem—License fees for three months for registering motorcars, 435,723.

Coquille to have modern hotel on site of the old Baxter house.

Hammond to have water system and 4000 feet side walk.

Ranchers short of farm help and labor demanding \$3 to \$5 a day on farms.

Astoria plans 18 street improvements total cost \$222,000.

Portland—Columbia Steamship Co. gets first steel freighter allotted.

St. Johns terminal pier to be built for \$299,971.50.

Lincoln County holding enthusiastic road bond meetings.

There will be another sawmill built at St. Helens, on the point of Sauvie Island.

Committee of Naval Affairs of Congress ended a five weeks inspection of western shipbuilding conditions and favor taking embargo off American shipyards building ships for foreign orders. They found Canadian shipyards had obtained a \$9,000,000 order from the French government which was offered our country.

Tomatoes are coming from Mexico by the carload. They cost \$4.50 per big box. New potatoes come from there. Here is the tie that will bind the American people closer to Mexico than standing armies. That Mexican labor should help feed the world is a natural proposition.

Thirty schools in the county have served hot lunches during the winter months this year.

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