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SOUTH MOUNTAIN MINES TO OPEN UP

Mr. Bell, state mine inspector of Idaho, reports the recent consummation of a deal through the influence of Stanley A. Easton of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine, on the south mountain mines in Owyhee county, near Jordan Valley, which will involve the immediate and active development of the properties of the South Mountain company.

In fact, an engineer has already been sent from Kellogg and is now visiting Jordan Valley and Silver City picking up a crew of miners, and will start work in driving the Golconda tunnel as soon as supplies can be gotten on the ground and a crew of men collected.

The work will be done by hand drilling at the start, but if development progresses favorably it is the intention of Mr. Easton and his associates to install an air compressor and push the enterprise with machine drills as soon as preliminary work now being undertaken has progressed sufficiently to warrant a more complete mechanical equipment.

The South Mountain company's property embraces a group of 16 patented claims, covering the crest of South Mountain, 20 miles southwest of Silver City. It embraces the old Golconda vein, which is the original leading silver mining enterprise in the present area of Idaho.

This old property was equipped with a small smelter in 1875, when the bullion had to be hauled by ox teams to Winnemucca, Nev. During that period the rich carbonate ores mined in the surface produced rich silver-bearing lead bullion to the total value of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, but at shallow depth the ore contained a strong mixture of copper and zinc sulphide which proved refractory and too difficult to handle under the imperfect smelting methods of that day.

The property has since, at intervals, been subjected to considerable further development, but has now been idle for several years. It is a large contact vein with bold mineral outcrops extending for several thousand feet along its strike over the crest of South Mountain, and at different openings discloses quite definite indications of large bodies of lead-silver, zinc and copper sulphide ores, which are invariably rich in silver and in some instances also in gold.

J. R. Blackaby of Ontario and Thos. Kohout of Jordan Valley are among the owners of this property and they are confident that at present prices of metal there will be a nice margin of profit.

There will be a long haul by motor truck but good rates can be made with a large tonnage in sight as there is always plenty of back freight from Homedale to Jordan Valley.

CLOSING SHOTS OF PRIMARY CAMPAIGN

The town is full of candidates this week who are playing an uphill game trying to get the people interested. The Ontario people seem to be interested in seeing Mr. McCulloch get a good endorsement, but he is the only one they are talking about. The office for which Mr. McCulloch is a candidate is not being sought by any democrat and the people feel that it is therefore a non-political position at this time. The large number of electric plants being installed by the farmers and the increased mileage of railroads in this section is having its influence with the people as they are beginning to realize that the public utility commission is the people's organization to govern the rates and management of all public utilities. They also realize that Mr. McCulloch is eminently qualified for the place, and that he is the only candidate for the place who is thus qualified, also that they are going to get much better service from a man who is interested in the county and district than they are from a stranger who never knows them except on election day.

We stood being Villa's doormat just as long as we could, and we have also decided to relinquish the role of Germany's doormat. Too much is enough. Ain't it.

NYSSA DRAINAGE IS WORKING ALREADY

Effects Evident and Crops Being Planted on the New Lands.

Laterals 4 and 4a of the Nyssa-Arcadia drainage district are about done and so far as completed are doing their work in a first-class manner. There laterals are in section 8. It was not generally known that this work had been started. It is already far enough along to show good results. Land is now being put in crop that before drainage was unfit to plow. Anyone is at liberty to go and see the work being done. Probably by the first of next week work will be started on the Emison wasteway, which will be lowered three feet.

Appraisers for the benefits that will accrue to the lands drained have been agreed on. They are Dick DeArmond, Chas. Ashford and W. B. Eaton. They looked over the district last week, but not in an official capacity, as they have not yet been appointed by the court.

The decision of the supreme court on the legality of the organization is expected to be handed down next week. It is confidently expected to be favorable, as the appeal to that tribunal was only a matter of form to insure the validity of the bonds.

The court will give a hearing in June to any person who objects to the proposed change in the boundaries of the district. In the meantime the district supervisors are anxious to hear any complaints, if there be any, but will pay no attention to outside talk. Land owners who are dissatisfied with any of the proposed plans are urged to attend the meetings of the supervisors when complaints will receive careful attention. The next meeting of the supervisors will be held Saturday evening, May 20.—Nyssa Journal.

BIG DEMONSTRATION FOR PREPAREDNESS

New York, May 13.—New York's belief that the nation should prepare for war was expressed Saturday by nearly 145,000 men and women marching in one of the greatest processions ever assembled for the promotion of an idea.

Twenty abreast, filling the streets from curb to curb, keeping in step to the patriotic tunes of two hundred bands, the parade lasted for over 12 hours. It is estimated that at least 1,000,000 persons saw the demonstration.

Twenty thousand men were in the pageant. Workers in 200 occupations, lawyers and other professional men, city officials and city employees and 10,000 members of the National Guard in uniform and thousands of veterans of the Spanish war composed the long column. The lawyers were led by justices of the supreme court.

Demands for a place in the parade so greatly exceeded the time and space that the promoters were compelled to reject 50,000 applications. Admiral General Leonard Wood, Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commandant of the New York navy yard, and Mayor Mitchell reviewed the parade.

Anti-preparedness bodies, such as the Woman's Peace party and the Socialists, endeavored to offset the preparedness spirit by circulation among the spectators of circulars. Across Fifth avenue from the reviewing stand the Woman's party hung out a banner with the inscription:

"There are only 100,000 of you. You are not the only patriots. Two million five hundred thousand mine workers and organized labor of America are opposed to what you and Wall street are marching for. Are you sure you are right?"

ONLY ONE MAN IN THE WORLD

Col. Roosevelt says that he has tried hard to support President Wilson, but he can't. Col. Roosevelt is so built mentally that there is but one man in the world he can support. Why mention names?—Ex.

RAILROADS RACING FOR CENTRAL OREGON FIELD

Albany, Or., May 13.—Are the Hill and Harriman railroad interests to have a race to Bend across the Cascade mountains from the Willamette valley as they did up the Deschutes valley to the same point a few years ago?

There are certain indications which lend color to an affirmative answer. Active work of surveying parties, efforts toward purchasing rights of way and shipments of supplies for prospective work are the indications.

Several months ago there was talk of building a railroad from Salem through Stayton, thence up the North Santiam valley and across the Cascade mountains to Bend. This line was surveyed as far as Stayton some time ago. Recently a surveying party has been active in the North Santiam valley east of there. It has surveyed a line from Stayton eastward to Mehama, thence southward across the North Santiam river into Linn county, running through Lyons and up Fox valley and then turning eastward about five miles south of the Albany-Hoover branch

of the Southern Pacific. This crew is still at work.

Members of the crew are reported to have said that active work will begin on the grade next month. Current rumor is to the effect that the Hill interests are backing this proposed road.

Soon after this party of surveyors began working in the vicinity of Stayton, a party of surveyors went to Hoover, the Eastern terminus of the old Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, now owned by the Southern Pacific, and have been at work east of Hoover about two weeks.

That the Harriman interests are contemplating the extension of the line from Albany to Hoover and on to Bend is believed to be responsible for this survey. Such an extension has been rumored many times in past years, but this is the first time that surveying work has been done on the present scale.

That construction work in the near future is contemplated is shown by the fact that two and one-half tons of provisions were shipped recently to Hoover.

PAID DEARLY FOR GOODS BOUGHT OUT OF TOWN

Here is a story that is worth dollars to every woman who wears hats or dresses and it is absolutely true, we have all the names and prices and know.

A young lady who thought that it would be impossible to find a hat in Ontario suited to her particular style of beauty, went to Boise and purchased a Gage hat, every woman knows what a Gage hat is, we don't, what other things she bought is not a part of this story. When that particular woman happened to walk past an Ontario store she spied the identical duplicate of her hat on display and sent a friend in to try it on and get the price. She found it was a Gage and that the price was about one-half what she had paid the Boise merchant.

Another lady went to Boise to get something exclusive in a dress and when she got home found that two Ontario ladies had been wearing duplicates of what she bought in Boise and that the Ontario ladies had paid an Ontario merchant about ten dollars a piece less than she paid the Boise merchant.

Another one, a young lady sent to New York for a suit and had to pay Broadway prices for it. In looking over an Ontario stock she found a duplicate of her suit, made in the same factory, and the price was ten dollars less.

The buyer from Ontario was in the factory at New York at the same time the buyer for the New York retail store was there. The

Ontario buyers are getting their goods from the same factories that the Boise merchants buy from and frequently meet the buyers from Boise while selecting their stocks. It costs more to do business in Boise and the people are accustomed to paying more for what they buy. Hats that sell in Ontario for \$35.00 are placed on sale at Boise for \$15. Suits that sell here for \$19.50 sell in Boise for \$29.50, and those that sell here for \$29 sell in New York for \$35.

In addition to the price the home merchant is ever ready to make the suit fit you and will make any little alteration in the hat that you may desire and is always here to make things right.

We do not hope to stop all this stream of money being carried and sent to outside points, but we do hope to show how foolish the average buyer is, how little knowledge they have of goods or prices, or what is up to the minute and what is passé, that they are entirely dependant on the salesman or woman with whom they are dealing, and that it is a thousand times better to deal with the home merchant who can be trusted rather than listen to the glib talk of how "this garment was just received by express" or "this hat is an exclusive style," and the other humbugs that is handed out by the city merchant whose only desire is to make the sale and get the money. Think it over before you buy the next hat or suit.

STATE GRANGE TOOK UP THE LIVEST ISSUES

Indorsed Rural Credits; Rapped Single Tax and Military Training.

Representatives of Malheur county granges to the State Grange convention at Grants Pass, report a most successful meeting. The conference indorsed rural credits, condemned the principle of single tax, went on record as opposed to military training in the public schools, recommended a plan for the nonpartisan political action in the event the plan be indorsed by the membership, and changed the apportionment scheme of representation to the state convention.

The state grange listened to a ringing report of the committee on education.

"The subject of better rural schools was one of the most vital and interesting of all the matters discussed and acted upon. The grange demanded that the rural school building be made more modern and inviting, especially in its sanitary conveniences. Demand was made that school boards install sanitary flushing toilets.

"Effort to establish county marketing systems was made, and a plan adopted to encourage the employment of men in each county to aid in the co-operative marketing of the produce of farm, garden and orchard. The farmers and their wives, too, were vitally interested in marketing, and are seeking the best possible plan to make farming profitable.

"The sessions of the convention were attended by nearly 300 men and women, fresh from the farm homes of Oregon. The work should redound to the permanent benefit of producers, who are seeking, earnestly and wisely, remedies for the ills from which they suffer."

GAS STRUCK IN DEEP WELL AT WEISER

Weiser has a gas well and is going after another. They have a good pressure and it is to be hoped they have a good volume. If the Weiser people profit by the experience of the Ontario people, they will utilize the gas at once and make further explorations. There is no doubt about gas being here, the only question is to strike a large enough body of it to make a commercial proposition. The Ontario people extend congratulations and hope the next well may be much better than the first.

RAILROAD WORK IS PROGRESSING FINE

Engineer Young, of the O. W. R. & N., was here last week and arranged for enough gravel and sand to complete the piers for the last big bridge. The sand and gravel they get here is the best they can find and there seems to be no limit to it.

The large 90 foot girders for the last big bridge were placed last Friday and the work of finishing it will go along rapidly from this time. There are only a few short bridges to be built and then the steam shovel will be rushed to the front and finish up the excavating in the big cut. It will require about ten days, of two shifts each to finish the cut when the steam shovel is in place.

No date has been set for the probable completion, because there are still too many contingencies.

HORSE MARKET STILL GOOD.

John Smeed, the Caldwell horse buyer, was here Tuesday with McWilliams, looking over some horses. Mr. Smeed went on to Riverside. He said there was still a good demand for horses, they sold 745 at the May sale and expect another good market at the June sale. The prices are keeping up well, considering the unsettled conditions of everything.

MINING ASBESTOS IN GRANT COUNTY

The asbestos mines, operating on Beech creek, near Mt. Vernon in Grant county will ship a carload of asbestos to the Portland market this week, according to Otto Berg, treasurer of the company, says the Canyon City Eagle. Several small shipments have been made before. The company is now operating with a crew of nine men. As there is a great body of commercial asbestos on this property the work will probably assume large proportions in the near future. The company is known as the Oregon Asbestos Mining Co., of which Jas. Woerndle is president and Herman Mangold the secretary. It was organized in Portland.

The product here is said to be as fine as can be found on the market. It is today the only asbestos mine working in the United States. There has been some asbestos mining in Vermont, Virginia, Idaho, California and Arizona. Most of it, however, was of low grade and difficult to market. During 1915 there was only 1731 short tons produced in the United States and this was an increase of 484 tons over the year previous according to official government reports just issued.

Most of the asbestos used in the country was shipped from Canada. During the war an embargo was placed upon it which shut it out of the American market.

THE NITRATE BEDS ARE BEING OPENED

The war has created an unusual demand for nitrates and has shut off the usual supply in times of peace so there is an immense demand at the present time and the supply is very limited.

These national conditions are responsible for the activity in the nitrate fields in this county and the probable utilization of the products of the fields of nitrate potash forecast industries of vast import for it is entirely within the range of possibility that industries will be installed for converting those products into elements for the composition of explosives as well as for agricultural fertilizers. There is every reason to believe that potash beds of large extent underlie these fields.

The world uses 11,000,000 tons of potash a year, and before the war, American imports in the form of kail from Germany reached \$12,000,000. Besides its value for explosives for which the products of the tributary section appear to be used, these products have a high value as a soil element in agriculture as well as in the manufacturing of matches, soaps and dyes. It is estimated products will be taken from this field this year to the value of \$100,000. For explosive purposes these products command fabulous prices, a ton of tassel nitrates having been known during a recent period to bring as much as \$500.

The field of activity is on Succor creek about 15 miles south of Nampton, a station on the Homedale branch 16 miles from Nyssa. The operating company is the American Nitrate company, the headquarters of which is in Chicago. C. R. Cole, of Chicago, is president of the company while Harry Wilson is general manager. The Succor creek field comprises an area of something like 7000 acres, and it is not improbable that one of the developments of the future will be the construction of a pipe line from them to the railroad through which potash will be conducted in a solution form and precipitated at the loading point. Approximately, \$100,000 is involved in the plant of the company.

THE SATURDAY BAND CONCERT

The band concert Saturday evening drew another lot of disagreeable weather, but the music helped the people to forget it. There was a much larger crowd out than on the first evening and the players displayed more confidence and did better. The airs were catchy and pleasing. These Saturday evening concerts are proving very popular and the leader promises another excellent selection for the coming Saturday evening.



Saturday evening at Dreamland. Marie Empress in "Loves Cross Violet Heming in "The Running Roads" at Dreamland Sunday evening, May 21st.