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\$2,200 IN NUGGETS OF COARSE GOLD

Upper Willow Placers Release Some of Their Hidden Treasure.

NUGGETS WEIGH UP TO \$14.00

Gold All on Bedrock with Deep Stripping Above

That upper Willow creek will some day make the Malheur country famous as a placer mining region is evidenced by some of the placer mines that have been opened up in late years.

It is difficult to get a line on the output of many of these, as they are not for sale, and those who are working them say little as to the amounts of gold recovered.

The Enterprise has made efforts at times to get exact data on several of these placer propositions without any considerable success, but a recent report from the ground worked by Ben Mathiessen confirms our idea of this section, in that it indicates that if experienced miners would take hold of some of these claims and put in dredging plants, rich returns would be shown.

Mr. Mathiessen put in about six weeks work this season, handling some three thousand yards of dirt, and recovered \$2200 in coarse gold, running in weight from a \$14 nugget down to the size of a pinhead. Much of the work of opening up the claim was done last year, but owing to delays in getting in machinery and supplies only six weeks work was done this year.

The gold at this particular claim all lies on bedrock and there is some seven yards of stripping to be done, but this coarse gold proposition is only one of the many in the upper Willow country, and some time an experienced miner, with the money to develop the country will go in there and take out an immense fortune of the precious metal.

Rich quartz ledges must exist in the territory also, as the placers must be fed, and this coarse gold has not been washed very far.

The upper Willow country offers a rich field for both the prospector and the practical miner that is not found in many sections of the west, and one which we believe will not remain undeveloped very much longer.

188,514 ACRES AGRICULTURE LAND IS LISTED TO OREGON

Portland, Oregon, November 20.—Editor Enterprise: There were 29,276 acres of agricultural land listed to 315 applicants in the State of Oregon, and 3,805 acres listed to 52 applicants in the State of Washington during the past year by the Forest Service.

Since the passage of the forest homestead act, June 11, 1906, there have been 188,514 acres of agricultural land listed to over 2,000 applicants in the States of Oregon and Washington by the Forest Service.

Of the varied special uses to which National Forest land is put, one of the most interesting is that of the school house. There are thirteen school houses within the National Forests of Washington and Oregon, and one in Alaska. The only churches thus far built on National Forest land are two in the Tongass Forest, Alaska. No charge is made for this use of the National Forests.

It is estimated that over one hundred thousand people visited the National Forests of Washington and Oregon for recreation purposes during the past year. In addition to this, 25 permits were issued for summer homes, making a total number of 83 permits of this character now in force on the National Forests of the two states.

A tin can serenade was tendered the Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, the newlyweds, at the Drexel Hotel Wednesday night.

V. S. CURTIS NEW OWNER OF DREXEL

Van S. Curtis, owner of one of the most valuable pieces of farm property adjacent to Vale, has purchased the Drexel Hotel from Herrett Brothers and Smith, taking charge of the hotel Tuesday.

Mr. Curtis disposes of his farm in the deal and will devote his attention to the management of the hotel for the present, although he does not expect to continue in that line of work. He is an old timer in the Harney and Malheur country and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, which will add to his prestige in the conduct of his new line of work.

"UNCLE BOB" RECOVERING

Old Pioneer Beats the Grim Reaper at Own Game

The many friends of that rugged old pioneer "Uncle Bob" Lockett will be pleased to learn that he has passed the crisis and is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of pneumonia.

The fact that he is eight years past man's allotted three scores and ten, makes his recovery from the most dreaded disease with which physicians have to contend seem almost phenomenal. This is another tribute to the skill of Dr. J. C. Bartlett, who has earned the gratitude not only of the immediate family of the popular old gentleman, but of his hundreds of friends throughout the county, who did not believe it possible.

MAC STILES TAKES BILLIARD HONORS

The first game in the pocket billiards tournament for amateurs from Vale, Ontario and Weiser, was played at the Moore Hotel last week, Mac Stiles for Vale winning the first series and taking the \$15 prize offered.

The score was: Stiles of Vale 100, Bradshaw of Weiser 92, Henselman of Ontario 70.

The next game will be played at the Pastime Pool Hall in Vale Dec. 1st. Any amateur player may enter the game without cost.

There were about 125 people present at the first game.

SAYS ENTERPRISE IS POPULAR

Miss Alice Curtis, of Vale, is making a tour of the county in the interest of the subscription department of the Malheur Enterprise, and is meeting with a most cordial reception at every point.

She reported 48 new subscriptions and renewals for the first two days of her trip, stating that the Enterprise was popular with everyone and fully measuring up to the demands of the public for an up to date newspaper and a reliable official county paper.

Besides being very energetic and efficient in any work she undertakes, Miss Curtis is thoroughly reliable and trustworthy, and the Enterprise does not hesitate to guarantee to its patrons that any statement of agreement she makes will be carried out to the letter.

BAZAAR SUCCESS

The turkey dinner and bazaar given by the Christian Ladies Aid Friday of last week was a great success in every department.

They sold everything they had in stock and feel all the hungry ones in town. Their receipts for the evening were \$120.

Young Man Loses His Leg Boarding Car

Visitor Attempting to Enter Train, Victim of a Serious Mishap

Wesley Zuke, a young man from Portland, had his foot crushed under the wheels of a car at Ontario Monday, while attempting to board a train. He was taken to the hospital where the physicians found it necessary to amputate the foot between the ankle and knee.

He and his traveling companion, Ernest Wells, also from Portland, were on their way to Vale from Pendleton. Young Wells stated to the Enterprise that they had been employed in horse breaking on the Umatilla Reservation since the Round Up at Pendleton, and were on their way to Vale to find work in this line when the accident occurred.

MAN SHOT; MISTAKEN FOR BEAR

A. N. Fowler In Hospital As Result of Injury in Leg

A hunting party on the North Fork of the Malheur river was unfortunate in having a bad accident last week, one of the party being mistaken for a bear, and the other members firing a volley at him from high power guns, but fortunately bad marksmanship saved his life, the victim escaping with only a bullet through his foot.

One A. N. Fowler was the victim, he having become separated from his companions, and was mistaken for the big game they were hunting. He is now in the Holy Rosary Hospital undergoing repairs.

Among Oregon's divers and sundry freak laws, there is said to be one that makes it a felony for one man to mistake another for a deer and shoot at him, but perhaps when he is supposed to be a bear it is different. Anyhow, some one ought to pay for the repairs on Mr. Fowler's pedal extremity, and he owes a vote of thanks to his comrades for their bum shooting ability.

LARGE MALHEUR STOCK RANCH SOLD

Receives News of Brother's Death in East

Herbert Cole Loses Brother in New York--Had Been Vale Resident

Herbert Cole of this city received word a few days ago of the death of his brother, Fremont Cole, of New York City.

The deceased was an attorney at law and lived on Long Island, with offices in New York City. He was attorney for the American Tobacco company, and was quite prominent in politics, having been speaker of the Assembly of New York a few years ago.

He visited his brother in Vale five years ago, and at that time was afflicted with Bright's disease, which was ultimately the cause of his death. He was 59 years of age.

Montie B. Gwinn Disposes of His Interest in Malheur L. & L. Co.

WEISER MAN CUTS THROAT OF WOMAN

Breaking a door down at the Ontario Hotel Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock, George Hickman, of Weiser, cut Mrs. M. M. Smith's throat with a pocket knife.

Both were from Weiser and the act was the result of jealousy, Hickman having followed her woman to Ontario.

Hickman was held to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to kill, and Sheriff Brown brought him over and placed him in jail. The woman is in a serious condition and may die, in which case the charge will be changed to first degree murder.

P. H. O'NEIL & SON PURCHASE

Gwinn Will Continue Residence in Boise, Idaho.

There is no better indication of the return of prosperous times than the investment of large sums of money in land and livestock business, and there is no better and safer country on earth than the great Malheur country to make such investments.

The prices for sheep, horses, cattle and hogs have been going skyward for the past year, the ranges have been drawn upon for supplies both at home and abroad. Many of the great ranges of the West have been practically depleted of stock, and are growing rank with bunch grass which is untouched. And, while vast amounts of money are being invested in ammunition factories, little attention has been paid in recent months to the vast stock raising possibilities that have been opened up by the demands of the warring European nations, but this seeming neglect of the greatest industry of the West was only momentary, and from now on the Malheur country will see her vast ranges again rapidly populated with live stock of all kinds.

One of the most important livestock and land deals closed in the intermountain country for some time was consummated this week when Montie B. Gwinn sold his interests in the Malheur Livestock & Land company, with which he has been associated for the past 14 years, to P. H. O'Neil and his son, Lewis B. O'Neil, of Los Angeles, originally from Faulkton, S. D.

Last year Mr. O'Neil successfully negotiated for the interests of Charles H. Anderson and John S. Gary in this company. He has just closed with Mr. Gwinn for his interests, leaving but Harry L. Anderson and Joseph Howry stockholders and active partners in the plant.

The Malheur Livestock & Land company is the owner of 31,000 acres of land located in Malheur and Grant counties, Oregon. A total of 1200 acres is now in cultivation and an irrigation system has been built to increase the cultivated area on which feed is raised for stock, to 2000 acres.

Mr. Gwinn is one of the best known sheepmen in the intermountain country, and has as well been active in matters of a public and political nature. He was secretary for some time of the Idaho Wool Growers' association, and his name has been persistently linked with offices of prominence.

ALLEGED HORSE THIEVES LANDED

In years gone by Malheur country, with its mountains and vast areas of unoccupied territory, made an ideal country for escaping criminals to seek safety in, but with Sheriff Ben Brown and his crew of alert deputies on the job, it is about the most unsafe place for a criminal to head for that can be found in the West.

This discovery was made by Jim Childers and his gang last week. They had surreptitiously negotiated a bunch of fine horses in Union county, and made the mistake of trying to make their get away through Malheur county.

The sheriff's office at Vale was notified that they were headed this way, and Sheriff Brown picked up the trail at the Weiser bridge, where they crossed Snake river into Malheur county. Following their trail up Moore's Hollow and across Willow Creek, he sent Deputy Lee Nae to Beulah and wired Deputy Al Roberts at Juntura to be on the lookout.

The latter soon got on the trail, and accompanied by a couple of assistants, went out and captured the bunch on the Beulah road and they were brought to the jail at Vale to await the arrival of the Union county officials, who came and got their men Friday.

The gang had nine head of horses in their possession, four of which were identified as animals stolen at La Grande, and were said to be some of the finest horses in Eastern Oregon.

Jim Childers, the leader of the gang, is reported to be a regular in the business of horse stealing, having served time in Montana for similar offenses, but his two companions, who give their names as L. Burke and Ray Ross, have not been recognized yet, nor owners found for the other five horses they had in their possession.

I. S. Edwards is Seriously Ill New Dairyman is Turkeys Weren't Injured

J. S. Edwards, who recently retired as president of the First National Bank of this city on account of failing health, is reported seriously ill at his home.

It is stated that he will be taken to Portland to have an operation performed Saturday.

Chas. Muttart, formerly of Auburn, Washington, but now a Malheur county homesteader, arrived in Vale Wednesday with a carload of horses and farming machinery. Mr. Muttart has been engaged in the dairy business at Auburn, and is considering a similar proposition here.

Ike Lewis put on a Thanksgiving turkey shoot Wednesday afternoon, to give the hunters a chance to get a big bird.

As the laws of Oregon do not permit the turkey to be shot at, the sports were compelled to be content with shooting at the bull's eye instead of the turkey's head.

BURNS MAN TAKES LIFE

Bachelor Farmer Commits Suicide With Gun

BURNS, Oreg., Nov. 25.—(Special to the Enterprise.) John Eichner, a bachelor farmer living four miles south of Buchanan committed suicide Saturday night or Sunday morning by shooting himself in the head. He had had a sale Saturday afternoon, selling all his farm implements and stock and it is supposed that shortly after his neighbors left, Eichner placed the rifle to his head and pushed the trigger with a stick. He was about 55 years old and has one brother living in the community. What caused his rash act is not known.

BOHUNK IS HURLED THROUGH WINDOW

A couple of bohunks engaged in a little argument Monday on the U. S. National Bank corner, one knocking the other through the plate glass window of the bank, entailing a loss of \$55 upon the institution.

When arrested one bohunk had \$1.15 on him and the other was dead broke. One sneaked off before the marshal could get him, traded his mackinaw for an overcoat and tried to get out on the train, but Marshal Powell caught him at the depot and put him on ice.

SPINSTERS' CONVENTION POPULAR AMONG VALEITES

"The Spinsters' Convention," produced by the ladies of the Civic Improvement Club of this city, was an excellent staged home talent burlesque as was ever played in the Rex Theatre. Every member taking part in the farce was a star, and each went into the full spirit of the play with exaggerated earnestness, keeping the audience in a constant state of mirthful convulsions. The popular Vale cornet band furnished the overtures.

The leading characters were taken by Mrs. B. F. Farmer, who was president of the organization, and who acted her part to groll perfection; Professor Makeover, Mrs. Bruce R. Kester, who with the aid of her Remodeloscope, operated by Miss Mueller, transformed a number of the members of the organization; Fay Clark, as secretary; and Mrs. Dan Eno, treasurer.

The following members of the club, each personifying an old maid, were the respective members: Mesdames, G. A. Ruring, L. J. Hadley, R. E. Eames, J. P. Houston, J. F. Miller, R. G. Wheeler, H. C. Smith, Erbie Hayes, J. C. Kelly, Chas. Grabner, Misses, Hope, Mumford and Dr. Pauline Sears.

The burlesque opened with a speech by the president, roll call, minutes, and the reports of the various committees, each part being a huge joke. After a debate on the question of dress reform, by Mrs. Hadley and Miss Hope, and the entrance into the society of two new members, Professor Makeover entered.

Members were chosen by the president to enter the Remodeloscope and be made over, and the results were astonishing. In turn, Miss Lois Cook, Mrs. Dunlop, James Cook, Lela Jones, Ella Beterly, Maurine Jones and Frankie High emerged from the machine, to deliver vocal solos, recitations, etc., the latter couple being a pair of "brunette" twins, who produced a singing and dancing sketch. The vocal selections were excellent.

Finally the president of the club, refusing to give her correct age before entering, exploded the machine, and broke up the meeting.

Mrs. Weant, secretary of the Improvement Club, reports the total net proceeds at \$64.00.

CHARGES BRIBERY IN MAIL CONTRACTS

The Juntura Times charges the crime of bribery against government officials in connection with the recent mail contracts. It says:

"When government representatives deliberately attempt bribery, it's time for a change, and if asking a contractor to sacrifice a couple of thousand dollars to secure another contract isn't bribery, it comes awfully near it."

The Times is right. If an attempt has been made to hold up a contractor for a bonus in order to get a contract, the facts ought to be turned in to the United States grand jury.

MOTHER'S THANKS

BY BART

