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## MINING NOTES.

### Trout Creek Mines Are Showing Up Well.

### A Shaft Down 446 Feet.

### Development Work Progressing Rapidly on the King and Other Claims.

Last Sunday a party composed of J. N. Burgess, E. C. Haight, C. B. Durbin, Fred Clark and Max Lueddemann spent a most pleasant day at Ashwood and the King mine. After visiting the town, the party returned to the King, where through the courtesy of Mr. J. G. I. deans and Supt. W. S. Thomas they had an opportunity of seeing the immense amount of development work that has been done. In the "skip," they made a trip to the bottom shaft, a distance of some 446 feet. On the way up out of the shaft, they were put off at each level and to explore the drifts and crosscuts, some of the party making their exit from the mine through the 540-foot tunnel. The great amount of development work that has been done was a revelation to every member of the party, and speaks volumes for the grit and enterprise of the gentlemen who compose the Oregon King Mining Company. This is the kind of development that makes a mining camp, and gives it a name.

Sunday night was spent at the King quarters, as the guest of Mr. Edwards, the party returning to Antelope early on Monday.—Herald.

### The Last Day of School.

On last Friday morning the scholars assembled at the school house for the purpose of taking part in the final ceremonies attending the closing of the spring term. A number of parents and invited guests were also present. After a selection by the Prineville Juvenile Band, Prof. Mitchell delivered a short address on the progress made by the school during his administration and was followed by Supt. Boegli with a short talk. Several songs were then sung by the school, and another selection rendered by the band, after which an adjournment was had to the court house grounds where an ample spread had been prepared by the children and their friends.

The pupils were formed in the rooms and marched out in the order of their grades, the primary grade first; which consisted of about 35 bright eyed little boys and girls, who will no doubt yet make a mark in the world, they being followed by their teacher Miss Lulu Luckey. Next came the second grade of about the same number of children under the supervision of Miss Grace Belknap, the regular teacher of this grade Miss Ida Omog being unable to attend on account of sickness. Next came supt. Boegli's grade and they were followed by the 8th grade and the professor and the parents and visitors. The whole procession being led by the Juvenile band which discoursed sweet music on the road to the grounds. On arriving at the court house

grounds the crowd arranged themselves around the bountifully spread tables which were fairly groaning under the load of good things to which every one, including ye editor, did ample justice. No doubt everyone there will long remember it as a red letter day of their lives.

### Squaw Creek Items.

ED. JOURNAL: Since the JOURNAL has grown large, and all its matter is printed at home, I will venture to send a few of the local happenings of our quiet little community trusting that space will be found in its columns for the printing of the same, and thereby escape the waste basket.

Monday we had the first sign of approaching good weather viz: a miniature thunder storm.

Born, to the wife of J. W. Taylor on Saturday, April 27, a son. The husband and father is doing as well as could be expected.

The noise of the steam whistle now reverberates throughout our community.

Geo. Stevens has purchased an interest in P. B. Davis' claim, Mr. Chas. Dennison retiring. The present owners are turning out a lot of excellent shingles. They also have a planer attached which they have in operation.

Mr. Chas. Dennison, of this place, is working at his trade, carpentering at the Bend.

Mr. Addie Foster, who for some time has been working in Prineville, returned to his home in this neighborhood a few days ago.

Miss Belle Smith of Grass Valley is visiting with her relatives of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Rev. Grant Haystack, held divine services last Sunday in the forenoon at Squaw Creek school house, and in the evening at the Desert school house. He had a good audience both occasions.

E. J. Sparks the friend of the widow and orphan, attended church last Sunday.

Mr. Editor, did you ever attempt to write an article when your office was full of men and worse still, women all talking to or at you? If so you can fully understand your correspondent's position and attribute the mistakes to the babel of voices throughout the room.

W. E. Claypool informs us that he met with universal success while circulating the petition to extend the Sisters-Emercy stage route.

J. B. Claypool is, and has been for several days past, confined to his bed. If he does not at once improve his family will take him to Prineville for medical aid.

Our school, under the tutelage of Mr. Dayton Elliott, is progressing finely and the attendance is all that could be required.

The Squaw Creek Irrigation Co., have finished enlarging their ditch, and they now have a property valuable to themselves and the community adjacent to it. NEMO.

### State Fair Premium List.

Secretary M. D. Wisbom has just received from the printer the State Fair Premium List for 1901. Over \$10,000 is offered for premiums on livestock and farm products, and is by far the largest and best premium list ever offered in this state. The list has been thoroughly revised, and brought up to date in every department. New premiums have been added, and others increased on articles most worthy of merit. Oregon can boast now of as complete and liberal premiums as any state in the union, and if hard work and earnest efforts on the part of the management counts for anything, the fair itself will compare favorably with those of other states, and will be the best ever held this side the Rocky mountains.

## LOCAL BIDDERS.

### No Others Can Carry Oregon Mails.

### Better Service Given

### Under the New Regulations As Contractors Will Receive Better Pay.

About the middle of September the Postoffice Department will advertise for proposals for carrying the mails on the various routes in Oregon and Washington for the four years from July 1, 1906 to June 30, 1906. This year an innovation in this line will be introduced which should work to the material benefit of local bidders or to men who are known to the department as speculative bidders. They have made a practice of going into the several states on these quadrennial biddings, offered to carry the mails at extremely low figures, and naturally secured the contracts. They had no idea of carrying the mails themselves when they entered the bidding, but intended to sublet the contracts to local men.

In order to clear themselves, these bidders would force poor farmers' boys and others who could ill afford to carry the mails on these routes at a salary which oftentimes would not pay the living expenses of the subcontractor or maintenance of his horses. Of course where stagedrivers took these contracts as a side issue, they perhaps made a little something. But stages as a rule are not used on these star routes. Furthermore, the department has been overrun with complaints from subcontractors because the contractor failed to pay them for the service they performed, and as a consequence the office of the auditor is today flooded with this class of claims, which are adjusted as speedily as possible. As a rule however, the contractors are professional sharpers and manage in one way or another to prevent the subcontractors filing claims until they have received full pay for the year or term for which the contract was let, and then turn the subcontractor out into the cold.

Second Assistant Postmaster Shallenberg has issued an order which provides that hereafter all contracts should be let to local men. Consequently, when proposals are received next fall, one of the stipulations to be enforced stringently is that every bidder live tributary to the route on which he bids. In this way Eastern bidders will be restricted from entering the competition, and Oregon men will carry the mails in Oregon as far as possible, while Washington men will carry the mails in their state.

The department expects that the prices asked by local bidders will be slightly in advance of the prices asked by speculative bidders but this will be no obstacle, and the lowest responsible local bidder will in each case receive the award. One feature which will make prices higher this year than ever before is that all contractors on star routes will be required to deliver mail in boxes which patrons may place along the routes

for its reception, under what is known as the star route box delivery. This is the system which was inaugurated in Oregon and Washington about a year ago. It has been found to give universal satisfaction, and to a large extent precludes the necessity of rural free delivery. The difference between the two is simply this: The star route box delivery requires the carrier to leave the mail where so requested, in boxes which residents along the line of his route may erect on the roadside. The farmers are responsible for mail so left. The carrier never leaves his route and never goes to the house to deliver mail. The rural free delivery carrier does leave his route to deliver the mail at the houses, and, moreover, sells stamps, postal cards, money orders, and, in fact, a post office on wheels. As stated before, all new star route contracts will call for box delivery.

Between now and the middle of September local men who contemplate bidding on the several mail routes have ample time to look the field over, ascertain about what it will cost them to undertake the different contracts, and when bids are called for they should be ready to submit a reasonable and comprehensive bid, which will receive favorable consideration. With outside competition cut off, they have a great advantage over previous years, and when they have secured their contracts, they may well thank the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, for he is the man who, while caring for the interests of the government, is yet the friend of the local mail contractor, and is doing all he can to assist him.

### Albany Team Won

A team from Albany Tent, No. 5, K. O. T. M., went to Portland Monday to compete at the state convention of the Maccabees for the prize offered by the Supreme Tent to the team doing the degree work best. The Albany team carried off first honors and got the first prize, Portland Tent, No. 1, second place, and Mt. Hood Tent, No. 17, of Portland, third. Albany Tent has been doing some hard drilling for several weeks and went down confident that they could make at least a good showing and get some of the money. The judges declared the contest close and the work done well, and were two hours in making their decision.—Albany Herald.

### Court House Notes.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the week: H. P. Taylor to Mayflower Mine Co. The Bunco quartz mining claim in the Douthitt mining district.

O. C. Hale to Maggie Corwin; tract of land in sec. 13-twp 12.

C. P. Maupin to D. H. Leech, the Red Jacket quartz claim in Trout creek mining district. Consideration \$500.

Columbus Friend and wife to Joseph Merchant and wife, tract of land on Trout creek.

Dan Evans and James Wood to Andrew Anderson. The Benanza and Black bird quartz claims, Trout creek mining district.

Dick Dove, who has been stopping at Shaniko for some time, says: I think I will soon pull my freight out of Shaniko for the Desert country near Prineville.—Grass Valley Journal.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### Items of Interest Gathered Here and There.

### Some Stolen, Others Not

### Callings From Our Exchanges.

### News Notes of the Week.

### Timely Topics.

The Cramps will launch the new battleship Main on memorial day.

A new wagon road is in course of construction south of Shaniko through the Cottonwood canyon that, it is said, will shorten the distance between that town and Prineville eight miles.

Oregon postmasters have been appointed as follows: J. D. Coolley at Agnes, vice E. Amaziah Aubrey, resigned; B. F. Ahalt, at Howard, vice L. Y. Keady, resigned; W. F. Olin, at West Portland, vice F. E. Osfield, resigned.

The Kuykendall law for regulation of clerkships still remains a valuable law in spite of its violation at the last session of the legislature. The time will come when its provisions will be carried out to the letter and the state will be a winner to the tune of thousands of dollars.—Eugene Register.

At La Grande the new Saratoga chip factory will go into operation this week, thus affording farmers of the Grand Ronde Valley a new market for their potatoes. The plant is of limited capacity, but it has been built with a view of enlargement in the future.

The Grand Encampment of Indian War veterans will hold its annual reunion at G. A. R. Hall, Portland June 13. A report will be made regarding legislation, and a decision will be made in regard to future action of Indian War Veterans, touching their interests in this state and the Congress of the United States.

Max A. Whittlesey, who recently passed the civil service examination, has received an appointment as register and Receiver's Clerk, in the United States Land Office at Lakeview. He will report for duty May 1. Mr. Whittlesey is a thoroughly competent young man and his many friends will be pleased to know of his success.

W. W. Tripp, an old resident of Baker City, died suddenly at the home of his niece, Miss Annetta Wensink, last Tuesday morning, of neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Tripp had resided in Baker City for 20 years. In the early days, he was a noted Indian scout. He was in the Little Big Horn section when Custer and his troops were slain in 1876, and took an active part in that memorable campaign.

Dr. Haskell Clark, of Portland, is in town. The doctor is prepared to do all kinds of dental work as soon as he finds a suitable place for office room.

The National Concert Co. is giving a series of entertainments in Elmer's Hall. The show is worth more than the price of admission. They will show all week.

Wallace Post, J. P., of Prineville, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

### How Are Your Kidneys?

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