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THE BELKNAP MINE

Its Stock is Now On The Market.

Is a Good Property.

Quite a Number of Crook County's Substantial Citizens Have Invested in It.

One of the best investments that any of our citizens have made lately, from present appearances, is that of buying stock in the Dixie Meadows Gold Mining Company of Prairie City. This company is composed of local people of this and Grant counties, and the property that it owns is located on a range of mountains, of which Dixie Butte is the most prominent peak. These mines were discovered in 1900 by Reese, and the present claims were located by him and the Belknap boys of this county and others. The company now owns ten claims upon which it will soon apply for patent and then it will have a clear title to about 200 acres of fine mineral ground.

The general trend of the main ledge is from northeast to southwest and there is a parallel ledge running the entire length of the main chain of claims, but it only carries low grade ore and small values.

The company has commodious buildings and workshops handily arranged and is working a force of men continuously. At an early date in the spring there will be a mill erected to handle the ore. It will be of a new pattern and will have nine stamps of triple capacity which will give the mill the same capacity as 27 stamps of the old style. A concentrator of the latest pattern will also be added, which will give a working capacity to the plant of 100 tons daily. Power will be installed to handle double the amount of machinery that will be installed in the spring, and when it becomes necessary to enlarge there will be but little expense to be incurred.

Development on the claims is but partially done, but there is already numerous tunnels and shafts of minor importance on all the claims, enough to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the company has a big thing. On the May Blossom there has been a tunnel 220 feet long run into the parallel ledge and then a drift of 120 feet made. On the Glays several cross cuts have been made on the main ledge, which shows up well and averages from five to ten feet wide on the surface, and gives assays running from \$5 to \$15. The main work has been done on the Ruby, where the big tunnel is now being run. Over 450 feet of tunnel has been run to tap the main ledge at a depth of 300 feet from the outcrop. Considerable drifting has been done on the main ledge and, since the work of driving the main tunnel has been under way, a smaller and very rich ledge has been cut that does not show up any where on the claims.

There is now blocked out and ready for stopping no less than 1000,000 tons of ore that give average assays from \$5 to \$376 to the ton. These assays have been made by careful and conservative men and under rather than over the actual values.

The company is fortunate in securing the services of such a man as Mr. Reese as a partner in the business as he is one of the best practical mining men in the state, and being an owner in the mines makes him doubly valuable as a superintendent.

The price of stock in this com-

pany has advanced 600 per cent since last May, and there is little doubt but that it will soon be withdrawn from the market entirely.

The nature of the ore is very similar to that of the great Sumpter district that it adjoins and is a part of. It carries good values in sulphides of iron, zinc and lead. It shows many of the characteristics of the ores of the Cripple creek district, and other similar ores of the west, and is without doubt one of the coming dividend payers of eastern Oregon.

It is to be hoped that those who have invested their money in this mine will be so eminently successful that they will turn their attention to the great mineral belt that lies right at our doors, and then in time we may hear the merry song of the stamp mills as they pound out the shining treasures of the hills of Crook county as they are now doing in the Sumpter district.

Straws from the Haystack Country

Mrs. Pike visited her daughters, Mrs.annah Hand Mrs. Gilliam, recently.

The Jack rabbits are some what scarce since the chase, not so familiar at least. Unceasing war has been declared upon him and his posterity.

Wood and hay and water and other chores are the ennobling and absorbing subjects most discussed these days about Haystack and the straw pile.

A splendid rain fall was had on Friday and Saturday and on Monday about four inches of snow came down. All say that this will insure a fine crop this coming year.

Mrs. Frank Hannah is quite sick. Father Gilliam is also somewhat under the weather. With the exception of some colds and other slight indispositions due to the weather, all are able to handle.

An exceptionally large audience greeted Mr. Child at the Culver schoolhouse on Sunday night. His sermon on The Will of God, was well received. All felt that he did justice to the question which was raised through the articles published in the newspaper recently, by simply saying that he considered himself called to preach the Gospel and any thing which he said in the pulpit was in explanation of the word and that he had no other purpose; the Gospel needed no defense as it was its own defense, and he had no apology for the truth.

A Sunday school will be organized at Lamonta schoolhouse February the 8th. at 2 o'clock P. M.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have sold the Crook County Journal to S. M. Bailey and W. C. Black, and that they will collect all bills and pay all indebtedness pertaining to said paper and plant and will perfect all advertising contracts, save and except such accounts as were contracted by Fogle & Parker in the matter of advertising timber land final proofs prior to the first day of October 1902.

Dated at Prineville, Oregon this 15th day of January, 1903.

W. T. FOGLE.

Approved by Bailey & Black.

Dr. W. W. Taggart, the eye specialist, at the Poindexter Hotel, will attend to your eyes, fit your spectacles, cure your headache and nervous troubles. One charge for one year. Care of children a speciality. Glasses ground in Portland.

THE LAWMAKERS.

Are Engaged At Salem Electing a Senator.

Fulton Now Leads.

The Vote Is Divided And As It Stands Is Anybody's Fight.

JANUARY 21.

The vote for senator was; Fulton 31, Geer 18, Wood (Dem.) 17, Pittock 4, George 5, scattering 11, absent 4. Among the bills introduced in the senate of special interest was one by Smith, of Umatilla to prohibit the driving of cattle beyond the county limits without a hair brand thereon, and two by Williamson, one for the relief of Lake county, and one to

ing votes, and will go before the Senate this week. The bill is known as H. B. 91.

JANUARY 24.

The legislature adjourned until Monday. The bills introduced so far in the senate and house numbered 315 as compared with 359 during the same time at the last session.

JANUARY 26.

The vote for senator stood about as on January 23. The ballot showed 21 for Fulton, Geer 13, Wood 14, absent and paired 24. Among the important bills before the house was one providing for a portage railway at Celilo, which was referred to the committee on railroads. The "mile limit" sheep bill was killed in the house. It was presented by Burleigh, of Walla-walla, and was to prevent the grazing or herding of sheep within one-half mile of a possessory claim.



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CLAY A. SIMPSON, MGR. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

prevent the fraudulent wearing of lodge emblems.

JANUARY 22.

Geer's followers held a meeting, having lost two out of their ranks to Fulton. The ballot for U. S. Senator stood Fulton 32, Geer 17, Wood 17, George 5, Pittock 4, Williams 3, Mills 2, Wolverton, Carey, Hermann, Hall, Fenton Barrett and Paxton 1 each. Among the important bills before the senate was the Lewis & Clark Fair bill, which carried an appropriation of \$500,000, and was passed with but few dissenting votes.

JANUARY 23.

The senatorial vote falls off many being reported absent. The vote for United States Senator stood Fulton 29, Geer 15, Wood 13, Scattering 16, and absent 17. Among the bills of interest was that of Burgess, of Wasco, which provided for the creation of the new county of Stockman. It passed the house with but four dissent-

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

An estimate coming from a respectable source is that New York City in 1910 will have 4,953,000 inhabitants, and in 1920, 6,191,250, while Chicago is credited with growing only up to 2,374,229 in 1910, and 3,475,209 in 1920.

It seems, from press dispatches that the powers to be in Manila, are trying to cinch some of their questionable acts upon subordinates. The latest victim is Major Glenn, who is said to be a very capable officer. A military organization, no matter, under what civilized flag it serves is liable to just such proceedings. The ranking man has all the best of it.

Nine men are dead and ten injured as a result of a rear end collision on the Great Northern last Tuesday, at a point in Washington known as Happy Hollow, a bridge gang train smashed into an engine standing with a rotary snow plow, a car containing 50 men belonging to the bridge crew was thrown from the track. The dead and injured were all members of the work gang. None of the train crew were injured.

A dispatch from Washington says: "The senate committee on public lands today ordered a favorable report on Senator Mitchell's bill for the relief of settlers within the limit of the grant to The Dalles military road, in Sherman county, Oregon. It was amended, however, to provide for an appropriation committee to be appointed by the secretary of the interior, and which is to visit the lands and ascertain the amount of damages due the settlers.

Polly, a Puute squaw died in the city jail Thursday evening. Marshal George found her drunk on the street early in the evening and placed her in jail with Indian Taty to keep a fire. About 10 o'clock the marshal called and found her dead. Yesterday morning Dr. Marsden made an examination of the body and found she had died from alcoholic poisoning. She had filled her hide too full. It is a pity this liquor traffic with Indians cannot be stopped.

—Burns Times Herald.

As a result of an investigation made by L. L. Sharp, inspector of the general land office, warrants are out for J. W. Lusk and W. R. Simmons, of Boise, Idaho, who have been living here, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, a man named Fitzsimmons being the complainant. It is said that these men have victimized some 70 people by pretending to locate timber lands for them. They would show the victim a fine body of timber that was not open to location. Then they would file for him on some worthless land. The two men have disappeared.

Willow Creek Items.

Willow Creek was on a spree Saturday and Sunday.

Two new scholars this week making the number enrolled 47.

The visitors for the week were Mr. C. and Joe Montgomery.

L. Boyce has lately taken his cattle to Haystack.

A great many cattle here on the

crook make a fellow think of haystacks.

John Hale, of Trout, is up here for the winter. He is now stopping with Mrs. Anna Crooks.

A social dance was given at Wm. Palmehus last Friday night. A very pleasant evening was reported.

Miss Lillie Reed, of Culver, was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. C. Montgomery, the fore part of the week.

Charles Wrenn left Saturday for his home at Joseph, Oregon. Mr. Wrenn was accompanied by M. Wheeler as far as Shaniko.

A gentleman from Haystack purchased last week from C. Montgomery a pair of fine geese. The visitor said there was no (gooses) in Haystack. Strange isn't it?

We are expecting a new set of windows for our school building. May the directors hasten the day, for cold weather waits for no man (in Eastern Oregon.)

Nat Newbill is said to be on the lookout for a farm hand, as his son John wishes to take a trip West for his health. It is thought that Haystack will be the first place visited. This notion seems to have taken hold on the boy at the Friday dance, as reported by an eye witness.

WILLOW CREEK SCHOOL.

Ashwood Cleanings.

From the Prospector.

Chas Derham was doing business in town Monday.

Frank Anderson is working for the Morning Star Company.

John Knight left on Saturday's stage to visit his family at Pendleton.

Sam Carmichael left on Saturday's stage to visit his old stamping ground at Umatilla.

Alex Friend and wife, of Blizard Ridge, were in town visiting friends and relatives last week.

Frank Shambeau is hauling freight from Shaniko. The roads never get too bad for Shambeau.

The boys have organized a foot ball team, and their practice affords lots of amusement to on-lookers.

Frank Irvine, of Antelope, spent last week in town looking after business here, returning home Saturday.

Tom Lewis returned from the Greenhorn district last week and is now working on his claims in the Axe Handle district.

Supt. Chas Freer of the Morning Star Mining Company, was in town Monday. He reports work progressing nicely at the mine.

Arch Curtis, the bashful clerk of Irvine & Hamilton, contemplates erecting a residence here in the early spring. We have no idea what he intends doing with it.

Dr. F. H. Coffeen is offering his business here for sale. The Dr. has been very successful in this country and his many friends regret that he contemplates leaving.

Ashwood is not the only place in the country where hay is scarce. At Shaniko the stable men are shipping hay from The Dalles and Portland and some alfalfa has been shipped from Ione.

Supt. James Wood was showing some fine looking rock from the Red Jacket this week. He says the prospects are very bright on this claim. The young people are looking forward to the ball to be given by the Woodman lodge on January 30th. Judging from the committee that have this ball in charge we know that it will be a success.

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