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## The Bee Hive

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## RICH DEPOSITS OF CINNABAR

### Lookout Mountain District Bids Fair to Become Famous Producer.

Deposits of quicksilver of greater richness than those that have made California famous throughout the entire world exist in Crook county, Oregon, less than 40 miles from Prineville. This information was brought to Portland today by E. W. Barnes, who has just returned from inspecting that section. While the celebrated California cinnabar belt yields only 0.49 per cent, as high as 6 and ten per cent mercury is found in the soil where the Oregon deposits exist.

"I went over to examine the deposit at the request of one of the owners and I was greatly surprised at what I saw," said Mr. Barnes today. "The grade is exceedingly high and carries from 6 to 10 per cent of quicksilver. The ledges are something wonderful in size, and from work done show already thousands of tons blocked out. The property is situated forty miles east of Prineville, on Lookout mountain, and is owned by Tillotson & Crum, the former of Portland and the latter living at Prineville. The owners have had a force of men at work for the last year and have two tunnels driven nearly all in ore.

"One of these tunnels is 250 feet in length, the other 180 feet. The values exist in both bromides and chlorides of mercury. A property carrying over 1 per cent mercury is more valuable than a gold mine, as it is more easily treated, and the cost is less. It is worth sixty cents per pound, making ore carrying 1 per cent or twenty pounds to the ton equal to \$12 per ton.

"The greatest mine in the west is in San Luis Obispo county, California, and while the ore carries only values of 0.49 of 1 per cent quicksilver, yet last year the owners made a profit of \$160,000. "The one great feature of this rock is its cheap mining and treating. The cost of both would be not to exceed \$2 per ton. The formation is basaltic, showing sedimentary origin.

"No little excitement is being caused by the rich discovery, as the ore now blocked shows a value in quicksilver of from \$72 to \$140 per ton. It is not necessary to ship the mine product, as a small plant capable of treating ten tons per day can be erected and run at a very small cost."

Mr. Barnes brought with him a number of pieces of the rock and has them on exhibition. —Telegram.

### HIGH PRICE PAID FOR WOOL

Sheepmen Happy Over Highest Prices Which Have Been Paid for Clips in Twelve Years.

A dispatch from Shaniko to the Oregonian the first of the week says:—The banner wool sale of the season was held at this place today. The prices realized were the highest paid for Eastern Oregon wools since 1892. One and a quarter million pounds were sold. The choice fine wools brought on an average from 16 to 17 cents.

The highest price realized was 17½ cents, paid for the Thomas Brogan clip. The famous Baldwin Sheep & Land Company's clip of 175,000 pounds brought 17½ cents. A small clip of choice cross-bred Lincoln was bid in at 19 cents. Among the largest lots sold today were those of George A. Young & Son, Reeder & Fisher, E. B. Hinton and Little & McRea. The principal buyers were Whitman, Farnsworth & Thayer, who purchased 600,000 pounds; Koshland Bros., C. S. Moses, Hallowell & Donnell and the Botany Mills,

each of whom bought about 150,000 pounds; Hecht, Liebman & Co., Judd & Root, Eisenmann Bros. and Alex. Livingstone secured lesser amounts.

The advantages of the sealed bid system of selling were demonstrated by the prompt disposal of all lots offered, and this is again shown to be the most satisfactory method. The prices paid are from 1 to 2 cents above the expectations of the growers, and they are correspondingly elated. The 6,000,000 pounds of wools tributary to this point are famous for their quality and staple, and this season's clip is superior to any offered during recent years.

The second sale will be held on June 14, when it is expected that double the amount sold today will be offered. The date fixed for the last sealed bid sale is July 1.

### FAMOUS PIONEER IS DEAD

John Day, After Whom the Famous River Was Named, Passes Away in Lewiston.

In the Masonic hall at Lewiston today rests in state the remains of John Day, a pioneer of the west, says a correspondent of the Helena Independent. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock John Day breathed his last in the county hospital in this city and in passing ended one of the most adventurous careers in the history of the building of the West.

Fifty-two years ago John Day left the home of his boyhood in Westchester county, N. Y., and crossed the plains to California, and since that time this typical pioneer has participated in the reclamation of the wilds of nearly every state of Northwest.

Mr. Day was one of the earliest of the gold seekers to work in the mines of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. In Oregon a noble stream and a town bear his name.

### CORNER STONE IS PLACED

Appropriate Ceremonies Under the Auspices of the Masonic Order Were Held Last Saturday.

The corner stone of the new High school building was laid last Saturday morning, the ceremonies being conducted by the A. F. & A. M. Grand Master S. M. Yoran, of Eugene, was present and after the usual rites were observed he gave a brief address, touching on the significance of the occasion. Selections were rendered by the choir and band.

The box which was lowered with the stone contained the following: Copy of the School Bulletin; Oregon school law; copies of the four county papers; pamphlets of the state course of study; list of the school officers and teachers; list of the High school students; and a History of the High School Movement written for the occasion by Guy Lafollett.

### WORK BEGINS ON RAILROAD

Extension of the Sumpter Valley Line into the John Day Valley Has Begun.

Work on the extension of the Sumpter Valley Railroad will begin in a few days. Mr. Archie Bowman, manager of the Utah Construction company, has arrived in Baker City, and his outfit of grader's tools, machinery and supplies is now being loaded on the Short Line road and will be immediately transhipped over the Sumpter Valley to the front. A large force of men will be engaged and the extension of the line from a point near Tipton to the John Day country will be pushed vigorously this season.

It was learned from an official of the Sumpter Valley that it is their intention to thoroughly cover this field.

## ELECTION OFFERS MANY SURPRISES.

### Sheriff Gets in by Four Votes—J. J. Smith's Majority Is Over 450.

Sheriff, C. SAM SMITH, (Dem.)  
Judge, W. A. BELL, (Rep.)  
Clerk, J. J. SMITH, (Dem.)  
Commissioner, S. S. STEARNS, (Rep.)  
Treasurer, O. C. GRAY, (Rep.)  
School Superintendent, C. B. DINWIDDIE, (Dem.)  
Assessor, J. D. LAFOLLETTE, (Dem.)  
Surveyor, C. A. GRAVES, (Rep.)  
Coroner, J. H. CROOKS, (Dem.)

The Democrats did not exactly have a walk over Monday at the election, but with the help of their republican friends they succeeded in getting five candidates on their ticket elected to office. The republicans must be content with having elected their county judge, treasurer, commissioner and surveyor.

J. J. Smith carried the county by a vote of nearly 100 more than he did two years ago, and he has run a close second with J. N. Williamson in securing the largest number of votes polled for a candidate.

Up until Wednesday afternoon the winner in the sheriff's race was in the doubtful list. All during Tuesday the "sycamore" of the Agency plains was making a steady gain and delivering his body blows from the vicinity of his home precincts. Wednesday morning this lead began to be cut down until at 1 o'clock in the afternoon the returns from the Beaver creek country and some of the other eastern precincts cut down this majority to 3 votes. Maury was the last to be heard from, placing Smith safe with 4 votes. It is sufficient to say that the race was close.

The returns on the vote for sheriff were not much more uncertain than were those on the county school superintendent. Boegli carried his home precinct by 13 votes, a lead which was augmented by several other precincts close to Prineville whose returns were received early Tuesday morning. This gain, however, was cut down steadily by the democratic candidate and especially when the vote was received from his own precinct which came out heavily in his favor.

The favored one for surveyor was also a matter of no little uncertainty until all but a few precincts had been heard from on Wednesday.

Aside from these three offices, the successful candidates started out with a lead and kept it up until the final votes were all in. J. J. Smith polled a phenomenal vote for county clerk and secured the largest majority, ever given a candidate for that office. This majority, however, was only about 50 votes in excess of the majority given John Lafollett, the democratic candidate for assessor.

Down in the Haystack country the voters were not unmindful of their socialist candidate for county judge. Biggs and Bell both received an equal vote of 40 in that precinct, McDowell receiving a majority of 20. He also carried Montgomery precinct.

Congressman, Williamson carried the county by a vote reaching close to 500 and W. A. Booth received nearly half that number on the vote for joint senator. The other candidates on the state tickets all received good majorities. Local option carried in the county by a good vote as did also the direct primary amendment.

At this time with the official vote still to be counted it is safe to assert that the number of votes polled will exceed the registration considerably. In the Prineville precinct 232 voters cast their ballots which is 79 more than were registered. Judging from the returns at hand the other precincts voted up to their registration and in some instances exceeded.

The official vote which is now being counted will be given in full next week. The unofficial returns give the various candidates their majorities as follows: J. N. Williamson 490; W. A. Booth 330; W. A. Bell 152; J. J. Smith 454; C. Sam Smith 4; O. C. Gray 138; S. S. Stearns 136; C. B. Dinwiddie 51; C. A. Graves 27; For Local Option 177; For Direct primaries 214.

The democrats lay their election to a large contingency of republican voters who swung their support on election day. The same rule, however, seems to be applicable to both parties inasmuch as there has not been a sheriff elected during the past ten years who was put into office with more than 15 votes to spare. The percentage of straight tickets voted, according to the returns, is so small that no consideration can be given them.

### IMMENSE PRICES FOR HAY

Alaska Ranch Owner Sells His for Sums Ranging from \$140 to \$175 per Ton.

A good hay farm in Yukon Valley is a better paying proposition than an ordinary gold mine. This fact has been demonstrated by J. A. Rouse, a Dawson freighter, who is farming a large tract of native hay at Gravel Lake, on the trail between Dawson and the Duncan district, Stewart River.

Last Fall Rouse put in an immense quantity of fine hay, enabling him to bale more than 600 tons this winter. Besides wintering his own large herd of stock, he has had considerable feed for sale, receiving \$140 a ton. At this price his crop was worth \$84,000. Rouse clears a profit of at least 100 per cent.

Winter weather has not prevented continuous work. A crew of ten men has been employed and two six-mule teams to collect the bales and carry them to market. His entire crop was cut with scythes and handled in a primitive manner. Next season he will replace these methods with modern farming implements.

### FIRE DESTROYS A SAW MILL

Flames Consume the Birdsong Milling Plant on the Ochoco Last Thursday Morning.

Fire, starting at 2 o'clock in the morning, destroyed the Birdsong saw mill on the Ochoco last Thursday. The building about the machinery was totally destroyed and the machinery damaged to a considerable extent. The mill was run by water power and the water wheel escaped injury. Part of the machinery is not so badly damaged but that it can be used again. The loss will amount to about \$1000. There was no insurance.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mr. Birdsong was at the mill in the evening and everything about the plant was quiet at 10 o'clock when he went to bed. Four hours afterwards flames had enveloped the mill and burned it down before anything could be done to save it. It is not believed that the fire could have started except by some incendiary. The mill had not been in use for some little time and no slabs had been burned in the fire pit for a period of over two weeks. At the time the fire started there were no ashes or coals near the mill which could have been fanned into a blaze. Mr. Birdsong is convinced that the mill was burned by someone who chose that time of night in which to set the plant on fire.

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