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## ASSAY VERY GOOD

### Ogle Mountain Mine Looks Most Promising--Sample Croppings Rich.

J. V. Harless, one of the stockholders in the Ogle Mountain mines, has returned to the city from a trip to Portland for the purpose of having an assay made of some sample croppings from the mines. He speaks very enthusiastically of the assay saying that the samples taken down show gold to the value of \$10 to the ton. These samples, Mr. Harless claims, are not so good as some that are being taken from the mine at the present time, for the miners are getting into good pay dirt now, he states. One unusual feature of the assay was that it failed to show any lead traces, all the minerals being either gold or silver.

Mr. Harless is most hopeful over the prospects of the mine and says that in his own mind there is no doubt but that it will prove a money maker. In speaking of the prospects of the Ogle mining country in general he says: "There are thirty-seven claims staked out and filed at the present time, covering over 600 acres of ground. Future developments will show that there is a vast amount of minerals underlying this district, and this section of the country is bound to become a mining center of no small consequence."

The Ogle mines are at present employing about twenty-five men, which number will shortly be increased as the development warrants. A ten-stamp mill is in operation at the present time, but as the output increases this will be found too small, and improvements will be instituted. The absence of good roads is proving a serious drawback to the development of the mines, and many of them cannot be worked at all until roads are made to them. A movement is on foot to remedy this, however. As is usual with new mining properties, a lack of capital is proving a serious handicap to the development of the Ogle mines. Many of the owners of claims know they have a good thing, but until they can secure capital their fortunes must remain in the ground. As soon as the richness and value of the claims in this district become known, however, Mr. Harless thinks

there will be no difficulty in persuading investors to put money into companies to develop this district. "If these Oregon City people had put the money into the Ogle Mountain mining district that they have put into wildcat mining schemes of all kinds in which they have invariably been bitten, the district would be now one of the best paying in this section of the country," said Mr. Harless. "Oregonians have put so much money into mines that did not 'pan out' though, that they are reticent about taking any mining stock of any kind."

During the last few weeks, however, Mr. Harless says that he has had numerous inquiries about the stock in this mine, and is confident that the assay of the outside croppings which showed so much value in the ore will influence investors favorably. The next assay will be made from the pay dirt which is now being taken out and will show more what the mine is worth.

#### WOMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. M. C. Sole and Mrs. William Anderson Hurt by Runaway Team.

A narrow escape from death was experienced here last Thursday morning by Mrs. M. C. Sole and Mrs. William Anderson, who reside about four miles from here on the Holcomb road. The women who were driving a rather spirited team of horses came into the city to procure a load of feed and when nearing the Portland Flouring mill plant the horses became frightened at the roar of the water beginning to rear and plunge. Mrs. Sole who was driving did her utmost to subdue the frightened animals and had almost succeeded when they suddenly swerved to the right with a sharp turn completely upsetting the wagon in which the women were seated causing Mrs. Sole to be thrown under it and Mrs. Anderson to be hurled against the heels of the frightened horses. With a dash but still they can secure capital their fortunes must remain in the ground. As soon as the richness and value of the claims in this district become known, however, Mr. Harless thinks

ident quickly rushed to the assistance of the injured women and assisted them into the office of the flouring mill where it was discovered that neither of the women was seriously injured although both received a number of severe bruises. The right arm of Mrs. Sole was badly crushed. The runaway team was caught on Main street with scarcely any damage done to it or the wagon to which they were attached.

#### SAWMILL TROUBLES.

Erb Alleges Money or Lumber Still Due Him.

A suit has been filed with County Clerk F. W. Greenman by Jacob Erb against H. H. Deetz, asking for a judgment of \$303.36 alleged to be due him on a contract said to be unfiled involving the transfer of a sawmill and planer. In 1904 it is said that H. H. Deetz sold to Levi Erb and D. D. Erb a sawmill and planer in Hubbard, Or., for the sum of \$1000, which was to be paid in two money payments, one of \$400 and one of \$225, and the balance in lumber at the market price. The money payments were met, it is alleged, but Deetz sold his mill, and the payments to be made in lumber were not turned over to the Erbs. Levi and D. D. Erb have transferred the debt to the plaintiff, Jacob Erb, who brings the suit at this time to recover the amount said to be due. Dimick & Dimick have charge of the suit for the plaintiff.

#### TOO MANY CORNS TO KICK.

Spidell with the Help of Young Boy Thrashes Opponents.

C. W. Spidell, of Center, was Saturday afternoon acquitted in the justice court on a charge of assault and battery, the jury returning a verdict after being out just three minutes. Spidell was accused by Frank Warner and another resident of Center of beating the testimony of Dr. H. S. Munn, and the testimony of Dr. H. S. Munn developed the information that one of the complaining witnesses had received a broken rib. Attorney Geo. C. Brownell, for the defense, set up a plea of self-defense for his client, claiming that the two men provoked the assault. A feature in the trial was the testimony of a young lad named Harris, who said he first saw Warner and his partner in trouble on top of Spidell, and he hit one of them with a stick 14 inches in length. The prosecution tried to show that Spidell had kicked one of the complainants, breaking his rib, but the defense proved that Spidell wore rubber boots and had painful corns on his feet, so that his kick could not have been very effective.

#### Divorce Case Instituted.

Papers were filed here this morning in a divorce proceeding by J. E. Springer against Mrs. J. E. Springer. The plaintiff alleges that they were married in Marshaltown, Ia., on March 12, 1905, and that his wife deserted him in Spokane, Wash., on June 20 of the same year without just cause.

## PROSPERITY CONGESTION

Much Freight Piling Up On Carriers.

#### RAILROADS ARE SWAMPED

Talk of Another Boat To Portland--Hay and Oats Bring Big Prices

Prosperity has its disadvantages as well as its benefits. The railway and transportation lines centering in Oregon City are getting swamped with the accumulation of products for shipment. So great has been the congestion on the docks and station platforms and so keenly is the effect of the car-shortage felt here that it is rumored another boat may be put into commission on one of the lines running between here and Portland. The unprecedented good crops that prevailed all through this section of the country last year are responsible for the present predicament in which the carriers find themselves. Immense quantities of hops as well as hay, oats and other grains have been piled up waiting shipment.

Another factor in the situation is the attempt of certain jobbers and wholesalers in Portland to corner the output of hay from this locality. The exceptionally fine grade of hay that is cured near here is responsible for its great demand, and for the past two weeks agents from Portland have been through the country buying all that was offered. There has been considerable competition among the buyers, and farmers have realized a good price for their products. The storm of the first part of this week will have a tendency further to congest freight traffic. Just how much it will affect the local market is not yet known, but it is safe to say that the tie-ups of the railroad facilities will be felt here.

#### HISTORICAL LANDMARK GONE.

Famous Old Cherry Tree on Masonic Site Cut Down.

One of the famous landmarks of the city was on last Thursday swept by the onrushing wind. The old cherry tree which had become somewhat famous in this vicinity, it being claimed that it was the largest and oldest of its variety in the state, was located on Main street on the site where the excavating work for the new Masonic building is now being done.

The tree was planted in the pioneer days by Dr. Forbes Barclay, father of Mrs. W. E. Pratt, who resides here at present. In the year 1850, when Oregon City was only a trading post with only a few rude cabins scattered about. Around the old tree are many pleasant recollections clustered for the older inhabitants of the city several of whom stood about yesterday viewing the work of destruction being done by the workman, and from their remarks it seemed as if they were losing an old friend as limb after limb of the old orchard monster fell to the ground.

#### SHY ON POTATOES.

Two Jobs for Sheriff Beatie--Claims Lessee Failed to Pay Potatoes.

A summons has been sent Sheriff Beatie in the suit brought by P. H. Marlay against Charles N. Wait to quiet the title to certain property in Oregon City. Richard W. Montague is appearing for the plaintiff.

Another summons has been placed in Sheriff Beatie's hands for the suit brought by Joseph Birrer against Karl Brookman, asking a judgment of \$236 and costs, which is alleged to be the value of 230 sacks of potatoes. It seems that in 1904 Wait leased a quarter section of land in Clackamas county from Birrer, the rent for which was to be paid in potatoes. Birrer planted not less than three acres each year, and to turn over one-third of the yield as payment of his rent. In 1906 it is alleged that nine acres were planted, the yield from which was 900 sacks, but Wait says all he got out of it was some twenty sacks. He places a valuation of \$236 on the balance of the potatoes due him, and brings suit through Frank Schlegel for that amount.

#### WANTS A DIVORCE.

Mrs. McCauley Says Husband is Lazy and Shiftless.

A suit for divorce was filed Monday afternoon with the county clerk by Mary J. McCauley against her husband, Charles M. McCauley. She asks alimony to the extent of \$10 a month, and the custody of the two children that have been born to them. She is willing, however, that the father shall see the children as often as he desires.

In the bill of complaint Mrs. McCauley alleges that her husband has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment toward her, specifying that he has at various times called her opprobrious names, and has conducted himself in such a manner that she has been compelled to ask for a separation from him. She claims also that he has been lazy and shiftless, failing to provide proper food and clothing for his family, and running up debts that he was unwilling to pay. They were married in St. Helens, Or., in 1906.

#### Crop Shortage.

Reports received from all over Clackamas county indicate that the potato crop has suffered a severe setback in many places during the recent

cold weather. The potatoes that had been stored away in barns and sheds had very little protection against the ravages of winter and so suffered. Fall wheat has also been considerably damaged by the frost the ground being moist at the beginning of the cold spell and in many instances will have to be re-sown. The loss to the potato crop will foot up into the thousands.

#### ELECTRIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Merchants Can Use More Light than Formerly.

The Portland General Electric company shut off its power in this city Saturday for the purpose of installing new 60-cycle power motors in the place of the 33-cycle power that have been in use. The installation of the new cycles means a great deal for the merchants of the city as during the period of the old cycles they were somewhat handicapped as to the pattern of lights they could use, the 33-cycle only permitting the use of certain patterns. With the new ones, however, any kind of an electric light known can be used. This will give the merchants a chance to use indoor arc lights and also the Nernst light which is being used so largely in the cities. During the warm season electric fans can also be used under the new arrangements. The present system of lighting is now the same as the one used in Portland which is another evidence of the progress of Oregon City.

#### TWO NEW STORES.

Oregon City's Prosperity Warrants New Business Ventures.

As an evidence of the prosperity of this city may be mentioned the fact that merchants from the outside are looking over the ground here with a view of starting in business. It is rumored that several new stores will be opened here this spring, and two new business ventures have already been launched.

The Union Tea and Coffee store of Seattle will shortly open a branch in the Williams Building, to be managed by Mr. Parks, who has had charge of a route for that company here in the city for some time. I. G. Thomson, the Main street merchant will open a branch store on upper Seventh street to look after his trade in that part of town.

#### Reception for Visitors.

The school teachers and principals of the city schools have decided to hold a reception for the visiting school teachers who will be in the city February 6th, 7th and 8th. The affair will be held in Knapp's Hall on Wednesday night, February 8. There will be music and a program after which there will be a luncheon served to the visitors by the teachers of the city. It is expected that there will be at least 200 out-of-town teachers present on the occasion.

## TWO NEW BANKS

### Latourettes Turn Commercial to National--Myers Bros. Start Savings Bank.

The banking business in Oregon City appears to be thriving at the present time. Monday was announced the incorporation of a new bank, and Tuesday came the announcement of the establishment here of a national bank.

The comptroller of the currency has chartered the First National Bank of Oregon City, to succeed to the business of the Commercial Bank of Oregon City, the affairs of which will be wound up at once and the new bank will be ready for business about the first of March. The First National Bank will have a capitalization of \$50,000, fully paid, and the privilege of another \$50,000 in circulation. The president will be D. C. Latourette; the cashier, F. J. Meyer and the assistant cashier, H. D. Latourette.

The Commercial Bank was organized about twenty years ago by C. D. and D. C. Latourette, but has kept pace with the growth of the city so well that present step is deemed advisable.

Proposed articles of incorporation have been mailed to the county clerk incorporating another bank in this city. The new institution is to be known as the Security Savings Bank of Oregon City, Or., and the incorporators are H. S. Myers, F. N. Myers and M. S. Myers, of San Francisco. As stated in the articles of incorporation the new bank will be organized for the purpose of carrying on both a savings and a general commercial banking business. There is also a provision enabling the corporation to establish branches and agencies in one permitting them to open and maintain safe deposit vaults. The capitalization is \$5000.

The field is at present occupied by two banks, the Bank of Oregon City and the Commercial Bank of Oregon City. The growth of the city, no details have been obtainable as to when the new institution is to begin business, or just how it will affect the business of the other banks. The articles filed with the county clerk provide for the purchase or erection of a building but no steps have been taken to obtain a site.

It is said that this will be one of a chain of banks to be established in the smaller cities of Oregon and Washington by the Messrs. Myers.

#### GENERATORS AFFECTED.

General Electric Company Sustains Loss Because of Storm.

As a result of the storm Monday three of the fourteen generators of the Portland General Electric Co. at Station B in this city were out of commission. When a short circuit near Portland caused the current to "back up" on the power house here, the unvented strain raised havoc with the lights and fuses around town, and the unaccounted load told at once on the machines. One of them is so badly burned that five coils will have to be taken out and replaced, and one coil in one of the other machines was destroyed. Another generator was not badly burned, apparently, but it has not yet been put back into commission.

Aside from the damage to the generators the station suffered severely from burning out of fuses and feeders, and one cable will have to be replaced. While the loss of a part of its generating power does not cripple the plant, yet it causes great inconvenience, and the heavy cost of electric material makes the work of repair very expensive.

#### Successful Market Sale Held.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Albright, Wednesday. It was decided that their next market day sale would be held in the church parlors on Saturday, February 2nd. This was held. It was only during the last part of the recent year that the society commenced holding the market sales which have lately become very profitable events but the treasurer reported that the net profits for the sales during the finish of the year was over \$60. There were 16 members present at yesterday's meeting.

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