

GLITTERING GOLD.

A CHARMED SPOT IN BENTON WHERE THEY FIND IT ALREADY MINTED.

Miners Once Camped There. En Route to and From the Gold Fields—Commissioner Erwin's Find and That of his Brother James - Other News.

A year or more ago, Commissioner Erwin, while digging potatoes on his mother's farm at the Buttes unearthed a \$10 gold piece of the California mintage of 1849. He surmised and so did others, that there might be more gold in the same vicinity. Miners, en route to and from the California gold fields in the days of '49 used to make the spot a stopping place. The idea seized the commissioner that a bag of gold might have been lost there in the old time by some careless miner. For this treasure, the commissioner sought. In that particular spot he dug potatoes as never a mortal dug before. He dug dugside, dug, and dug deep. He dug under, dug over, circled to the right and swung the left-hand lady in his wild search. His brother Jim, says that when Richard got through with the hunt for the treasure, that the hole he had made was big enough to bury a horse in. However, he found no more gold pieces.

But Brother James did. He too, has had an eye on the treasure spot ever since the commissioner made the find. When ploughing he always rests his team at the spot. Recently, as he sat on the plow beam and "rubbered" a piece of glittering gold met his eyes. It had been under the clod he had just kicked over. Sure enough, it was a \$10 gold piece: not of the kind his brother had found, but of the regular mintage and bearing date of 1851. That it had dropped there with the other piece, there was no doubt. That there must be more of them seemed certain. James began to see things. He was glad he was alone so there would be nobody else to claim the gold pieces he began to hunt for. He chased, side stepped and balanced on the corner while he clawed dirt. He kept up the process until all the dirt in the vicinity had been overhauled. After he gave up the search by hand, he brought the plow into use and every time he furrowed the spot he sent the plow in up to the beam. George Garrett was let into the secret and he, too, ran the plow in as deep as the beam would let it go.

But no more gold pieces were found. They are there, though, Jim firmly believes, and there is no doubt that as time speeds along the charmed spot and the dirt thereabout will get many a sidelong glance as the Willamette farmer works in the vicinity.

Salem, March 25.—Prof. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, went to Milwaukee this morning, where he will address a mass meeting tonight on the subject of consolidation of districts and the transportation of pupils to the schools. The people of Milwaukee have for some time discussed the matter of consolidation, and Professor Ackerman will discuss the provisions of the bill on this subject, passed by the legislature, with a view to giving a clearer insight into the matter. It is likely that at the next annual meeting the experiment will be made at that and other points looking toward an improvement of the public schools. The matter of transportation can be settled at any time, but the action of the voters at the annual meetings is required to effect a consolidation of two or more districts into one.

Salem, March 21.—The board of trustees for the insane asylum held a brief session at the capital yesterday afternoon, when Architect W. D. Pugh of this city was instructed to draw plans for the new closed cottage to be erected at the asylum farm, at a cost of \$18,000.

Portland, March 26.—The report of Secretary of State Dunbar, when it is issued, will show that during the year 1902 the sum of \$17,737 was paid into the treasury of the state of Oregon as a result of the 2 per cent. tax on paid insurance policies. In addition to this, there was the sum total of the license paid by the various companies,

which brought the receipts to the state from the life insurance business above the \$2,000 mark.

Each company is compelled to submit to the secretary of state an exact report of all business transacted and from these reports the following statistics have been compiled.

Residents of the state of Oregon during the year 1902 collected the sum of \$259,024.97 as the result of deaths. This sum was paid to the people by 15 companies, two of a total of 17 companies operating not being called upon to allow a claim. The largest losses were paid by the New York Life Insurance Company which distributed \$44,238.72. The Penn Mutual was close behind in this race, having paid out \$43,570. During 1902 the insurance "written" or issued in the state of Oregon amounted to \$7,812,703. Only one company out of 17 fell below \$10,000 in the total of policies issued, and but one climbed above the million mark. The latter was the Penn Mutual. The Equitable Company approached very close to the gigantic figure of \$1,000,000, having \$918,517 on its books for the business of the year in Oregon. But three fell below \$1,000,000, and six went over the half million.

Cancellations for the year amounted to \$3,452,283, no one company amounting to the \$500,000 total in this particular, but all standing fairly even in the race.

Over the figures of the grand total for 1901 there was a gain during 1902 of \$4,228,242 in the amount of insurance outstanding in the state.

At the rate of \$1,000 per head, this total would have required that policies were taken out by 4,429 persons, and had the policies been written at \$5,000 each, still must have 886 persons been talked into the belief that the future of relatives or friends demanded provision for their maintenance in case of the testator's demise.

Rating the policies at \$1,000 each and the number of persons to whom they were at 4,429, it will be seen that the total of \$259,024.97 paid by the companies on deaths during the year would have amounted to just \$58.44 per new policy holder.

Baker City, Or., March 25.—Owing to the publicity given the murder of Miss Minnie Ensminger at the hands of Pleasant Armstrong, Christmas morning, at Haines, the officers of the Baker county circuit court are having considerable trouble in securing a jury. Armstrong's attorney, George Bently, was unsuccessful in securing a venue. He furnished affidavits from citizens of the county, all of which recited that the feeling against the prisoner was too great at this time for him to secure a fair and impartial trial, and they believed it to be the best interests of the defendant and all concerned that he be taken elsewhere. The prosecution opened up its batteries upon the subject, also supported by affidavits, and Armstrong's chances, if he had any, were wafted upon the breeze.

Since being brought back from the Multnomah county jail he has been confined in the county jail here. Rumors have been current at different times that the Hainesites would yet make another attempt at lynching, but the office of Sheriff Brown is plentifully stocked with Winchester, and the deputies aver they will protect the prisoner until after the trial. When the case was called in the courtroom Monday afternoon the apartment was packed. People for miles around came into the city for the sole purpose of being present. Accommodations were provided for a number, and then the court ordered all unable to secure seats remain without. The regular jury panel was about exhausted. Only 11 names remained. The court spent the afternoon examining these men, and in the end accepted but one.

Yesterday Judge Eakin issued a special venire for 40 jurors, all residing in the northeastern portion of the county, in the panhandle country, Pine and Eagle Valleys. These cannot reach the court until tomorrow, and it is expected a day or two will be taken with the examination. J. Armstrong and Grant Armstrong, brothers of the murderer, are in the city from their home at Dayton, Wash., as is also the associate counsel, Judge M. M. Goodman. Judge Goodman has served upon the bench in Washington and is looked upon as a criminal barrister of ability. The prosecution is represented by District Attorney White. The defense promises to make some startling disclosures at the trial, and solicitors for Armstrong exhibit most tranquil countenances.

For Sale.

Shropshire sheep and Poland China hogs. Wanted to buy or take on shares, a band of goats.

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ON THE STAND.

MRS. BURDICK TESTIFIED AT THE CORONERS INQUEST AT BUFFALO.

Pennel's Letters to her in Evidence—They Breathed Affection and in one the Writer Said He Might Have to Kill Burdick.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 21.—Pale but calm, Mrs. Burdick again mounted the witness stand this morning. The court room was crowded, nearly all the seats occupied by fashionably dressed women of social rank.

Mrs. Burdick, accompanied by her mother, entered the court room just after Prosecutor Coatesworth took his place. She eyed him shrikingly as he commenced his examination holding in his hands another bundle of letters. She admitted there had been an altercation at the Burdick house two years ago, but emphatically denied that Burdick struck her with a chair, or that he wore court plaster after the affair ended.

Mrs. Burdick was shown a letter from her husband, in which he said a divorce suit would be pressed; also her reply, in which she begged forgiveness. He forgave her and they returned home together. A short time afterward, on Pennel's constant solicitation, she was with him again several hours in a rooming house, where they conferred about detectives hired to follow Burdick. When she reached home her husband asked her where she had been, and told her she must leave the house, but not necessarily that day.

That night she went to Pennel's office, where everything was amicable, arranged Burdick being very kind even then. The next day Burdick's divorce summons was served on her after which she left the house for Niagara Falls, where she lived alone at a hotel. Pennel visited her there twice, but saw none of her family or children. She then went to New York, where she saw Pennel several times.

The was shown a letter which she recognized as one written by Mrs. Pennel to Burdick, pleading with him to drop divorce proceedings for the sake of her children. She besought him to save the reputation of all and not cast the stigma of divorce over the children. One said: "Allie, I am going to Atlantic City. What the end of that trip will be God only knows. As a final word of warning, let me tell you there is no punishment like a life of regret."

Buffalo, March 24.—It is reported today that a plot has been discovered which was concocted by Pennel and a beautiful young woman which had for its purpose an attempt to lure and entrap Burdick into a situation which would prevent his pressing his suit for divorce. The woman and the man who brought her to Buffalo are under police surveillance. It is now currently stated and understood by the police department that the woman will be put on the witness stand.

Caracas, March 25.—After reading a special message to congress today, President Castro withdrew his resignation of the presidency of Venezuela.

KINGS VALLEY NEWS.

Too Dry to Plough—Much Ground Seeded—Farmers are Busy.

Farmers are very busy, and many acres in the valley have been seeded this month. It is now too dry to plough. The roads are getting dusty. A warm rain is needed.

Several horses have been lost in this vicinity recently.

Home Lilly was buying beef in the valley this week.

Mrs. Isbell has moved back to the Alexander farm. Mr. Isbell remains at the mill.

The Kings Valley blacksmiths are kept busy, making iron harness for loggers.

Mrs. Abbie Graham has been very ill with measles, but is improving. Her son, Don, who was compelled to give up his studies at OAC on account of the same malady, is about recovered.

We believe the county court should cause road supervisors to erect a post at the line of their district on every county road giving the name of the district, then the traveller who mires down would know what supervisor to cuss.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Hayes, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of James Hayes, deceased, by the county court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at her residence one mile west of Corvallis, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. Dated this March 14, 1903. Caroline Hayes, Administratrix of the estate of James Hayes, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the estate of John Burnett, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, and on Monday, April 6th, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., at the County Court room in the Court House in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, is the time and place fixed by the Court for hearing objections, if any, to said final account and settlement thereof. Martha Burnett, Executor.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at Wells, Oregon, or at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon within six months from this date. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 7th day of February, A. D., 1903. VIRGIL A. CARTER, Administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the Estate of William Allen, deceased. Notice is hereby given that I, Mary C. Allen, as administratrix of the estate of William Allen, deceased, have filed my final account as such administratrix with the Clerk of the County Court of Benton County, State of Oregon, and the said Court has fixed Monday, the 6th day of April, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account and for settlement thereof. Dated this March 7, 1903. Mary C. Allen, Administratrix of the estate of William Allen, deceased.

Bridge Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by me up to 1 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, April 1, 1903, for the construction of a bridge and grade at Stewart's Hill on the Corvallis-Albany road, in accordance with the plans, specifications and instructions to bidders on file in my office. Each bidder shall be required to deposit with his bid 5 per cent of the amount of such bid as by law required, the court reserving the right to reject any or all bids. THOMAS A. JONES, County Surveyor.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money in the treasury to pay all city warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to February 12, 1901, and all city street fund warrants endorsed prior to November 15, 1902. Interest will stop on the same from this date. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, March 24, 1903. Wm. McLagan, City Treasurer.

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Notice for Publication.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, July 12th, 1903. Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892, Adelbert D. Perkins,

of Toledo, county of Benton, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6069 for the purchase of the N 4 of NE 1/4 of Section No. 25 in Township No. 12 S Range No. 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 5th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Frank M. Spencer, William Brazleton of Toledo, Oregon, Charles Kregger. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of April, 1903. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Eida J. Elliott, deceased. Notice is hereby given that I, Ernest Elliott, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Eida J. Elliott, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the clerk of the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon, and the said court has fixed Monday the 6th day of April, 1903, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house at Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for settlement thereof. Dated, March 6, 1903. ERNEST ELLIOTT, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Eida J. Elliott, deceased.

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