

BUYS PLACER GROUND

INVESTMENT OF J. M. CLARK IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

Will at Once Put in Adequate Hydraulic Equipment and Work Mines on an Extensive Scale.

GRANT'S PASS, Nov. 2.—(Special).—J. M. Clark, now of Portland, has purchased the Booth-Dyest hydraulic placer mines in the Jump-off Joe district, of Northern Josephine County. The consideration for the farms and placers is \$25,000 cash. Mr. Clark is a brother of Senator Clark, of Montana, and was formerly a resident of Butte, but has now become extensively interested in the mining properties of the state. He has just purchased in Josephine County 777 acres and comprises some of the richest placer ground in Southern Oregon. It is the intention of Mr. Clark to put in a newly-acquired placer fields in such a way as to make them one of the largest hydraulic properties in this section of the state.

The Booth-Dyest placers are already quite well equipped, but not so extensively and adequately as their richness and area justify. This lack of equipment, however, has been due to the lack of sufficient funds to put in the plant that the mines have needed. These placers have been worked for a number of years by Joseph C. Dyest and R. F. Miller with excellent results. The placer occupies the bed of an old channel and lies in a gulch formed by Jacques Creek, which is a small stream tributary to Jump-off Joe. The dirt is a black and blue gravel with a coping of red clay on the surface. The banks lie 50 to 100 feet in depth and carry both coarse and fine gold, the values being distributed through all parts of the ground from the mass roots down. The equipment consists of several miles of ditches tapping the headwaters of the creek, several hundred feet of piping and comfortable buildings and quarters for the men.

Mr. Clark has put a crew of men to work in the re-equipment of the mines. The ditches will be made wider and deeper, longer pipes will be laid, and the placers made more extensive and commodious throughout. Nearly 200 feet of new piping will be laid. By this improvement the operators will be able to work the placers from the mouth to the gulch, or the point of junction of the two streams, to the head of Jacques Creek, and will have adequate dumping grounds for their tailings all the way. The mine will be under the supervision of Joseph Dyest, one of the sellers of the property, who is more familiar with them than any other man. A. E. Carlson, a late arrival from California, who has purchased the large hardware establishment of Joseph Wolke, in this city, will have business charge of the mines.

THE NORTH POLE MINE.

Large Sum for Development—Largest Producer in Eastern Oregon.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 2.—(Special).—One of the richest gold mines in the United States in the North Pole mine, located about six miles north of Sumner, near Bourne, in this county. About \$750,000 has been expended on external improvements and underground development work since the mine was discovered. The North Pole is owned by English capitalists and is controlled by the Barling Brothers, of London. Emil Meizer, an experienced mining engineer and manager, is in charge of the general management and local representative of the English owners, under whose personal direction the mine is being worked.

The North Pole Company is a close corporation. There is no stock on the market. Neither owners nor the general manager have any desire to advertise the monthly output of the mine or to make public the assay value of any of the ore mined. In other words, they do not desire to take the public into their confidence. But Mr. Meizer is not averse to receiving interested visitors provided they do not trespass needlessly on his time or ask impertinent questions. There are some interesting facts about the mine which the management are not inclined to disclose. It is useless to ask what the monthly or annual output of the mine is in tons or money value, or the assay value of any particular lot of ore.

With reference to the question of the importance of the mining industry, Mr. Meizer is free to say that he regards the North Pole as a very important enterprise. At the present time the monthly payroll amounts to about \$12,000, which is considerably more than it was a year or two ago, when the rush of construction work is over.

Speaking of the monthly output of the mine, Mr. Meizer said recently that the majority of the stories published were gross exaggerations. At no time has the monthly output exceeded \$100,000 or how often was an entirely different matter. The monthly output of the mine is not a mine that were more than half pure gold. The richest ores are sacked and sent direct to the smelter, while the low-grade ores are sent to the mill and converted into concentrates.

It would be interesting to know just how many sacks of rich ore are sent to market each month, provided it could be ascertained how much of the rich ore is sacked or is worth. While the assay value is not known, save to the smelter people who treat the ore, and the general manager of the mine, it is known that none but the richest ore is ever sacked, and it is also known that the North Pole mine uses more ore sacks than any other mine in Eastern Oregon.

The number and size of the buildings erected this year, the immense quantity of supplies used, the thunder of the ponderous machinery in the stampmill, the army of men employed, together with the admitted fact that the mine is producing enough every month to pay all the men employed, the bill for supplies and material, besides netting the owners a handsome profit, indicate that the North Pole mine alone is a very important factor in the wealth-producing industries of the state.

The actual value of the North Pole mine is problematical. The management, of course, is familiar with the value of the ore found in the wonderful pay shoots, but it does not know the full extent of the shoots. Development work is being pushed to determine the richness and extent of this rich body of ore. If, as there is every reason to believe, this rich shoot extends to the depth, then the mine is easily worth \$100,000, because at a very conservative estimate the value of the ore in sight would be worth more than that sum. Mr. Meizer does not say what he considers the mine worth. He is perfectly willing to allow the public to value it at any sum desired. He is satisfied with the value he places on it, whatever that amount may be, because every day that amount is being paid out to justify his estimate of its value, and he seems to have the utmost confidence in the mine's future.

TO CLEAN AND PACK WOOL.

An Important Enterprise on Foot for Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 2.—(Special).—A new corporation will begin business in this city next Spring to be known as the Helmer Wool-Pressing and Grading Company. S. A. Helmer, the senior member of the Helmer Commercial and Commission Company, is the promoter and principal owner of the new enterprise. The new company will erect a stone building near the O. R. & N. tracks, 50x800 feet, commencing early in the Spring. This building will be provided with the latest machinery for cleaning, grading and pressing wool. The machinery will all be operated by electric power. The building is to be fireproof throughout.

LOOKING FOR 30 CENTS

HOPMEN THINK ENGLISH DEMAND WILL BOOST PRICE.

Failure of Predictions for Recession of Price Strengthens Growers in Determination to Hold.

SALEM, Nov. 2.—(Special).—Salem hop-growers and dealers expect to see some lively buying of hops in this market in the next three weeks, and an advance of 5 cents in the price would not be a great surprise, though now it is felt that price except as a possibility. Ever since the market opened, the growers have been watching for the appearance of orders from England, for the English trade has been depended upon to push the price. The first half of last week was very quiet, but as soon as the orders from England arrived dealers became very active. This activity is expected to continue until after the middle of the present month, and perhaps longer.

Mark Skiff, a Salem grower, who follows the course of the market very closely, says that the activity on the part of London buyers will compel American buyers to bid up on hops also, in order to keep the hops in this country. The supply is barely large enough to cover the demand for next year's consumption, and if very large quantities should be exported there would be a deficiency here. The entrance of English buyers into the American market is an indication that they have found it impracticable to buy all they want in Germany, and that their imports, yet far from complete, will be made largely from this country. At the same time that London buyers began purchasing here for export, the representatives of American houses also began more active efforts to get hops.

Dealers who early in the season predicted that hops would be sold for less than 20 cents before the first of January have not yet given up their opinions to that effect. One of these dealers recently offered a small lot of hops at the first of the year, and still contends that the situation statistically warrants his view of the future of the market.

The regularity with which the predictions of a decline have failed of fulfillment has caused the growers to pay little heed to prophecies of that kind, and they are all the more expectant of still further advances. Inquiry among the growers who have not yet sold shows that they are not holding for any certain price but are waiting until they think the top of the market has probably been reached. There were many who said that they would sell at 25 cents, but when that figure was reached they were firmer holders than ever. A prominent grower said yesterday that he would sell when some one offers him 25 cents, but if the market should reach that point and seem to be still advancing, he would hold longer.

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Promises of Railroad Money.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 2.—(Special).—The promoters of the Oregon & Idaho Central Railway, in this city, have received a letter from their New York agent, which they said was a very positive assurance that the money to build the road will soon be provided.

The Oregon & Idaho Central is a new road which is supposed to build the Baker City and Seven Devils. This project is separate and distinct from the Northwestern Railway, which was started by Huntington a few years ago. There has been considerable talk about building the Northwestern during the past six months, and representatives of Eastern trust companies have inspected the route by reason of an increased interest in the advisability and practicability of constructing the road, either from Huntington, on the old survey, or changing it to this city.

Gain of Real Estate Values.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 2.—(Special).—The assessment roll, as made up by County Assessor George Felt, shows a very healthy increase in the value of taxable property in Baker County and Baker City for the year 1902 over 1901. The figures are as follows:

Real estate outside Baker city, \$3,312,425
Real estate inside Baker City, 3,658,730
Total, 6,971,155

Gain, 1901-1902, 1,275,735
Real estate outside Baker city, 1,275,735
Real estate inside Baker City, 1,092,470
Total, 2,368,205

Gain, 1900-1901, 55,495
Gain in 1901-1902, 319,230

The Assessor's books show that the bulk of the gain is due to the taking up and improving of arid lands in the county.

Another Dinner for Miller.

EUGENE, Nov. 2.—(Special).—An elaborate dinner was given last evening at The Smeede, in honor of Hon. H. B. Miller, Consul at Niu Chwang, China. The affair was under the auspices of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, and a large number of prominent men of the city were present. An excellent address was made by Mr. Miller on the subject of the commercial and political outlook in China, and his bearing on American interests. He also gave a clear idea of the actions of other powers, their aims, strifes and their methods in dealing with affairs in that part of the world. Other short addresses were made by S. H. Friendly, S. M. Goran, W. Kaykendall, R. A. Booth, P. L. Campbell, C. E. Loomis and L. T. Harris. Dr. D. A. Faine presided at the dinner.

Three Killed in a Coal Mine.

NEW STRAITSVILLE, O., Nov. 2.—Maurice O'Brien, miner; Charles Sampson, stable boss, and Herbert Corn, bookkeeper, were killed by a fall of gas in the Lost Run Mine, owned by the Buckeye Coal Company, near here today. It is supposed the gas found its way into the mine from an adjoining mine, which has been abandoned for several years, probably through an opening made by digging out the coal. No one knows how the men came to be in the mine, but it is believed they went in to explore it, and that the gas was ignited by the lights they carried.

Washington County Notes.

HILLSBORO, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special).—Local talent is anxious to give a burn-out minstrel show on a large scale, in the near future, to provide funds for the entertainment of the members of the Oregon Farmer Congress, the Oregon Dairy-men's Association and the Oregon Wool-growers' Association, which will meet in this city December 15, 17 and 18.

This year has been a record-smasher for the lumber cut in Washington County, the estimate being 20,000,000 feet of merchantable lumber. Arrangements have been perfected to exceed this cut next year.

Man Found Dead.

WHATCOMB, Wash., Nov. 2.—A man named Iverson was found this morning near the track of a suburban railway with his body half submerged in the waters of Whatcomb Creek. He died before medical assistance arrived. Last night, it is said, he attempted to ride on a suburban car without paying fare, and was ejected near the place where he was found. It is said that no force was used in putting him off the car.

POPULAR POTTER IN SERVICE.

Queen of River Boats Is Now Making the Astoria Run.

The traveling public will be delighted to know that the popular steamer, the T. J. Potter, is now making the Astoria run. See O. R. & N. time card.

One taken every night stimulates the liver, carries off the bile and improves the circulation of the blood. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Don't forget this.

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Capital City Brevities.

SALEM, Nov. 2.—(Special).—The College of Music and Art of the University of Washington, which will give a recital in the University Chapel Monday evening. The general public is invited.

The heavy downpour of rain during the last two days is expected to raise the water in the Willamette so as to make river traffic practicable. The Salem Flouring Mills have considerable quantities of grain stored in view of reports of the situation to begin.

Work on the Salem Postoffice is progressing slowly because of the delay in securing the new building. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy about the 1st of February.

The increase in the number of real estate transfers in Baker County is shown by the report of the fees collected by the County Recorder. During the month of October the collections amounted to \$385, against \$218 during the same month in 1901, and \$100 in October, 1900.

Governor Geer returned today from a week's visit in Eastern Oregon.

Thomas Wilson, aged 72, died at the State Insane Asylum last night. His name was James Wilson, of Klamath Falls, where his remains were sent for burial.

Rash for the New Gold Vein.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 2.—A remarkably rich discovery of gold in the Black Horn District has caused a stampede comparable to early days. Knowledge of the discovery got out last evening, and men started in to search for the vein. Several hundred men are now in the district. The discovery is a hitherto unknown vein about 1 1/2 miles from the Black Horn.

The lead was blind and was opened in doing some work on a property located on another vein. It shows seven feet wide. On the hanging wall is a streak of tale ore showing great quantities of gold. It is variously estimated alone to be worth \$500 to \$1,000. Then comes about four feet of quartz, and then a vein of gold opened today at several other points. At one point 600 feet from the original discovery very rich ore was met with and in all the others good ore shows.

Saloon Agitation at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Nov. 2.—(Special).—A petition is being circulated here by Rev. Daniel Staver, asking that the City Council rescind the ordinance regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor that was repealed a year ago, and praying that under no circumstances should a saloon license be granted. The ordinance was passed by the Council favoring granting a license for a saloon, on account of the revenue the city could receive of \$1000 annually. A majority of the Council say that a saloon and its influence would be a curse to the college town and would vote against it 4 to 2.

Water at Working Stage Again.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 2.—(Special).—After a several weeks' suspension of work a part of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, on account of the low water in the river, work was resumed at noon today. There has been a steady downpour for the past 24 hours, and the Willamette is rising fast. There is no probability that work at the mills will cease again this winter.

Judge McBride will arrive in the city tomorrow morning to convene the regular November term of the Circuit Court. There are a large number of cases on the docket, the majority of which are equity suits. Over 70 divorce cases are on the docket.

Mrs. Frederick of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 2.—(Special).—The death of Mrs. F. W. Frederick occurred yesterday. The cause was pneumonia. The funeral will take place at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, from the family residence in West Oregon City. Mrs. Frederick is survived by a husband, who is a veteran of the Civil War, and who is totally blind.

Independence Saloon Closed.

INDEPENDENCE, Nov. 2.—The saloon of Sam Wallace was closed by Portland fire yesterday. The owner, a Chinese, took more ago, presumably for Portland, taking with him his personal effects, and the doors of the saloon were closed as a result on the first of the month.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Crying Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children's teething. It soothes the child, cures his pain, always all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

Olds, Wortman & King

THIS WEEK'S SALES

Velvet Cords

Great bargains in this stylish material, all colors, 24 in. wide, regular price, per yard, \$1.25. Special, 91c.

Moire Velours

This handsome, dressy, much worn fabric, in a large assortment of colors, both light and dark, value \$1.25. Special, 89c.

Ladies' Sateen Petticoats

Color black, with either Spanish or accordion pleated flounce, regular price \$1.75. Special, \$1.29.

Italian Cloth Petticoats

For ladies, with 15-in. flounce having perpendicular tucking, regular price \$4.00. Special, \$2.97.

Mercerized Moreen Petticoats

Colors gray, purple and dark red, value \$4.00. Special, \$2.97.

Ladies' Drawers

Broken lines, per pair, value 97c. Special, 67c.

Ladies' Gowns

Cambic, with tucked yoke and embroidery trimming, value \$2.00. Special, \$1.69.

Walking Suits

Very stylish, value \$25.00. Special this week, \$16.50.

Street Skirts

This season's make, an excellent value for \$7.50. Special, \$5.85.

Silk Waists

Very swell, prices to \$8.50. Special, \$4.78.

Royal Worcester Corset

Straight-front style, colors black, white and drab, regular price \$5.00. Special, \$3.69.

Men's Shirts

Heavy black twill fleece lined, value 75c. Special, 57c.

Men's Underwear

Jersey ribbed, brown color, value 50c. Special, 37c.

Men's Half Hose

English cashmere, gray feet, black cotton top, value, per pair, 40c. Special, 31c.

Men's Gloves

Fine pique, outseam or half pique, values, per pair, to \$1.50. Special, 69c.

Men's Hats

Soft, rich satin liberty, 4 1/2 in. wide. Price, per yd., 25c.

Automobile Ties

The twice-round kind, that sell regularly for 75c. Special this week, 50c.

Cushion Tops

In a great variety of materials, ready stamped in various designs, prices to 85c. For 29c.

Blankets

White Blankets with pink or blue border, extra size. Value \$5.50. Special, \$3.98.

Tiger Mottled Gray Blankets

extra size, regular value \$6.50. Special, \$4.75.

Vicuna Color Blankets, extra

large size, value \$4.00. Special, \$2.95.

Infants' and Children's Caps

In full front, French and Dutch effects, values 25c to \$1.25. Special, 14c to 57c.

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Ostrich Plumes

Every one we have in black, white and colors at especially low prices this week.

Pattern Hats

Our annual sale of handsome pattern hats is now in progress, and some lovely bargains are to be secured.

Ribbons

Soft, rich satin liberty, 4 1/2 in. wide. Price, per yd., 25c.

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