

RICH GOLD BARS ON SIXES RIVER

Splendid Hydraulic Propositions in Curry County Long Neglected.

PAY FROM GRASS ROOTS

Water to Work Alluvial Deposits Can Be Brought In at Small Expense Compared With Profits to Be Made.

On Sixes River, a stream that enters the ocean, in the northern part of Curry County, gold long has been known to exist though little mining has been done.

The editor gives this account: "Last week we visited and examined the High Bars, belonging to D. Divilbiss and sons, and also those belonging to the Big Jewel Mining Company in charge

of their best gravel was run into their sluices. "We believe that with such a showing their gravel will nearly double in value when a normal proportion of their pay dirt is washed. They have many acres of such ground, and as their bar is a continuation of Newt, Divilbiss', it will undoubtedly prove as rich, because its direction is in line with the same old channel.

Results Are Unvarying.

"The high bar on the opposite or north side of the river from the above one is the largest of all and contains probably 100 acres, all of which has been prospected with almost unvarying results. We prospected this bar on the south and west sides with good results in every pan of dirt, and do not hesitate to class it with those already mentioned. Blue gravel was struck in the extreme lower end of this bar several feet deep and very rich. The bank is full 40 feet deep at this place and shows the strata of cemented gray gravel just as the others do. From a small cut which hardly gets into the mine, Ed Divilbiss last winter, with what water he could get in wet weather, cleaned up several hundred dollars—the gold similar to the other, one piece weighing \$1.25.

Millions in the Ground.

"At \$5000 per acre there are in these high bars mentioned \$1,500,000, and as much or more in the intervening low bars and river channel, making it one of the safest and most fascinating investments to be found in the placer regions of the world.

"Doubting 'Thomas' are reminded that these mines lie right at our doors, and that no one is excusable in condemning them, without inspecting them, except a knocker or one who is too lazy to move."

Gray's Harbor Lumber Output.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—An interesting collection of statistics and information can be culled from the statement that there was shipped from Gray's Harbor during the year ending July 31 last 348,631 feet of lumber. This quantity of lumber would cover with two-inch plank a roadway 10 feet wide between Aberdeen and New York. It would build 12,000 good-sized two-story houses. It would make 1,000 railroad ties, or enough to build a railroad between New York and Gray's Harbor. It would make a 12-inch board two and one-half inches thick around the earth at the equator. It would build a dancing floor of inch lumber three and one-half miles square, so that the entire American nation could walk on it at one time.

FORTUNES IN ORCHARDS

BIG PROFITS OF HOOD RIVER APPLE-GROWERS.

At Present Prices 20-Acre Tracts Pay From \$15,600 to \$18,200 a Year.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The prices now made possible by independent buyers for Hood River Newtown and Spitzenberg apples have caused apple-growers to do some figuring. A well-known apple man, who is an authority on this subject, in talking about the matter, said: "At the prices this year for the different sizes of Spitzenbergs, which were \$3, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.25 per bushel, the grower obtained an average price of \$3.40. Placing the yield of 7-year-old Spitzenberg trees, planted 65 trees to the acre, at five boxes to the tree, we will get 325 boxes to the acre. A 20-acre orchard on this basis will produce 6500 boxes, which, at the average price of \$2.40, gives us \$15,600 for our season's work.

RAILROAD WORK AT UNION

Central Railway Now Laying Track Toward Cove.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 9.—The Central Railway of Oregon has done some rapid work within the past few weeks and those who were inclined to look upon the reality of this railway in an abstract manner have begun to sit up and take notice. The Hot Lake section of the grade was completed last Saturday and at present all the grading force has been concentrated on the westward extension. One mile of track has been laid from Union toward Cove. The bridge gang is working ahead toward Cove and all the structural work will be out of the way by the time the tracklayers arrive. Every foot of the grade to Cove is now finished, and the local lack of having a railroad is the laying of the rails. Over a mile of the grade work from Cove toward La Grande is completed.

Beet Harvesters Needed.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Preparations are going forward to start the Fall run at the sugar factory about September 20. Growers are anxious for a good rain as the present drought will render the digging slow and unsatisfactory. To get sufficient help at the present time is a grave problem and lively hustling in that line is being done. The work is so heavy that a much larger force than usual, will be required to handle the crop. It is predicted that unless more help can be procured than the present output justifies, many tons of beets will remain in the ground for the want of harvesters.

YAMHILL'S BIG FAIR

School Children to Compete for Various Prizes Offered.

MONEY FOR GOOD COOKS

Home-Made Bread, Jellies, Preserves, Etc., Will Be Exhibited by Young Girls—Boys to Display Vegetables.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)

Early last Spring County School Superintendent Louis R. Alderman, conceived the idea of holding a school agricultural fair and at once began making plans and putting them into execution. The seed was well sown for throughout the county school children are working for the coveted prizes in a manner that bids success to the undertaking and also several other counties in Oregon are taking up the work.

Originally, the fair was intended to be purely agricultural, but the McMinnville Booster Club added more enthusiasm to the project and in co-operation with Superintendent Alderman will enlarge the fair by the addition of a street parade and carnival. In all nearly \$3000 will be

thousands of copies of which are to be issued as soon as the work is off the press.

ROSEBURG ASKS MORE WATER

Steps Taken to Install Gravity System Owned by People.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The paramount question with the people of Roseburg just now is that of water. During the whole summer there has been such a scarcity of water as to cause the people of the town to demand that the City Council take action looking towards the establishment of a system to be owned by the city and to be operated for the benefit of the people.

A mass meeting of the citizens was held last Saturday in which the temper of the people was so plainly expressed that the City Council at once took the desired steps looking towards the building of a water system.

The City Council at a meeting held this week ordered an amendment to the charter of the city prepared to be submitted to the voters, under the amendment to the constitution adopted at the last general election, authorizing the voting of bonds for the required water and light systems. After the adoption of the charter amendment it will be necessary to again hold an election to vote the bonds, which, in the present temper of the people, will be almost unanimously adopted.

The city will then be in a position to float the bonds and to start in to install the systems. In the meantime it is proposed not to allow the summer months to go by without action, so the Council has authorized a committee of the City Council to act in conjunction with a committee of the Merchants' Protective Association to locate a water supply and route to the city for the mains for a gravity system.

With the installation of a gravity system the old water company, whose service is the cause of so much dissatisfaction and complaint, will be brought to terms.

Encourages Girls to Cook.

This month has witnessed hundreds of little girls, preparing glasses of jelly and cans of fruit put up with utmost care and with which they hope to land some of the fine premiums. It is estimated that 500 girls are now "baking the family bread" in order that their skill may bring to them the \$30 prize offered for the best bread exhibit.

POLK COUNTY SENDS 800 ANGORAS TO WASHINGTON.

Purchased by Carson & Littlejohn for Their Farm Near Stella-loom—Money in Stock.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)

Last week 700 fine buck lambs, for which a good price was paid, were shipped from Independence to Wyoming for breeding purposes. This week 800 fine Angora goats were shipped from here to the State of Washington. The goats were held here several days awaiting cars for shipment. Hundreds of men have looked at the band and all pronounce it the finest large collection of goats ever seen in the West. The purchasers are Carson & Littlejohn, of Stella-loom, Wash. The goats were bought up by Boothby & Lewis.

Goat and sheep raisers of Polk County

are learning that it pays better to raise the pure bred stock animals, for the demand for Polk County Angoras and Lincoln and Cotswold sheep now exceeds the supply. The Riddell and Stump sheep and goat farms, in particular, have National fame, especially since carrying away premiums at the St. Louis Fair. Fancy prices are received for much of the livestock shipped out of Polk county. As much as \$100 is often obtained for a single "billy" goat, and as high as \$5 a pound has been realized for the mohair.

What seemed to be extravagant investments in imported sheep and goats a few years ago are now bringing their reward. The goats shipped out today will be put on the big stock farm of Carson & Littlejohn near Stella-loom. "I hope to see the Angora goat business built up in Washington like it is in this state," says Mr. Conrad. "We have only about 30,000 goats in Washington, and we may just as well have a million."

WIFE MAY CONTRACT MARRIAGE

If Promise Is Renewed After Divorce, She Can Bring Action.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The fact that a woman already the wife of one man does not prevent her from contracting and agreeing to marry another, nor bar her from bringing action for breach of promise, providing the promise and contract are renewed after her divorce, is the opinion of the Supreme Court in a decision just handed down.

PROSPERITY IN ABERDEEN.

Steady Growth of the City Shown by School Attendance.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The beginning of the school term this year shows a gain of nearly 150 children over a year ago, which indicates that Aberdeen is gaining in population. In fact a recent canvass showed that there are at present within the city limits over 10,000 persons, entitling Aberdeen to become a city of the second class. As a third of the population at least is made up of single men working in the mills, the city under natural conditions should have a population of from 12,000 to 13,000 persons. The agitation for a second-class city was begun some time ago and a special election was provided for last Saturday.

BEACH RATE REDUCED.

Low Rates Made to North Beach Points. Beginning September 10, the O. R. & N. will sell round trip tickets to North Beach points for \$5.00 instead of \$4.00 as heretofore. This affords an exceptional opportunity for those who have not already done so to visit the beach before the close of the season. Full particulars by calling at O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington streets, Portland.



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FREE SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Table with race schedules for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, listing various events and prize amounts.

EXCURSION RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

H. W. Downing, President. F. W. Durbin, Secretary