IS A VERY RICH STRIKE

LUCKY BOY MINE ORE ASSAYS $600 TO $900 TO THE TON.

Being Run Through Stamps by Hand So as to Save It All—$1,000,000 in Sight.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 21.—The new strike at the Lucky Boy mine, in the Blue River district, is even richer than estimated in yesterday's dispatches. The four-foot ledge, where this discovery has been made, is in a 150-foot tunnel, and the new ledge has been uncovered for a distance of 50 feet. The ore assays from $600 to $900 per ton right along, and it is estimated that there is $1,000,000 in sight, to say nothing of what will be found as the work is extended. It is expected that the ledge will run clear to the grass roots above. The ore is so rich that it is impossible to save all of the gold by running it through the stamp mill in the regular way, so five stamps have been detached from the mill and the ore is being run through by hand. It is estimated that at present $3000 per day is being ground out, and there is no idea how much farther this splendid ledge will run. Only recently the owners of the Lucky Boy mine, Messrs. Fred and Frank Sharkey, L. Zimmerman and N. B. Standish, refused $300,000, offered by English capitalists, for the property.

TO BACK UP MOODY'S BILL.

Congress Will Hear From Baker City About an Assay Office.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 21.—At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night a carefully prepared statement of the mineral resources of the territory tributary to Baker City was adopted, and Secretary Miller was directed to forward it to Hon. M. A. Moody, to be used in connection with his argument in favor of the establishment of a Government assay office in this city.

It is understood that the Treasury Department is very much opposed to the establishment of any more assay offices, and it will be necessary to present a strong argument before the committee on coinage, weights and measures in order to secure a favorable report on Mr. Moody's bill for the establishment of an assay office in this city. The case has been presented in strong terms and in a manner which, it is believed, will have great weight with the committee.

A resolution in favor of the Nicaragua Canal bill was unanimously adopted, and the secretary was directed to forward the same to the Oregon Senators and Representatives at Washington.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

Yesterday's quotations:

	Bid.	Ask.
Adams Mountain	3	5
Astoria-Melbourne (Gtd.)	22½	50
Bronze Monarch	12½	15
Buffalo	2½	4
Copperopolis	10¾	....
Champion	25	50
Caribou	2½	3
Gold Hill & Bohemia	9¾	15
Huronian	5⅞	6¾
Lost Horse	3	3½
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	24⅞	27
Riverside	2⅞	4
Sumpter Consolidated	2⅛	3

Sales—
Oregon-Colorado, 500 shares at 25

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were as follows:

	B.	A.		B.	A.
Am. Boy	5¾	6¼	Morrison	....	5
Black Tail	10⅝	11	Prin. Maud	1⅞	2¼
Crystal	....	7½	Quilp	26	29
Deer Trail	2¾	2⅞	Ram. Car	65	70
Gold Ledge	1⅞	2⅛	Republic	3⅞	4⅝
L. P. Surp.	5¾	6¼	Reservation	3	3½
L. Dreyfus	....	4¼	Sullivan	9½	10½
Mtn. Lion	25½	28½	Tom Thumb	17	17½
Morn. Glory	1¾	2¼			

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Belcher	$0 13	Occidental Con.	$0 03
Best & Belcher	12	Ophir	68
Caledonia	25	Overman	8
Challenge Con.	13	Potosi	3
Chollar	3	Savage	3
Confidence	55	Seg. Belcher	2
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 55	Sierra Nevada	17
Crown Point	2	Silver Hill	32
Gould & Curry	4	Standard	3 40
Hale & Norcross	12	Union Con	11
Justice	7	Utah Con	6
Mexican	28	Yellow Jacket	9

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con.	$0 18	Little Chief	$0 12
Alice	40	Ontario	8 25
Breece	75	Ophir	68
Brunswick Con.	16	Phoenix	5
Com. Tunnel	5	Potosi	3
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 60	Savage	3
Deadwood T.	60	Sierra Nevada	35
Horn Silver	2 00	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 40
Leadville Con.	5		

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$16 50	Osceola	$73 50
Allouez	2 75	Parrot	28 00
Amalgamated	66 25	Quincy	125 00
Baltic	31 75	Santa Fe Cop.	2 50
Bingham	24 00	Tamarack	225 00
Cal. & Hecla	580 00	Trimountain	28 00
Centennial	11 00	Trinity	13 25
Copper Range	46 00	United States	13 50
Dominion Coal	47 50	Utah	19 75
Franklin	11 50	Victoria	4 50
Isle Royale	18 50	Winona	1 75
Mohawk	27 50	Wolverine	45 00
Old Dominion	21 00		

Good Strike at Whitney Mine.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 21.—Word comes from Whitney that a 24-inch vein of high-grade gold ore has been opened up in the Jay Gould mine, which is located about four miles from the town. The assay value of the ore ranges from $30 to $50 per ton.

All Gambling Ceases.

EUGENE, Dec. 21.—By order of Mayor Chrisman, all gambling games were stopped last night. The Sunday closing of all doors is also ordered.

GENERAL RANDALL AT ASTORIA.

He Will Inspect Fortifications at the Mouth of the Columbia.

ASTORIA, Dec. 21.—General Randall, commanding the Department of the Columbia, arrived here this evening from Vancouver, Wash., and will remain several days, inspecting the fortifications at the mouth of the river.

Work of Grand Ronde Hatchery.

Superintendent A. D. Allen, of the Grand Ronde River salmon hatchery, has filed with Master Fish Warden Van Dusen a report of the work he has accomplished there during the past season. It shows that 7,532,900 silverside eggs and 17,500 chinook eggs were hatched. By beginning operations early in the season Mr. Allen believes that many chinooks which enter the Columbia early in the Spring can be secured there for hatchery purposes.

Council Committee in a Quandary.

The ways and means committee of the Council opened bids today for doing the city printing during the coming year. Two bids were received, as follows: Astorian, $1 per inch for the first insertion, and 50 cents per inch for each subsequent insertion; News, $2 per inch for first insertion, and $1 for subsequent ones. A bid of the Budget, submitted several days ago, for 40 cents and 20 cents, was rejected, because it was considered too high, and now the committee is in a quandary. The contract the past year was at 5 cents and 2½ cents per inch.

TO RECOMPENSE INDIANS.

Bill in the Interest of the Lower Band of the Chinooks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Cushman proposes to refer to the Court of Claims the claim of the Lower Band of Chinook Indians of the State of Washington, for compensation for lands taken from them by the United States and for the amount of moneys collected and deposited in the United States Treasury arising from the sale of lands in possession and belonging to the Lower Band of Chinooks, as conceded and described in the first article of an unratified and unconfirmed treaty between these Indians and the United States, concluded at Tansey Point, near Clatsop Plains, on the Columbia River, August 9, 1851. The bill authorized the Lower Band of Chinooks to bring suit against the United States by petition, within 60 days from the passage of the bill, and directs the Attorney-General to defend the United States in such suit.

DOCK LABORERS' WAGES.

Misunderstanding Regarding the Reason Ships Are Sent to Tacoma.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(To the Editor.)—In reference to the article in your paper of the 16th, by a Tacoma correspondent, headed "Puget Sound Trade. Cheap Labor Quite a Factor," we wish to call your attention to some facts of which, perhaps, he is ignorant. The strike mutterings of which he speaks of may not have been so much the cause of quietly ordering ships to Puget Sound, as the fact that the water was so low that it was necessary to lighter as high as 1700 tons for one steamer to Astoria and anchor ships in the harbor to complete their cargo by lightering. As to figures that show percentage in favor of Puget Sound loading, we would refer you to back files of The Oregonian, and you will find that the Peter Rickmers took aboard 20,180 sacks of wheat (about 1300 tons) in 8½ hours at the Victoria dock. Another ship took 21,235 sacks of wheat at the Irving dock in 9 hours. The same men that loaded those ships are still working on the docks and can do it again when necessary. The ship work on the dock was paid at the rate of 35 cents per hour six years ago, and they are getting better service for 25 cents, as the records will show, than they did at that time.

We think it our privilege to get all we can for our labor. We think our labor is worth 35 cents per hour and so do the exporters, or we would not get it. We do not believe that low wages are conducive to the prosperity of any city, and do not think it right to create a prejudice in the minds of the public by leading articles on the high wages of this port. Wishing your consideration of this letter, I remain,

H. SHERIDAN,
Secretary Water-Front Federation, 24 North Third.

(The cost of lighterage does not fall on the exporter nor on the ship. It cuts no figure whatever in the matter of wages, and even if it did, the fact that nearly every one of the 17 ships which have been ordered to Puget Sound, after being chartered for Portland, were small ships, would disprove this argument. The Oregonian did not print the Tacoma article for the purpose of creating a prejudice in the minds of the public, but simply to set forth the facts in the case. Portland exporters are loading wheat ships on Puget Sound cheaper than they can load them at Portland. With labor at 25 cents per hour they are handling wheat on the Tacoma docks as low as 3¼ to 3⅜ cents per ton. As an excuse for ordering their ships to Puget Sound, they state that they can make more money there than they can make with 35-cent per hour labor in Portland. There is no sentiment in business. Portland will retain that portion of her wheat trade which is not tributary to Puget Sound, and for handling that, will probably continue to pay the 10 cents differential over the price paid for the same class of labor on Puget Sound. It is but natural, however, for exporters operating in both places, to handle all the wheat possible where they can handle it the cheapest. Wages of dock laborers should have been advanced on Puget Sound at the same time they were here. This discrimination cannot do otherwise than drive shipping to the cheaper port.)

Captain Bailey Returns.

On the transport Thomas, after three years' service in the Philippines, Captain Harry L. Bailey returned to San Francisco, and after recovering his shattered health by a stay in Southern California, he will revisit Oregon and Washington, where he is well known. He served in the Twenty-first Regular Infantry through all the Indian campaigns in the Northwest, and after the Cuban campaign went to the Philippines. He has seen much active service there, and has had much climatic illness. For several months he has been in command of the islands in Manila harbor, and comes home in command of a company of casuals on the transport.

He's Going to London.

BUTTEVILLE, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—In your Monday's issue appears an article stating that I am not going to London with Mr. M. H. Durst with the pool of the Oregon hopgrowers. That part I emphatically deny. Mr. Durst and I made arrangements before his departure for his home in California at what time to start, and that time is the first week in January, 1902. I am, yours very truly,

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A LITTLE FLY DOES IT

ACETIC ACID GERMS CARRIED FROM VESSEL TO VESSEL.

Discovery Made by an Agricultural College Professor While Making Vinegar From Prunes.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 21.—A discovery of more than passing interest has been made in the bacteriological department of the State Agricultural College. The discovery pertains to a little yellow-bodied fly, two or three times as large as a mosquito, that frequents vessels in which housewives keep or make vinegar. Professor Pernot, in charge of the bacteriological department, has definitely ascertained that the fly carries from one vinegar vessel to another the yeast plant and the acetic-acid germs necessary to convert cider or other fluids into vinegar. To prove the truth of the conclusion, a jar of sweet cider was thoroughly sterilized, and then the flies were allowed access to it, with the result that fermentation is now in progress, with a certainty that perfect vinegar will ultimately be produced.

The discovery was made while Professor Pernot worked with an experiment in which refuse prunes are being made into vinegar. The flies were noticed to frequent the vinegar barrels, and one of them was caught. It was put under a glass, on the inside top of which a coating of culture media was spread. Over this media the fly walked, and in 24 hours pure cultures of acetic acid germs were found around the fly tracks, showing that the fly carried the germs on its feet and legs. It got them there while feeding about the fermenting prune juice.

Then the fly was dissected, and a micograph, or powerfully magnified picture, revealed yeast plant in its digestive organs. The results show that the fly carries from one germ-infected vessel to another not so infected the yeast necessary to convert stored sugar into alcohol and acetic germs necessary to turn the alcohol into vinegar. There is no account of the function of this fly in books in the college library.

WHEELER COUNTY'S NEW COURTHOUSE

WHICH HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED AT FOSSIL.

FOSSIL, Or., Dec. 21.—Wheeler County's new courthouse, just completed, is a brick structure, with a stone foundation, and cost $12,000. The jail, on the first floor, is furnished with steel cells, and the whole building has been constructed with an eye to the modern conveniences of plumbing and lighting. On the first floor are also offices for the Sheriff, Treasurer, Clerk, County Commissioners, County Judge and Recorder. On the second floor is a spacious Circuit Court room, Judge's chambers, jury room and offices for the School Superintendent and Assessor. The block upon which the building stands was donated to Wheeler County by B. Kelsey, a pioneer stockman, and is situated in the heart of the flourishing town of Fossil.

MISSING FOR THREE DAYS.

Young Woman Is Believed to Have Been Murdered.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Grace Powell, a young German woman living on Seventh avenue, Mount Pleasant, a suburb of Vancouver, has been missing three days, and is supposed to have been murdered. On Thursday the woman was at home with her sister, and was called to the door by a stranger, a small man, who wanted to sell her some poultry. She agreed to buy, and the man said he had the fowls at his place, a short distance away. She threw on a shawl, took her purse, containing $45, and went out, remarking that she would be back in a few minutes. Since then she has not been seen. A half-dozen policemen have assisted the neighbors in the search, but not the slightest trace of the woman has been found. No other residents of the district were solicited that day to buy poultry, and the bargain was probably a blind. No arrests have been made.

WITH WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Successful Experiments Made by a Victoria Electrician.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 21.—Successful experiments with wireless telegraphy were conducted here today by R. Hutcheson, a local electrician. He set up a pole on an island in Victoria Arm, and received messages from a launch steaming around the island at a distance of half a mile. An attempt will be made by the experimenter to communicate with the islands of the gulf.

Oregon City Brevities.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 21.—The rear portion of the Depot Hotel was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is about $500, covered by insurance. J. E. Byrne ran a saloon in the corner of the hotel, most of his stock was saved. The rooming portion of the hotel and a part of the lower floor was conducted by E. E. Seol, and his loss will be covered by $750 insurance.

The public schools closed yesterday for the holidays. Only one week's vacation has been granted with the addition of one day on New Year's, but a petition bearing the signatures of many of the teachers and pupils has been presented to the Board of Directors, asking for two full weeks' vacation. No action has yet been taken by the board upon the matter.

Coleman to Succeed Wansbrough.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 21.—G. R. Wansbrough, general freight and passenger agent of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway, has tendered his resignation, to take effect December 31. The resignation has been accepted, and he will be succeeded by J. J. Coleman, of Chicago.

Burglar Enters a Store.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—A burglar entered the store of John W. Caples & Sons here last night through a window and stole from the money drawer about $8.

French Committee Arrives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The committee appointed by M. Millerand, the French Minister of Commerce, to study the organization and operation of trusts, and to look into the founding, in this country, of an industrial school for young Frenchmen, arrived today. Lasare Weiller, a copper manufacturer, and M. de la Gotellerie, an engineer, constitute the committee. "We are going to send our students," said M. Weiller, "where they can learn to be French-Americans, where they can absorb knowledge and also study the hustle, spirit and the audacity of venturesome streak that runs through you. Another mission with which I am entrusted by the Minister of Finance is the study of laws regulating the formation of trusts and the methods of operating these great institutions."

Limitations of Trusts.

New York Journal of Commerce.

Experience with the trust system is slowly but surely bringing out its various defects. Under ordinary competitive conditions it is quite unlikely that the copper market would be burdened with such an immense surplus as, if all reports are true, is now being carried by the Amalgamated Copper Company. We have often been told about the advantage of the steadying power of these great combinations over market prices. Nobody ever doubted this power; the question has been how this power would be utilized, whether it would be exerted to preserve a reasonable balance between supply and demand, or whether it would be used to hold prices at an artificially high level regardless of trade conditions. The latter is the usual practice. Such an oversupply of copper as is now reported would have been impossible under ordinary competition; some holders would have foreseen the effect of lessened demand and larger supplies; prices would have been lowered months ago, and the adjustment would have been automatic and gradual, instead of with the shock to the markets which recent revelations have produced. The Amalgamated Copper experience offers some very instructive lessons concerning trusts, not the least important of which is that even the big combinations cannot indefinitely violate the inexorable laws of supply and demand, which some trust enthusiasts appear to think have been relegated to the past.

Dowie's Business Methods.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—"Dr." Alexander Dowie's business methods were severely criticised by Attorney Reeves, in Judge Tuley's court today, when the closing argument in the suit for a receivership for the Zion lace industries was begun. His business rule was likened to that of a King who tells his underlings what he wants done and then demands of them a hearty approval. His control over his associates was typified as a club hovering over one's head. Attorney Reeves entered a plea for all the small investors in the Zion lace industries. The attorney drew a picture of how Dowie had discovered Stevenson in England, a prosperous merchant of a religious turn of mind, and how, by some subtle influence, had induced him to part with everything, to embark with him here in business.

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