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Innocent Purchasers—Extensive
Traffic in Specimen Ore—Re-
ward of \$5000 Offered.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 31.—Further developments in the great ore thefts today demonstrate that there are more people concerned than at first supposed. The suggestion that there is an organized gang at work is not borne out by the investigation so far made. It is now well established that there has been wholesale pilfering on the part of the miners working in some of the rich mines, but it is further demonstrated that it is almost impossible to detect the thieves. With very few exceptions, the ore is taken in small quantities and the specimens sold in many instances to innocent purchasers.

The current price of \$10 per pound seems to prevail, and the mineowners insist that dealers in specimen ore are not always innocent purchasers, because they know the man from whom the ore is purchased, and they also know that they are working in some of the Bonanza mines. It is known that the traffic in specimen ore from Eastern Oregon has become very extensive and profitable of late, but at the present time the mineowners are confronted with a very difficult problem, in being able to detect the culprits and trace the ore after it is taken from the mine. The mineowners have decided to adopt more stringent rules, and it is possible that in some mines rules similar to those prevalent in the South African diamond fields may be adopted.

Manager Emil Melzer, of the North Pole Mine, has offered \$5000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thieves who have been engaged in robbing his mine. The magnitude of the losses to the mines has not diminished with the day's developments. There is absolutely no means of knowing how much has been taken. No estimate places that aggregate loss below \$100,000. No additional arrests have been made today.

Not Purchased by Feldenhimer.

Albert Feldenhimer, of A. & C. Feldenhimer, the jeweler, denies that his firm was even an innocent purchaser of any of the quartz. "The idea is absurd," said Mr. Feldenhimer. "We use no quartz in our business, and have not bought any quartz at all, for any purpose from anybody." The only interest of a firm of manufacturing jewelers could have in gold-bearing quartz would be to make quartz jewelry out of it. There is practically no demand for ornaments of this description in Portland, and A. & C. Feldenhimer do not carry them.

DEEP SNOW AT GRANT'S PASS.

Heaviest Fall in Southern Oregon for Years—Wires Down.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The greatest depth of snow known in Southern Oregon for years now covers the Rogue River Valley having fallen last night and today. The storm is still on, and indications point to more snow tonight. There is some 10 inches of sloppy silt in this city. North and south of here it is to a much greater depth. The wires of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies are down between Grant's Pass and Roseburg, and also in Northern California. The wires are down here, causing considerable difficulty for the electric light company. The hanging in the outlying districts is most difficult business, and but little progress can be made in the repairing of bridges and roads washed out by the recent floods. The greatest danger feared from the snow is that it may be followed by a rain, in which event disastrous results from floods would follow.

EMPLOYEE WON DAMAGES.

Sued Northern Pacific Because He Was Ejected From Train.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—John Smith was today awarded damages in the sum of \$1500 in the District Court at Billings, because of injuries sustained in being ejected from a Northern Pacific passenger train. The case is unique in that Smith, who was an employee of the company, boarded the "North Coast Limited" armed with a pass from Huntley to Billings. The conductor refused to honor the pass because stamped "Not good on North Coast Limited." Smith swore he then offered to pay his fare with a company time check, but the conductor had not sufficient funds to cash it, and proceeded to eject him. Smith, who was in motion, seriously injured him. The conductor swore he stopped the train, and did not lay hands on Smith, but the jury believed Smith, and awarded him the amount sued for.

ON HIS WEDDING NIGHT.

Butte Man Kills Himself Because Fiancee Broke Engagement.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 31.—Willard H. Winters, one of the most prominent men in Butte, and former County Auditor, shot himself through the head with a revolver tonight, dying instantly. It is said Winters' fiancée broke their engagement after having heard that he had been drinking and this led to his suicide. On the table by the side of the bed and almost within reach of the corpse were piled heaps of wedding presents, which had been sent for the ceremony which was to have been held tonight.

WINTER WAS A BROTHER.

Winters was a brother of William Winters, at Spokane, who is a well-known railroad contractor. He had lived here for many years and was widely known.

ESCAPED CONVICT TAKEN.

Breaks From Montana Penitentiary and Commits Further Deeds.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 31.—John Cameron, who escaped from the Montana Penitentiary, November 19, 1901, is in jail in this city and officers arrived today from Montana to take him back. Cameron was serving a long term for manslaughter. After his escape he went to Yellowstone National Park, where he committed an assault upon a man and was arrested. He was brought to Cheyenne and sentenced to three months in jail. His time will expire February 2. Sheriff Smalley recently received a notice offering a reward for the arrest of Cameron and by chance recognized his prisoner as the escaped convict.

MINE SELLS FOR \$60,000.

Eastern Capitalists Invest in Marshall Lake, Idaho, District.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—An important mining deal was made in Marshall Lake properties last week. The sale comprises the Kimberly and Jewel groups, and the price paid is \$60,000, a large portion of which was a cash payment. The claims were purchased by James L. Hill, a prominent banker of New York City.

The mines are gold-bearing and run very high. A large amount of development work has been done on them. A two-stamp mill has been operated on ores from

these claims for two or three years, but even with this crude and small affair the owners have made good wages and paid the expenses of development of their ground. The ore is free-milling. Dr. S. W. Law, a practical mining man, will leave for the camps in a few days, and will begin active work on the claims. He has unlimited capital at his command to prosecute the work.

Another deal for Marshall Lake mining properties has just been made public. Frank S. Larboll, who owns several very promising claims in the district, has disposed of his holdings for \$5000 spot cash. A number of other deals are on the tapis. Marshall Lake is about 100 miles from Weiser, through which all travel and transportation to the district goes. There are a number of very rich bars on the streams, some of which are being hydraulicked. The future of the district seems to be assured.

Oregon City News Notes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Michael Strantz was committed to the Insane Asylum this morning by Judge Ryan and was taken to Salem tonight by Deputy Sheriff Hackett.

Judge McBride convened Circuit Court this morning, and sustained the demurrer to the complaint in the suit of the Gladstone Real Estate Association vs. Thomas F. Ryan to quiet title of the Gladstone

claim.

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cold rain.

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A dozen unbroken ponies were corralled in the tennis court at the right of the entrance, and there were brought out one by one, saddled and ridden until they gave up the fight and became as meek as the humblest work horse. No quirts were used by any of the cowboys, and the spurs were seldom brought into play. The company which gave the exhibition was composed of men from the ranges of Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Clad in enormous "chaps" and sombreros, their presence was almost as welcome to the small boys as that of a "really, truly" pirate. Though the ponies obtained in the city were by no means as fierce as the mustangs of the ranges, several put up very good fight for freedom, and the riders had all they could do to make them tractable.

Given, the "King of the Cowboys," was the first man up. Mounted on a beautiful little bay, he drove a sulky-looking pony into the center of the field, and waving his lariat in midair, started for the victim. The pony did not want to be lassoed and galloped up the roadway to the clubhouse. The rope when thrown slipped over the body until only one hind foot was caught in the noose, and the pony, running down hill, threw Given and his horse rolling down the steep bank. He was up in a trice, however, and the pony, pulling with all his might upon the lasso, was taken in by the assistant. The small boys cheered their hero lustily. The mustang was then bridled, saddled and ridden until the stimulus of blank cartridges until willing to go as a sensible pony should. Few of the fancy pigeonwing twists known to the range mustangs were tried by the ponies on the field, nearly all the kicking being of the straight, up-and-down variety. With forelegs planted in the mud, they kicked skyward and then, like a flash, would come down on their hind feet and paw the air with sharp front feet.

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BREAK BUCKING BRONCOS

COWBOYS GIVE A DARING PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

Obstinate Ponies Play Havoc With Multnomah Grass Banks and Fall Victims of Lassos.

All the amateur "bucaroos" of Portland turned out yesterday afternoon to see an exhibition of Wild West tactics under the leadership of E. F. Given, the "King of the Cowboys," on the Multnomah Field. The small boy who is contemplating running away from home to take up the glad, free life of the plains, was there in large numbers. Some very good exhibitions of bareback riding were given, as well as breaking several obstinate ponies. One of the best features of the show was the absence of unnecessary cruelty which generally forms one of the attractions in such a performance to a certain class of people.

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Too Many Pianos

Pianos that should have been here for holiday trade, but were delayed in shipment, have been piling in on us by the carload, and in order to make room for our regular shipments, we have concluded to unload them at a big sacrifice rather than to hire extra storage room. This will be an opportunity to secure a strictly high-grade piano at a much less price than is usually charged by others for the cheap kind. Many took advantage of our January sale, and many others will be glad of the opportunity thus afforded for February. While our January proposition was the best we have yet made, and all any one could ask, we have concluded to offer extra inducements this month in the way of monthly payments, and in this way reduce your stock quickly and turn an otherwise dull month into one of the busiest of the year. Here you will find an excellent assortment of the old reliable, such as the Knabe, Steck, Everett, Ludwig, Hardman, Fischer, Smith & Barnes, Kingsbury and other equally well-known makes, and all sold at great bargains on our easy-payment plan. The payments during February will be \$6, \$8 and \$10 per month, and old instruments will be taken in exchange for part pay. We would like to secure about a dozen good square pianos for a special purpose, so here is an opportunity to get rid of that old instrument at a good price, and secure a nice new, upright at a low price. It would be impossible to quote prices intelligently on all, but suffice it to say you will find nice pianos ranging in price from \$15 up, and such values could not possibly be obtained elsewhere for less than \$100 more money. Come in and look them over. We will treat you courteously, and if you don't find something to suit you, we will be just as much obliged to you for calling. If you prefer an organ, we have lots of them, from \$40 up, also on easy payments.

ALLEN & GILBERT RAMAKER CO.

Successor to the Wiley B. Allen Co.

209-211 First St., Portland.

1406 Second Av., Seattle, Wash.

Arizona on Monday evening, and will probably not return for several months. During their stay in Tucson they will be the guests of their daughter, Mrs. George W. Pitcock.

S. Silverfield, of the Silverfield Fur Manufacturing Company, left on a business trip to New York. He will remain in the East about eight weeks.

Mr. John T. Stonerod, secretary of E. H. Moorehouse & Co., is touring the Middle West. His principal stop will be at De Moines, Ia., his old home, where he will spend the 10th anniversary of his leaving for Portland. Mr. Stonerod has charge of the contracting department of his firm.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—William Sheehy and his daughter, Miss Frances Sheehy, called at the Eastern office of The Oregonian today. They have been nine days in the East. Mr. Sheehy expects to leave New York about March 1, and will return to Portland about March 8.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—William Marconi sailed for England today by the Cunard liner Etruria.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, who has just recovered from a severe illness, left today for Garnett, S. C.

OLSEN SUES HIS PARDNER

Asks for An Accounting and Receiver of Elks Stable.

Fred L. Olsen, Clerk of the Municipal Court, yesterday filed suit against his partner, H. Kelly, who is well known for an accounting. The complaint was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday, and sets forth that Olsen, Kelly and Brown in October, 1902, entered into a partnership to conduct the Elk livery stable, at 21 Fourth street. It is alleged further that since the commencement of the partnership Kelly and Brown wrongfully and without the consent of Olsen, applied a portion of the cash receipts and profits to their own individual use to the detriment of the business. The charge is also made that during the winter months it is not necessary to have over three men in the stable to run it, and that Brown and Kelly had three men there before themselves. Olsen says they cannot agree as to the policy of running the place. He asks the court to appoint a receiver, and that the assets be distributed after the concern has been wound up.

Articles of Incorporation.

Articles of incorporation of the Gallice Hydraulic Mining Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by E. E. Cable, A. B. Cousin and Robert Yenny. The capital stock is \$1,000,000.

Court Notes.

Judge George will announce a decision Monday in the case of George Good vs. W. K. Smith, on the merits.

Charles J. Reed and R. G. Whitehouse, executors of the will of John Great, ceased, petitioned the County Court for leave to sell 231 shares of Portland Gas Company stock for \$50 per share. This sum of state is \$10 per share more than had been obtained for the stock in 1901, when the company was reorganized.

FEB THE DOCTOR.

How He Made Use of Food.

Sometimes it is the doctor himself who finds it wise to quit the medicines and cure himself by food.

One looking around for a concentrated palatable prepared food for his family, Grape-Nuts, and immediately began using it four times a day, exclusively for breakfast, with milk; for luncheon and dinner as dessert, and at night as a bedtime treat. "I had had nervous dyspepsia for over a year. My normal weight is 140 pounds but I had been steadily losing flesh until I weighed only 125 pounds. I included it was time to throw 'physic to the dogs' in my case. Twenty-four hours after starting the Grape-Nuts regime the fullness and distress after eating had ceased. The heartburn, waterbrash, palpitation of the heart and other symptoms that had reminded me for over a year that I had a stomach, soon disappeared, and I can now eat a square meal and feel good afterwards."

"I weighed yesterday and was surprised to find that I had gained 15 pounds in a month, and the end is not yet."

"The nervous symptoms have entirely disappeared and I am stronger than I have been for two years. I thank you for placing Grape-Nuts at the disposal of those suffering with nervous dyspepsia." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

Monday and Tuesday Specials

Table Linen Specials

59-inch bleached damask, all pure linen, handsome patterns, worth 75c yard, special 54c

58-inch half bleached English table linen, heavy, firm quality, worth 60c yd., special price 56c

One Extraordinary Money-Saving Special Each Day

New Percales

Punjab percales, 36 inches wide, dark and light colors, fine firm quality, at per yard 14c

32-inch percales, all new patterns, medium and dark styles, at per yard 9c

\$1.50 Corsets, 53c

25 dozen ladies' celebrated R. & G. and Warner's corsets. These are broken lines in numerous styles, left after 30 days' rapid clearance sale selling—odd sizes, so come early. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.50.

MONDAY ONLY

53c

New Spring Gingham

200 pieces of new gingham, fine quality, latest patterns, yard 10c

New Wash Silks

Just arrived from Japan, over 3000 yards wash silks, the patterns and colorings are the best we have ever shown—prices 49c, 39c and 29c

20% Saving on Jackets

Balance of ladies' jackets to be closed out at special prices.

42-inch kersey jackets, \$17.50 grade, \$13.50 for

42-inch kersey jackets, \$19.50 grade, \$14.50 for

27-inch kersey jackets, \$10.50 grade, \$7.90 for

27-inch kersey jackets, \$8.90 grade, \$5.90 for

Shoe Specials

Women's best vici lace shoe, hand sewed, light extension sole, patent leather tips—the new creations only—\$3 values for \$2.50

Women's vici kid lace shoes, light extension English welt soles, kid and patent tips, new 1903 styles, \$2.50 values for \$2.00

PORTLAND'S FASTEST-GROWING STORE

Roberts Bros

FIFTH AND YAMHILL STS., TEMPORARY.

MEANING OF OREGON'S SEAL

Exception Taken to Bill Which Proposes to Change It.

MILWAUKEE, Or., Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in the Morning Oregonian of January 29 a proposed bill to change the seal of the State of Oregon, accompanied by a letter from Hon. H. W. Corbett to Senator H. E. McGinn, who is to father the measure before the Legislature.

As this is a matter of general interest to all citizens of the state, I take this opportunity to dissent from the distinguished gentleman who proposes to have the Union in 1857, which symbolizes our leading product and greatest historic event, further states that, as the seal of the State of Oregon is to be emblazoned on the Lewis and Clark monument, it should be official and, above all, symbolical of the early history of our commonwealth.

Now, is it not strange that the seal adopted by the constitutional convention, and which has served every purpose for which it was designed from 1857 to the present time, should suddenly become unofficial?

In answer to the charge that the present seal is meaningless, let me say that all things which we do not understand are meaningless. Let me explain to the distinguished gentleman that the covered wagon, which he omits from his proposed seal, symbolizes a pioneer experience not likely to be forgotten by those who crossed the plains, and not always fully appreciated by those who came by an easier route. I feel sure that if this could be submitted to the pioneers of Oregon, they would declare this feature of the seal to be not meaningless.

Let me also remind him that the two ships, one arriving and the other departing, symbolize the termination of the period of joint occupancy with Great Britain. The omission of one ship in his proposed design destroys the original significance of this feature of the seal.

Then why omit the sheaf of wheat, which symbolizes Oregon's greatest industry?

Let me say also that the words "The Union" were not meaningless at the time this seal was adopted by the constitutional convention.

In commemorating one great historic event, let us not pervert others. Let us pay our highest tribute to the memory of these great explorers by placing on their monument the seal dear to the heart of every true Oregonian, and which commemorates the pioneer emigration to Oregon, which shows that Oregon was for the Union in 1857, which symbolizes our leading product and greatest historic event.

HARVEY G. STARKWEATHER.

LUMPS OF PURE GOLD.

Chicken Creek Quartz Strike Is a Very Rich One.

JUNEAU, Jan. 29.—L. A. Minogue has just returned to Dawson from the Chicken Creek quartz strike with specimens of free milling ore which contain lumps of pure gold as large as a peanut, according to information that has reached the Alaska Dispatch. The ledge from which they were taken assays as high as \$4,000 to the ton. They were taken from the Matheson ledge on Shadler Mountain.

A regular stage line has been put on between Dawson and Fort-Yukon to accommodate passengers bound for Chicken Creek, the new Eldorado.

It cost \$1000 to convey the body of Ayres, the Yukon River pioneer, from where he died on the trail by dog team to Dawson, \$350 to embaln, and \$150 to transport it from Dawson to White Horse. Ayres froze to death on the summit of the mountain 30 miles below McQueston. His remains were sent to California.

Samples of oil recently struck at Catella were sent out for analysis, and proves to be of the highest quality. This adds greatly to the value of the strike, it being the only illuminating oil found so far on the Pacific Coast. Samples of anthracite coal from the same place show 57 per cent carbon and 3 per cent ash. The coal veins run from 2 to 40 feet in width, and extend back to the mountains. A 14-mile railroad is to be in operation by the time the season opens in Spring, which will connect the coal and oil fields in the foothills with the harbor.

Dignitary Breaks His Skull.

ROME, Jan. 31.—M. Decker, secretary of St. Peter's, fell down the stairs of his residence today, fracturing his skull, and died instantly.