

Blue River Mines.

We clip the following correspondence from the Brownsville Times concerning operations in the Blue river mining district:

The Eugene company has just had a fifty foot tunnel run on the Durango, and Mr. Brown, one of the owners, informed us this morning that they were getting out some fine rock. He said they had the rock tested and that it went from \$13 to \$100 per ton in gold, and from \$10 to \$50 in silver.

Martin & Peltier have been at work all winter running through the mountain rock, running for a ledge some two hundred and fifty feet from where they started. They are about to be rewarded for their labors. They run into one of the stringers of the ledge last night. It looked very well and they cannot be but a few feet from the ledge.

Mango & Butler's property looks better with every lick they strike, and they claim they are getting fine prospects.

Mr. John Downer is still going ahead on his claim and says that it is far better than it ever was before. He is getting out rock now in which gold can plainly be seen, and he is dreaming of happier days in the future.

Mr. Dale is digging away on one of his claims and the old man has great hopes of the future.

The Poorman boys are still boring into the mountain, although they have not found the main ledge they have been taking out the best rock for the last two weeks that ever came out of the mine.

A Lucky Piece.

The discovery has been made that on one side of the new quarter there are thirteen separate representations of the number thirteen. It was probably the intention of the designer of the new silver piece to have the number thirteen occur thirteen times, and thus break the thirteen superstition, but there are but few people who have noticed this fact.

There are thirteen stars, thirteen letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, thirteen marginal feathers in each wing, thirteen tail feathers, thirteen parallel lines in the shield, thirteen horizontal bars, thirteen arrow heads in one foot, thirteen leaves on the branch in the other foot, and thirteen letters in the words "quarter dollar."

The Incendiaries Confess.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—Thomas McCarthy, the detective for the underwriters, this evening succeeded in obtaining from Captain John Dove, David Young and Charles Pyburn a full and complete confession of the burning of the steamer R. C. Young for which crime this trio are now in jail here. They agree that she was burned for the purpose of securing the insurance. Pyburn and Young poured oil over the boat and Pyburn set a match to it, while Dove was off with the engineer, whom they were afraid to take into the scheme.

RAISED BILL.—Herald: Yesterday one of Albany's laboring men had returned to him a ten dollar bill, with the claim that it came from him. Investigation of the facts showed that he had only been one of some half dozen who had continuously had a ten dollar bill, but to clearly establish the identity of that bill was difficult to do. The one returned to him was plainly deficient, as it had been raised from a \$2 to a \$10 currency bill, by erasures and by pasting tens taken from cigar boxes or from spurious advertising bills over the twos on the genuine bill. It was rather cleverly done and likely to deceive persons who do not observe very closely.

Fatal Fall from a Load of Hay.

OAKLAND, Or., Aug. 11.—Mrs. C. Bard, who lives near this place, was riding on a load of hay with her husband, when the team took freight and she fell off. The wheels passed over her and she died in four hours.

Assaulted a Young Girl.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 11.—Jack Sherman, a young bookkeeper from Monmouth, was arrested today and held to await the action of the grand jury for the crime of assault. The complaint is made by Nettie Goode, aged 17.

Florence News.

The West, August 12.

The Mary Gilbert is now loading with lumber at the Siuslaw River Lumber Co's. mills. She will take on about 150,000 feet.

Steamer Coos came in Wednesday evening loaded to the guards—so to speak. She had three scows in tow loaded with immigrant moveables belonging to incoming settlers, tourists equipments headed for Heceta, together with a large scow of baled hay, while the cabin and decks were loaded with passengers and their baggage.

Passengers on steamer Coos Wednesday evening were Misses Luella, Harriet, and Belle Eaves, of Eugene; Miss Elsa L. Ames, an art instructor in the Stanford University of California; Mrs. Rev. Rabb, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Walton and family, Clyde L. Patterson, J. M. Widmer and brother, all of Eugene. These people are all upon pleasure bent, and yesterday morning started for a several days outing at Heceta Head.

Messrs. Mitchell & Bailey commenced work yesterday in clearing the great Siuslaw river of rocks and other obstructions from head of tide to the falls near Eugene. The first work will be that of blasting rocks and straightening the river at the land slide, a short distance above Mr. Neeley's place. They propose to so clear the river of obstructions as to make it navigable for logs the entire length. They will also put in a boom at a point three miles below head of tide.

Steamer Chance came in yesterday afternoon from Portland loaded with material for the lighthouse—valued at \$90,000—comprising glass, lenses for the light and heavy iron castings for the tower. She also had on fifteen tons of merchandise for this port fourteen Chinamen and sixteen passengers. She unloaded her cargo the same afternoon and today put out to sea again bound for Coos bay and Coquille. After leaving Coquille she will at once go to Astoria where she will take on a load of freight for Rose Hill cannery and return immediately to this port. They expect to be here again not later than next Thursday.

Fall Creek Flashes.

Anna, where was Ed, Sunday?

C. D. Edwards, of Eugene, was in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. C. O. Matteson was at A. D. Hyland's one day last week.

Miss Celia Hyland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma McFarland, at Junction.

Frank Warner and family, of Big Prairie, are visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Clara C. Edwards, of High Bank, visited at A. S. Matteson's recently.

I. M. McCollister, of Santa Barbara, California, was at A. S. Matteson's one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were up from Eugene last week picking berries and visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. George Warner.

Messrs. Anderson and Johnson, Rev. C. M. Hill, of Portland, and others passed through here last week, on a pleasure trip to the mountains.

Rev. J. M. Sweeney, assisted by Rev. I. D. Driver, of Eugene, commenced a camp meeting at Lowell, Thursday evening, August 11th, which will continue until the 27th.

Accidentally Killed Herself.

WOODBURN, Aug. 14.—Last night a young woman named Helen Powers died from the effects of an overdose of oil of tansy. The coroner called a jury which returned a verdict to the effect that she came to her death from an overdose of oil of tansy, administered by her own hand and without suicidal intent. She was 20 years old.

A Southern Oregon Pioneer Dead.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 11.—S. P. Hamilton died at his home on Oak creek yesterday after a lingering illness, aged 78 years. He was an old pioneer of Douglas county, and was well known throughout southern Oregon.

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