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MINING IN CROOK COUNTY

Crook county may yet become a great mining county, and in fact such development as there has been of the mineral resources of the county indicates that there are some great prospects in this part of the state. The Oregon King mine at Ashwood, which has been visited by some of the best mining experts and operators in the Northwest, is said to be the biggest prospect in the state. Development work on that property has been retarded by the litigation in which the company unfortunately became entangled, but it is now reported that work will soon begin there again.

Another property in this county which has attracted attention is the Mayflower up on Ochoco. This property was first owned by Lewis McAllister, who interested Portland capital in the property. Later, after about \$50,000 had been spent by the owners, development work was abandoned, and the property came into the hands of Thron Thronson and his associates from Dayton, Washington. Mr. Thronson had been one of the original owners of the Oregon King mine, and while living at Ashwood had visited every section of the county on prospecting tours, and he was convinced that there were great possibilities in the Mayflower. Under his supervision development work had been going ahead at the Mayflower, and there are now something like 10,000 tons of ore on the dump, while a considerable amount has been blocked out. Recently the property was bonded to Kansas City capitalists, the amount of the bond being \$100,000. The Mayflower is the oldest mining property in the county, having been first located 30 years ago.

In addition to the gold prospects in the county, there is upon Lookout mountain a very promising quicksilver proposition which Prineville capital is developing. Cinnabar ore of high grade has been uncovered, and this prospect is said to be the best quicksilver property in the state.

PLOWING TOO DEEP.

S. G. Cosgrove, who spent several days in this vicinity during the past week looking over the farming lands and studying the soil, is authority for the statement that some of the farmers in this locality are plowing too deep. Mr. Cosgrove believes that in breaking new soil, or plowing for spring sowing, the ground should not be broken to a depth of to exceed 3 to 4 inches, and the reasons which he gives certainly are plausible. He says that in deep plowing the bunch grass or stubble is turned under to such a depth that the harrowing which follows is ineffective, and the strong winds which we have here soon dry the soil out as deep as it has been plowed. In shallow plowing, he says, the harrowing pulverizes all of the broken soil, and when the seed is planted it takes root in and is supplied with moisture from the solid ground underneath the shallow plowing.

Mr. Cosgrove was very much pleased with what he saw of this country, and he thinks that in time it will make a success-

ful grain district. He made the observations regarding the manner of cultivation casually and without intent to criticize, and we have taken the liberty of quoting him in the matter, believing that there are many in this new district who will be glad to have the opinion of so successful a farmer as Mr. Cosgrove has proved himself to be. He is one of the most prominent farmers in Garfield county, Washington, owning several valuable farms in that county.

AUTOS TO RUN SHORTLY

Automobiles will be running in Crook county this year, says the Crook County Journal. Its intention of the Central Oregon Transportation Co., which built the 75 mile roadway between Cross Keys and Bend last year, to place lighter machines on the route and begin handling the traffic as soon as Spring opens.

F. S. Stanley, secretary and treasurer of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, which spent \$25,000 last year in the construction and equipment of the line, stated last week that unless railroad advancement should take a sudden spurt into Crook county, the automobile line would be in operation in time to handle the heavy passenger traffic coming to Crook county this season to invest in the company's lands.

Little change will be made in the route of travel with the exception that the southern terminus will be at Redmond, 18 miles of the old station at Bend. This change will be made owing to the fact that since the road was built last year the company's headquarters have been removed to the latter town.

The company anticipates an immense number of prospective settlers this year. Most of these will want to get to the irrigated sections by the shortest route possible and the auto route will prove the most serviceable.

CANDIDATES NUMEROUS.

The political pot continues to simmer and it looks now as though there would be at least half a dozen candidates for the nomination of each of the great political parties for the various county offices. Although there is plenty of time for announcements, last week brought out definite declarations from several who have been talked of as probable candidates. The following is a list of those who are said to be candidates for nomination by their party:

Sheriff: Republican—Willis W. Brown, Frank Elkins, S. E. Hodges. Democrat—J. Stroud, J. H. Crooks, Jim Smith.
Clerk: Republican—J. H. Haner, R. A. Ford. Democrat—Warren Brown, Riley Cook, W. F. Hammer.
For County Commissioner: Fred Fisher.
Dr. H. P. Belknap of Prineville has announced his candidacy for the office of joint representative from Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake counties.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WEDDING

President's Daughter Becomes Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Washington, Feb. 17.—With a plain circlet of virgin gold, in the historic East Room of the White House, at 13 minutes after 12 o'clock today, Alice Lee Roosevelt, eldest daughter of the President of the United States, and Nicholas Longworth, the Representative in Congress from the First District of Ohio, were united in marriage.

The ceremony—one of the most impressive ever performed in the executive mansion—was according to the liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which the bride is a member. It was solemnized by the Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, and was attended by all the solemn state of a grand official function and by the devotional beauty of a cathedral service. No ceremony of a similar kind ever was witnessed by a more distinguished assemblage. There were present as guests not only the most eminent representatives of the American Government, but the personal commissioners of kings and potentates of the powers of the civilized world, constituting an assemblage not only one of the largest, but the most distinguished that ever was gathered at one time in the White House.

A halo of a hundred years of romantic White House history hung over the bridal couple. Miss Roosevelt was the twelfth bride according to accepted authorities, to plight her troth in its classic walls, and the identical spot where she today joined hands with the husband of her choice, "for better or for worse," is hallowed in the memory of another White House bride, "Nellie Grant, who, on that same spot, 32 years ago, became the wife of an Englishman, Algernon F. C. Sartoris. Tender, indeed, must have been the recollections of Mrs. Sartoris of that day, now long ago, for she was one of the witnesses of Miss Roosevelt's wedding.

While the bride herself and the President and Mrs. Roosevelt had desired that the ceremony of the marriage be as quiet and simple as possible, it was found impracticable to limit the function, as was intended at first, to the immediate relatives of the bride and the bridegroom. It became necessary to include among the guests invited certain official classes and personal friends of Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth and, in all, the people bidden to the ceremony numbered 1000.

The ceremony took place in the East room, made famous by the century of brilliant social functions, but no event in its history ever was so brilliant and beautiful as that of today. The classic splendor of the great apartment was enhanced by exquisite and artistic decorations, and the brilliant sunlight of a gorgeous day lent added beauty to the setting of the wedding.

It had been intended to light the magnificent room with the hundreds of softly shaded electric lamps of the great crystal chandeliers, but, while artificial lights were utilized throughout the rest of the White House, it was determined to flood the marriage scene with sunlight. It was a beautiful conceit, founded on the pretty proverb, "Happy is the bride the sun shines on." No lovelier day in winter ever dawned. The air was as balmy, almost, as in spring. No more auspicious day for a wedding could have been imagined.

Prineville Review: Robt. Rea, a civil engineer who has been over the ground, said yesterday that the new O. R. & N. survey up the Deschutes is the only feasible way for a road to tap Central Oregon. It is impracticable to cross the Cascades or the Blues, owing to heavy gradients; by coming up the Deschutes to Willow creek and thence up the latter stream to the Agency Plains, a grade not exceeding 1.5 per cent can be found, and that only in spots. From Madras to California a minimum grade would be encountered. Then, a branch thrown out from somewhere near Lava or Rosland to Harney county would avoid the Blue and Snake river canyon. Mr. Rea thinks this will ultimately be the route taken by the Harriman line if it is ever constructed. He holds out no hopes for Prineville. His opinions are those of a disinterested railroad engineer and are entitled to some weight.

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