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The Nuggets of Today

Like many other western communities, Crook County has her fabled "lost mines," the Blue Bucket diggings, discovered and lost by immigrants over half a century ago, and, like the other communities, sees them sought for by modern treasure hunters whose hopes run high and whose blood tingles at the thought of wealth quickly won. Up in the Summit Prairie country today a hundred claims are staked on the alleged scene of the discovery of the argonauts of old, and as many men are plying pick and shovel in quest of the hidden treasure.

Golden nuggets; no county in all Oregon has a greater share of them than has Crook—a store that is rich in figures of infinity and that shall last as long as man himself, a treasure that is to be shared by every earnest worker regardless of "miner's luck." But the richest nuggets of Crook are not to come from quartz lode or placer wash; they are not to be found by the pick and shovel of the bonanza miner in isolated and infrequent pockets in the hills. The nuggets of today are found in the wake of the plow and the harrow, the drill and the cultivator, the mower, the reaper, and the harvesters of all the crops of the soil. The pay dirt "runs from the grass roots," and is scattered north and south and east and west over thousands upon thousands of acres waiting only the coming of man and his labor for its products to be transmuted into golden coin.

The gleaming grain, the yellow corn, the grasses of the meadow and the fragrant alfalfa, the fruits of the earth and vine and tree, the products of the forest—ineffable, inexhaustible, everlasting—these are the nuggets of Crook, and when the day comes that the last gold miner has gone to his reward, the tiller of the soil will still be garnering his treasures, the mainstay of the nation's wealth and power.

A Book for Voters

A recent publication that may never rank among the "six best sellers" but which cannot be commended too highly to the consideration of Oregon voters, is a pamphlet from the office of the state printer containing a copy of all measures "referred to the people by the legislative assembly," "referendum ordered by petition of the people," and "proposed by initiative petition," which will be submitted to the voters of the state at the fall election. In almost all instances, the measures are accompanied by arguments which have been filed for them or against them by parties directly interested in their passage or defeat, and the man whose opinions are not as yet formed may find much food for thought in these pages. Prominent in general interest and importance to all the people among the matters which will be submitted to them are the measures providing for equal suffrage; to abolish the Senate and make the governor and the defeated party candidates for governor members ex officio of the House; for the supervision of public service corporations by the railroad commission; the so called "blue sky law"; to fix the liability of the

owners of bank stock; for the creation of highway commissions and the issuing of bonds and incurring indebtedness for road improvement, and the numerous taxation measures. A study and full understanding of the latter is of especial benefit to every taxpayer.

The Fruits of Publicity

So sly there is no limit to the utility of legitimate advertising. It even brings an array of ardent wooers to the feet of a woman who pleads guilty to the possession of few attractions. Homeliness had long stood between her and matrimony. Time crept swiftly by, her associates were wedded one by one, yet no suitor came to ask her hand.

In despair she set out to advertise. She addressed, from her home in Seattle, a letter to the mayor of Vancouver, Wash.

In this letter she asked for assistance, feeling that perhaps in the rural districts about Vancouver there might exist somewhere a shortage of women. She said plainly that she would not be content with a mere man. He must be considerable of a man; one with wholesome character, good standing in the community, not past middle age, sound of physique and reasonably prosperous. Even a ravishing beauty could barely have asked for more. The Mayor passed the communication to The Oregonian correspondent at Vancouver, it was published, and now the young woman is overwhelmed by offers.

Inasmuch as the name of the young woman is withheld, the letters all go through the hands of the Vancouver Mayor. He has checked up on the wooers and reports that there are some very desirable ones after the Seattle spinster. All of which goes to prove that there is nothing like making your wants known.—Oregonian.

New Mayor at Redmond

After a special election early last week at which practically all the voters of Redmond indicated a preference for Dr. J. F. Hosch for Mayor, the city council met in regular session and formally elected him Mayor of the city to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of H. F. Jones. C. N. Ehret was chosen to succeed Dr. Hosch as a member of the council.

SOMETHING DOING IN RAILWAY CIRCLES

Engineering Party Working East from Crescent—Presumably Harri-man Men

Considerable speculation has been rife of late concerning the next moves in the railroad game in Central Oregon. Some day ago, a party of engineers under the leadership of H. J. Groendyke came up the river on the O.-W. R. & N., outfitted with provisions for an extensive trip, went south to Crescent and are reported to be running a line east from that point. While it has not been so stated definitely, it is presumed that they are Harri-man surveyors, and are locating a line east from Crescent to connect with the survey west from Vale.

The visit of Chairman Hill of the Great Northern, of which more is said in another article, was also the cause of a good many theories being advanced concerning the southern extension of the Oregon Trunk, and the commencement of work at no far distant date on the Hill east and west road from Bend, the survey for which has long been completed.

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OREGON PRODUCTS

TO BE FEATURED

By The Great Northern at Minneapolis Land Show—Cooperation Bought

"The Great Northern Railway is preparing to feature the products of Oregon at the Minneapolis Land Show," said E. C. Leedy, General Immigration Agent, of the Great Northern Railway, after his return from the west recently. "The results achieved by this kind of advertising in the past has been highly successful and we are thoroughly convinced that bringing the products of the west to the people of the east is the most effective and modern method of advertising the agricultural possibilities of any country.

"The representatives of the Immigration Department are canvassing every community in the state of Oregon collecting grains in the straw, grasses, vegetables and in fact all products of the soil. They are cooperating with the Commercial Clubs, responsible Real Estate men and the farmers, who are growing the crops. The thorough manner in which this collecting of exhibition material is being followed insures us the greatest collection of agricultural and horticultural products that has ever been assembled by any railway.

"The very best and choicest samples will be shown at the Minneapolis Land Show, where thousands of homeseekers and investors will visit. Our representatives are meeting with great success, as the local people along the entire line appreciate more than ever the great benefit of the wide publicity which is given our particular section through this medium of advertising.

"The Northern Land Show at Minneapolis will mark a new epoch in the history of agricultural and horticultural exhibits. Undoubtedly this will be the greatest collection of products of the soil ever assembled under one roof and the products of the Great Northern country are certain to be leading attractions."

25% Reduction

In order to close out our entire stock of BASE BALL goods and FISHING TACKLE, we have decided to make the above reduction.

DO NOT FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY

If you are going on a vacation trip, whether to the coast or to the mountains you'll need good angling and base ball outfits

We keep only Reliable Goods and NOW is the time to buy

\$ 1.00 GRADE, BASE BALLS	NOW	.75
\$ 1.00 " B. B. BATS	"	.75
\$ 3.00 " B. B. GLOVES	"	\$2.25
\$ 2.00 " FISHING RODS	"	\$1.50
\$ 1.25 " FISHING REELS	"	.95

Central Oregon Mercantile Co.

MADRAS, OREGON

The New

MADRAS FLOUR MILLS

Are Now Making Three Brands of Flour

MADRAS FLOUR (straight)
HIGHLAND PATENT (1st grade)
DESCHUTES FLOUR (2nd grade)

All our FLOUR is of natural color
The only right color, flavor and quality
All brands are first class for their grade

Madras Flour Mills

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School Opens

EARLY THIS MONTH

We have just received a large shipment of all kinds of

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

TABLETS, PENCILS, PENS, PADS, ETC.

Before starting your children in school, buy them a pair of our

HARDWARE BRAND OF SHOES

They will last all winter

Madras Trading Co., Inc.

MADRAS, OREGON