

ILWACO RUSHING TO SILVER STRIKE

New Mining Territory on Nasel River, Wash., Has Excited Fishermen Population.

ORDINARY GOLD VALUES AND HIGH GRADE SILVER

Little Work Done on Any of Discoveries and Locating Is by Inexperienced Men.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ilwaco, Wash., March 25.—The rush from this place to the Nasel goldfields, 12 miles in a direct line from Ilwaco and 20 miles by boat and railroad, is becoming rather exciting. Fishermen, discouraged by the outlook caused by infringement of a syndicate upon their rights, are locating claims.

It develops that W. R. Vaughn, a logger of this town, discovered gold on the Nasel river in 1896, and at that time filed on a claim and has since been driving a tunnel, without letting the matter of the discovery be known. His claim lies nearly three miles from the present discoveries. The rush is to the old Stanley townsite, an abandoned place at the confluence of Bear river and the Nasel. Mr. Vaughn discovered gold at this point in 1894, and followed it up the straits about three miles, where he discovered a ledge. These straits connect Bear river and the Nasel.

Mr. Vaughn said: "I do not put much faith in the discoveries as giving immediate great results. I have had many assays made, and they range from a low grade to as high as \$25 to the ton in gold. But 40 per cent of total values are silver. The properties are rich in silver. Some of the ore is very heavy with this metal. While I have a ledge, I am not yet certain as to its width or continuity. I believe, though, that it will develop into good-paying property. The croppings hang over the edge of the river and banks of the straits, which would make mining and transportation easy, as the boats can run up to the discoveries."

Many persons of Ilwaco, South Bend, Nahotta, and even from Astoria and Portland, are going to the place with grubstakes. The rush is on in earnest, and many are sanguine over rich developments in the new discovery. Tales are told of fabulous assays, but The Journal representative is unable to verify any of these more than the statement of Mr. Vaughn. One assaying \$25 gold to the ton, with reported high values in silver, is the best that has been verified. The men who made the discoveries are inexperienced in mining and do not even know the classification of the ore, which they have found.

INDIANA HAS BEGUN SMELTER SHIPMENTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Sumpter, Or., March 25.—The first shipment of ore from the Indiana mine, northeast of Baker City, has been received at the smelter. Other shipments are expected soon, although regular production is not assured until Manager J. W. Messner has further completed his explorations on the 100 and 200 levels. The shaft is at a depth of 275 feet. When the 300 level is reached another station will be cut out and a third drift extended on the vein.

This is the first deep work ever done in the vicinity of Copper Butte, where a matting plant was erected many years ago, which handled a high-grade surface ore. Numerous shallow shafts and tunnels have explored the surface the past quarter of a century, but the deep sinking being prosecuted by Manager Messner for the Indiana company is the first real mining done in a district that has much promise on the surface. The most important feature of work at the Indiana is the magnitude of veins opened at depth. The country bore the aspect of having been thoroughly fluted, but surface work did not develop it. In the Indiana workings the large fissure through which the shaft cut near the surface is paralleled by another about 50 or 60 feet distant, and which may be regarded as one wall of a great lode. In this zone ore bodies are found of an encouraging order, satisfying the management that enrichment at depth has been thorough. The first shipment to the smelter is ore taken from headings, and will furnish a basis for further estimates. The Indiana is but 20 miles from Baker, and but little more than 10 miles from Telocass, the nearest rail point. With this short wagon haul and a rail haul of 50 miles the property will be able to market high-grade ore and concentrate economically.

DR. RAY ORDERS MORE POWER AT NEW PLANT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Gold Hill, Or., March 25.—Manager C. R. Ray, of the Condor Water & Power company, at Gold Ray, six miles from this place, gives the assurance that another addition is to be made to his plant immediately. He has just completed the work of raising the horsepower from 750 to about 2,000, and says that within the next 60 or 70 days a further increase to 3,200 will have been made. Orders have been placed for installing this additional machinery, and the work is to proceed as rapidly as possible.

Development of power at Gold Ray has been rapid since Dr. Ray completed the big dam across Rogue river, which raises the stream until its entire volume is given a drop of 22 feet. The foundations for a 10,000 horsepower plant were laid at the beginning, and subsequent work has been on a scale according to the power requirements of the district served. As the pole lines penetrate the country and various con-

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corns commence using electric energy, the demand grows faster than was expected, until the management is rushing enlargement orders to the factory. In the past the principal demand has been by the mining companies and for lighting cities, but this spring Dr. Ray intends to develop the irrigation project outlined earlier, furnishing electricity to pump water. When he persuades the farmers of the economy of this method of farming, he has a vast field before him, Rogue River valley stretching on either side of Gold Ray for many miles.

OREGON MAN RETURNS FROM GOLDFIELD, NEV.

A. L. Morris, who organized the Oregon Miners' association, has returned from an extended trip through Colorado, Utah and Nevada. Mr. Morris secured a couple of options in the Goldfield district which he prizes highly, and will later return to the lower country. He brought samples of Goldfield ore which shows the free clearly in a hard, massive quartz gangue. The Jumbo shaft in that district, he says, is down to the 250 level, and there is no yet a drop of water in the workings. No Goldfield mine has yet encountered water, and the depth at which the miners will have to commence pumping is not indicated. Mr. Norris says the south is a land of great promise, and that the stamped out Tonopah and Goldfield has good foundation. He expects the greatest development of the present quarter of a century there this year.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ROSSLAND.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseland, B. C., March 25.—Spring improvements have started with an activity that assures a large amount of work in the district the present year. The experimental concentrating plant of Le-Roi mine is being finished rapidly, and the White Bear has placed an order for a new 400 horsepower electric motor for its big compressor. Other mines are shaping to improve their plants this season, and the year will be marked by important milling work.

SCHOONER ONWARD IS NOW A TOTAL WRECK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Bandon, Or., March 25.—The insurance company carrying the risk on the schooner Onward, which was beached here during a heavy gale several weeks ago, after having spent several thousand dollars in trying to pull the vessel into deep water preparatory to towing her into the Coquille river for repairs, and having succeeded in getting her well on her way to deep water, have lost not only the money they have spent in trying to save her, but the vessel as well. During the past few days there has been a heavy gale blowing from the southwest, accompanied by high tides and heavy seas, which broke the schooner loose from her fastenings and dashed her against the rocks with such force as to practically riddle her bottom. No further efforts will be made to save her.

JAMES C. IRWIN DIES AT THE FAMILY HOME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., March 25.—James C. Irwin, a brother of Commissioner Irwin and a son of Richard Irwin, died last night on the old donation land claim a few miles from Corvallis. He was aged 51 years, and was born at the same place at which his death occurred. Diabetes was the cause of his death. The funeral will be held Saturday from the residence, and interment will be in the family cemetery. He was one of the best-known farmers of Benton county. His father is an early pioneer, and conducted the first retail store in Portland.

TACOMA'S CREW HELD PRISONERS ABOARD SHIP

(Journal Special Service.) Seattle, March 25.—Owners of the steamer Tacoma have received a cable from Captain Connaught that the Japs have released him from parole but are still keeping the crew of 40 prisoners aboard ship. Manager Trenholme states the company will make every effort to secure the release of the crew and is confident that a prize court will not award the steamer to Japan.

OLYMPIA SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., March 25.—The supreme court reversed the superior court of King county in the case of J. J. McCafferty, attorney, who was given judgment for \$1,500 as attorney fees against the estate of John Sullivan, the deceased Seattle millionaire. In the case of Knok Larsen against the Allan Line Steamship company, the court sustains the judgment for \$4,000

awarded the plaintiff in the lower court. The action was for damages on account of sickness contracted by the Norwegian boy while he was confined in the steerage suffering with an attack of meningitis, which resulted in permanent injury to his health because of improper care.

F. E. Gilman, respondent, against the Holland Investment company, judgment of lower court of King county is affirmed, wherein a receiver is allowed to take charge of the affairs of the company.

In the case of Phillip Morrison, appellant, against J. E. Berlin and others, respondents, action to recover Seattle tide lands, the lower court is reversed and ordered to proceed with trial.

W. W. Lavaway and others, respondents, against John Cannon and others, appellants, the lower court of King county is affirmed. This was an action to foreclose a mechanics' lien.

Yakima Valley bank, appellant, against Charles McAllister, respondent, judgment affirmed.

SLAYER OF MABEL PAGE ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, March 25.—Argument was heard before Judge Sheldon and Sherman today in the motion for a new trial in the case of Charles L. Tucker, convicted of the murder of Mabel Page at Weston. Decision was reserved. The condemned youth continues to bear up well, seldom speaking of his case, but making frequent inquiries regarding his family and particularly as to the condition of his father, who has been in a state of prostration since the end of the famous murder trial.

HAD NOT SEEN HUMAN FACE FOR FIVE MONTHS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Wallace, Idaho, March 25.—Dick Cunningham, ex-sheriff and mine owner, whose life was despaired of, he not having been heard from since starting for the mines several months ago, was found to be alive and well by other miners who called at his cabin Wednesday. Cunningham had not seen a human being for five months.

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