

PROVE BLUE LEDGE A GREAT VEIN

Working Force Increased to Two Hundred and Fifty Men With Coming of Spring.

GREAT SYSTEM OF VEINS RICH IN VALUABLE ORE

A Thousand Men in Camp and Prospects Are That Another Thousand Will Soon Arrive—District One of Immense Promise.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Blue Ledge Mining Camp, Cal., Feb. 15.—With the approach of spring the Blue Ledge Mining company has increased its working crew on the Blue Ledge copper mine from 150 to 250 men; other properties in the district are also awakening to life and activity after three months of comparative idleness during the winter, men are coming in by the score, and the camp is growing into a prosperous mining town. There are now about 1,000 men in the camp and district, with a probability of 1,000 more coming in within the next two months. A two-story hotel is being built, and the three stores and the two saloons are doing a thriving business. Wages are good, eight hours being the limit for each shift, and \$3.00 being the wages paid. Board is \$1 per day.

On account of the several heavy slides on the road between Blue Ledge and Medford, the stage carrying mail, express and passengers has not been able to get through, but transfers of mail, baggage and passengers have been made around the slides. A large crew of men has been placed on the stages, and the regular schedule of the stages will soon be made again.

Showing Is Phenomenal. The showing made by the Blue Ledge is phenomenal. The immensity and richness of the ore body is no longer a matter of conjecture. The Blue Ledge is in the center of a district fully 10 miles square—a district that contains a great system of copper ledges and veins, the geological features of all of which, in the matter of strike and dip, are identical. The Blue Ledge vein itself, whose outcrop is from 50 to 300 feet wide, is a contact vein of micaceous schist, carrying high values in both copper and gold. The vein strikes with the formation, which dips to the north and south, and dips to the west at an angle of 50 degrees from the horizontal.

The Blue Ledge and all other veins of the district, occupy rifts in the laminations of the schist formation, and these laminations are similar to fissures in almost every respect. It is these important geological features the mining men have taken into account upon passing upon this huge body of ore. It was this that attracted Patrick Clark to the mine, and which caused the present company, headed by A. S. Towne, a New York millionaire, to stake its capital on the property.

Is Immense Property. The company is expending no expense in the development of the district. While it may require several years, it is the intention of the owners to fully develop the Blue Ledge, equip it with an enormous smelting plant, and build a line of railroad, connecting the camp with the main lines of transportation. There is no doubt in the minds of competent mining men who have visited the camp, that the Blue Ledge ore, will ultimately become the biggest copper mine on the Pacific coast. And while the property is in California, by a very narrow margin, the only means of reaching it is from the Oregon side, that it practically belongs to the latter state.

COMES TO SELECT MEMBER OF NEW COMMISSION

State Treasurer Steel Will Be Guided by Wishes of Portland Organizations.

State Treasurer George Steel came to Portland last night to confer with leading shippers and business men of this city as to the selection of a member of the railroad commission. It is expected that Governor Chamberlain will sign the Chapin bill early next week, and each member of the state board, which consists of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer, will name one of the commissioners.

After the passing of the Chapin bill, State Treasurer Steel declared his intention of naming as his appointee a man from Portland who should be acceptable to the business interests of this city. Steel has been overwhelmed with applications for the position, and as the easiest solution of the problem presented to him, he determined to be guided largely by the commercial interests of this city.

Secretary of State Benson, on the other hand, will name some man from the Willamette valley or from southern Oregon. He, too, has been besieged by seekers for the office. Waitgate of Albany being one of the most persistent and most conspicuous. Since Steel proposes to name some Portland man and since the governor will probably name some Democrat, it would seem that Waitgate must place his reliance upon Benson.

The Beaver. This is the name of a hat which is being shown by the Lion Clothing company, and as the name implies, it is built for the Oregon climate. Tomorrow (Saturday), February 15, the new spring and summer blocks will be shown for the first time in a vast variety of styles and colors. It is in fact the most complete line of \$3 hats ever shown in the city, and an experienced hat man who is in charge will be pleased to show you and fit your face with a most becoming style.

Yvette Gauthier, the charming French actress, now speaks English well enough to joke in it. At a tea given in her honor by a Philadelphia woman's club, she said: "English is not difficult. But one word may have so many different meanings. That is sometimes vexing." A mother said to her daughter: "Don't you find Gus rather rough?" "The daughter answered, with a faint blush: "Yes, mama; and yet he says he loves every day."

The Biggest and Best of All Our Shoe Deals—Factory's Surplus Stock of MEN'S FINEST \$3.00 AND \$4.00 SHOES \$1.98 A PAIR



Every pair a well-known make—and most all trade mark footwear—Shoes stamped \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 on the sole—Tomorrow \$1.98 takes your choice Over 1,200 pairs to go and all shoes made by makers of national reputation. Such famous brands as Friedman, Wertheimer, Dougherty, Fithian, Goodman Bros. and others equally notable—the same makes and same grades that every other store in town sells at \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00. All here tomorrow in one great lot at \$1.98 for choice.

EVERY PAIR THE VERY FINEST—SHOES FOR WORK AND DRESS

Shoes made of the most expensive highest grade leathers, Shoes made for the finest trade—Handsome and elegant Patent Leathers, patent calf, vici kid, box calf and calfskin, in over 20 of the newest lasts, blucher, lace and congress styles, light, medium and heavy soles, Good-year hand welts, in fact, footwear of the very highest class; Shoes worth \$3.00 to \$4.00 anywhere and everywhere, and many of them are marked those prices on the sole. One great lot of them all—there's no reserve—choose the best, pick the finest. Select \$3.00 and \$4.00 Shoes tomorrow and get the best bargain you ever bought anywhere. Choice \$1.98 pair

PORTLAND'S NEW DEPARTMENT STORE



ENTIRE BLOCK ON YAMHILL FROM 2ND TO 3RD.

SEND US YOUR MAIL ORDERS

Children's and Boys' Shoes

The good, dependable, serviceable kind at reductions that should crowd the store with buyers.

Misses' and Children's

School Shoes of finest kid, patent-leather tip, heavy extension soles, just the kind girls like, and every pair solid leather—sizes 5 to 9—worth \$1.50, for \$1.24

Boys' Solid Leather School Shoes

500 PAIR EXTRA GOOD Boys' Solid Leather School Shoes Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2—great mixed lot, worth to \$2.50, for \$1.49 Little men's \$1.50 School Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 13 1/2—pair .98c

NOTIONS

- Hair Curlers, 2 sizes; the regular 3c 10c kind 10c Tracing Wheels 3c at each 10c Neck Bands, regular 25c at 5c, here 1c Large 20 spool Basting Thread 1c Grand Linen Thread, a 10c spool 5c everywhere 25c White Pearl Neck Bands, regular 25c 3c Paper Pins 1c

DRUGS

- \$1.00 bottle Newbro's Herpicide 67c Special 1c Listerine, large \$1.00 bottles 65c 50c bottle Listerine 37c 25c jar Eastman's Cold Cream 11c Special 1c Heart and Flower Toilet Soap 6c Rubber tip Lead Pencils, worth 25c; dozen 13c

All Bargain Records Broken—Another Big Scoop

Women's 50c and 75c Sample Hose

Did you ever hear of a bigger bargain? Think of it, up to 75c values at 17c a pair. Do you wonder that we expect and have made preparations for the biggest crowd that ever packed the store?

Every Pair a Sample—35c, 50c and 75c Values

If you see them you'll buy by the dozen for we pledge our word it's one of the biggest values ever offered by this store of bargains—20 dozen—2,400 pairs, and every one a sample, so you can imagine how many kinds you have to pick from, mostly blacks, and all the very finest quality; black maco cotton, black fleec lined, black merino, black cashmere, and fine black wool, plain and ribbed, some with ribbed tops, all full regular made and seamless, double soles, heels and toes and plenty of all sizes. Come tomorrow and share in the greatest Hosiery bargain Portland has ever known. Get two, three and four pairs for the usual price of one. Positively none worth less than 35c up to 75c. Go through the lot and pick the finest, and remember there's plenty of 75c ones to go. Choice

Crockery Bargains

- Great purchase of Imitation Cut Glass ware; 5,000 pieces; all deep cuttings and brilliant finish, and every piece at less than half price. 25c Im. Cut Glass Pitchers 9c 15c Im. Cut Glass Spoon Holders 7c 15c Im. Cut Glass Creamers 7c 25c Im. Cut Glass Sugar Bowls 10c 25c Im. Cut Glass Berry Bowls 10c 25c Im. Cut Glass Butter Dishes 10c 15c Im. Cut Glass Pickle Dishes 4c 75c Im. Cut Glass Combination Water Bottles 37c 1,000 Large Platters Best English porcelain, 14 and 16-inch sizes; all regular \$1.00 values; less than half 49c 5c Carpet Tacks, all sizes; box 1c Full size 42-piece Dinner Sets, Johnson Bros. semi-porcelain; all per- feet and best \$5 values; set 29.99 4-t. granite lipped Sauce Pans, regular 25c size 19c Large 10c Potto Mashers 5c 5c enameled Wash Basins 56c

Women's Fancy Chemisettes Worth up to \$1.00

All samples and but one of a kind, made of fine sheer materials, lace embroidery trimmed and handsome designs; dainty elegant Chemisettes that are worth 85c, 75c and up to \$1.00. While the last, tomorrow, choice, each 24c

Women's \$1.25 Kid Gloves Black and All Colors

Another lot just in and it's the best yet, made of fine German lambskin, spear point embroidery, one pearl clasp, fawn, modes, navy, brown, and also black and white. All sizes and every pair guaranteed just as though you paid the regular price of \$1.25; pair 89c

Great Bargain Capture of Women's Underw'r

Maker's Surplus Stock of Finest 75c Grades 44c

All 75c grades and none worth a penny less, German lisle thread Vests and Pants, all white, vests high neck and short sleeves, also low neck, sleeveless; all silk, crochet and ribbon finish, knee and ankle length pants, all sizes; garments worth 75c of anybody's money. One day only choice 44c SPECIAL—60 dozen Children's Jersey ribbed Vests and Pants, high neck and long sleeves, good quality Egyptian cotton. All sizes and all best 25c grades 19c

They're Going With a Rush—Crowds After Those Women's \$12 and \$15 Long Cloaks

There never was such a sacrifice before, handsome, stylish, eighty coats at less than cost of the cloth alone—all the long 3/4 and 7/8 lengths—made of handsome plaid, check and fancy novelty mixtures, etc.—richly trimmed with velvet, straps, braiding, etc.; all colors, all sizes—coats actually and honestly worth \$12 and \$15, and at a price so ridiculously low that it will pay you to buy even if you have no use for it till next season—choice \$3.98



Women's \$22 to \$35 Coats \$6.98

Each one a pattern garment, the most elaborate and fetching of the season's garments—richest trimming—silk and satin lining—all that's left from our great purchase and all \$22 to \$35 coats—choice

Special 100 Dozen Women's \$2.50 and \$2.25 White Waists \$1.23

Sheer fine lawn, elaborately embroidered, elbow and 3/4 sleeves—a bargain lot of new spring waists, and worth up to \$2.50—choice \$1.23

Great Sample Sale of Women's \$15.00 NEW SPRING SUITS \$7.49

And in the lot there's some of the prettiest styles imaginable—exquisite novelties in the new club checks and broken plaids—all colors—the same identical garments that other stores show in their windows marked \$15, here at the bargain store—choice \$7.49

Bargain Day in the Men's Furnishings

No one hundred per cent profit here, for everything goes at the same low prices that are the rule all over the house, 1,000 dozen Men's fine linen cambric Auction lot of Men's fine ribbed

Handkerchiefs Underwear hemstitched, full size and silk finish and made to you ever saw, special 5c In blue, brown and white, all silk finish and made to you ever saw, special 45c

Men's 39c and 50c SUSPENDERS

All other stores' best 39c and 50c kinds here tomorrow at 25c. Finest 2100 linen web Suspenders, all silk stitched, cantab and leather cast-off ends, patent buckles; every pair 25c cheap at 85c to 60c, pair

5,000 pairs Men's 20c Canvas Gloves 9c Pr.

Another bargain hit of the season—500 dozen of them—Men's pure silk reversible Four-in-Hands, all colors, including light and navy blue and the genuine Ramchunas—never sold under 35c, cut to 19c

11c Pair for Men's 20c Fancy Hose

100 dozen of them, in fancy figured, striped, dotted and novelty effects, all seamless, all colors—tans, gray, red, brown, black etc., the best 20c hose ever made—Special 11c a Pair

17c MUSIC SALE

Another great event for Saturday—all the latest and most popular hits, including "Why Don't You Try," "Cheyenne," "Tola," "Hello, Pesches," and many others, choice, 17c. Just in—another great lot of 5,000 pieces of music, vocal 5c and instrumental, worth up to 25c, all at 5c

Final Clothing Clearance—The Crash Has Come

Men's \$10 and \$12 Suits \$5.49

It's the last of the winter stock and over 200 of our finest and best \$10 and \$12 Suits are included. Every odd Winter Suit in stock to be cleared, and at once, no matter what the loss. All are garments from the foremost makers, and include handsome suits of every color, style, size and material. Fine black suits for dress, nobby mixtures, fancy checks and also some few navy blues, single and double breasted; best of linings and trimmings. Suits to satisfy every one. Suits worth every penny of \$10, \$12 and up to \$15, and the best suits in America at their regular prices. One great lot of them all and all alterations, if any are needed, at our expense, for we insist upon a perfect fit just as you do. Choice \$5.49.

Any Man's Overcoat in the House \$7.50

There's no reserve—go through the stock and pick the best—choose \$12, \$15, \$18 and even \$20 Overcoats—they are all yours CHOICE

WILL SPEAK ON STRUGGLES OF HUMAN LIFE

Dr. Brounger Arranges Series of Sermons That Will Offer Solutions.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brounger believes in a Christianity to live by, not to die by. One of his well-known sayings is, "Jesus Christ's life and teachings can furnish a solution to every problem known to

human experience." In harmony with this thought, he says he has striven at least to be a helpful preacher. He seeks to find out what the people really need, and then gives it to them. He says that a Christianity that does not help people in the great struggles of life is not worth having. A sermon that does not lead people to a better, happier life is hardly worth hearing. The great problem a preacher has to face, however, is to meet the needs of such a vast number of people, with such a variety of experiences. A preacher, therefore, cannot strive to please everybody, but simply make an effort to be as helpful to as many as possible. In the effort to be successful in life, everyone has to meet some difficulties and overcome them. With a view to dealing with some of these experiences, that

nearly everyone has to face, Dr. Brounger has arranged a special series of Sunday evening sermons on the subject, "Jesus and Life Struggles." The topics and dates are as follows: February 11, "With Heredity"; February 18, "With Environment"; March 5, "With Temptation"; March 12, "With Habit"; March 19, "With Doubt"; March 26, "With Impurity"; March 31, "With Borrow." Man's Way. From the Boston Transcript. Of troubles conjugal, jars and divorces, This, we believe, is the fruitfulest source: A man falls in love with a dimple or curl, Then foolishly marries the entire girl.

APPRECIATES THE WORTH OF GEARIN

Senator Culberson of Texas Declares Few Short-Term Men Made a Better Impression.

A rich tribute to Senator Gearin is contained in a letter just received by Tom Richardson, senator from Texas and Culberson. Culberson is the senior United States senator from Texas and is recognized as one of the leading

lights of the senate. The letter follows: "United States Senate, Washington, Feb. 9.—Mr. Tom Richardson, Portland, Oregon.—Dear Richardson: Now that he has come and gone I want to thank you for the kind letter you wrote me about Senator Gearin, and to tell you of the pleasure it has given me to know him, it will interest you to know also that this was shared by all senators with whom he was thrown during his service here. As a scholar, lawyer, orator and legislator he took high rank, and I doubt if any one in so short a service left a finer impression upon the senate than he did. Truly yours friend, (Signed) "C. A. CULBERSON."

WALKER'S BOOKS ARE BEING EXAMINED

W. C. Walker, auditor of the Columbia River & Northern Railway company, who left the company several days ago, is still missing. While the officials of the company deny that they fear a shortage in the accounts, it is understood that the books are being investigated. At first tax officials of the company said that Mr. Walker had gone on a vacation and that they did not know his whereabouts, but now they admit that he will probably not return to his post for an indefinite period. People are wondering if Smith is any better—and look of course.

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