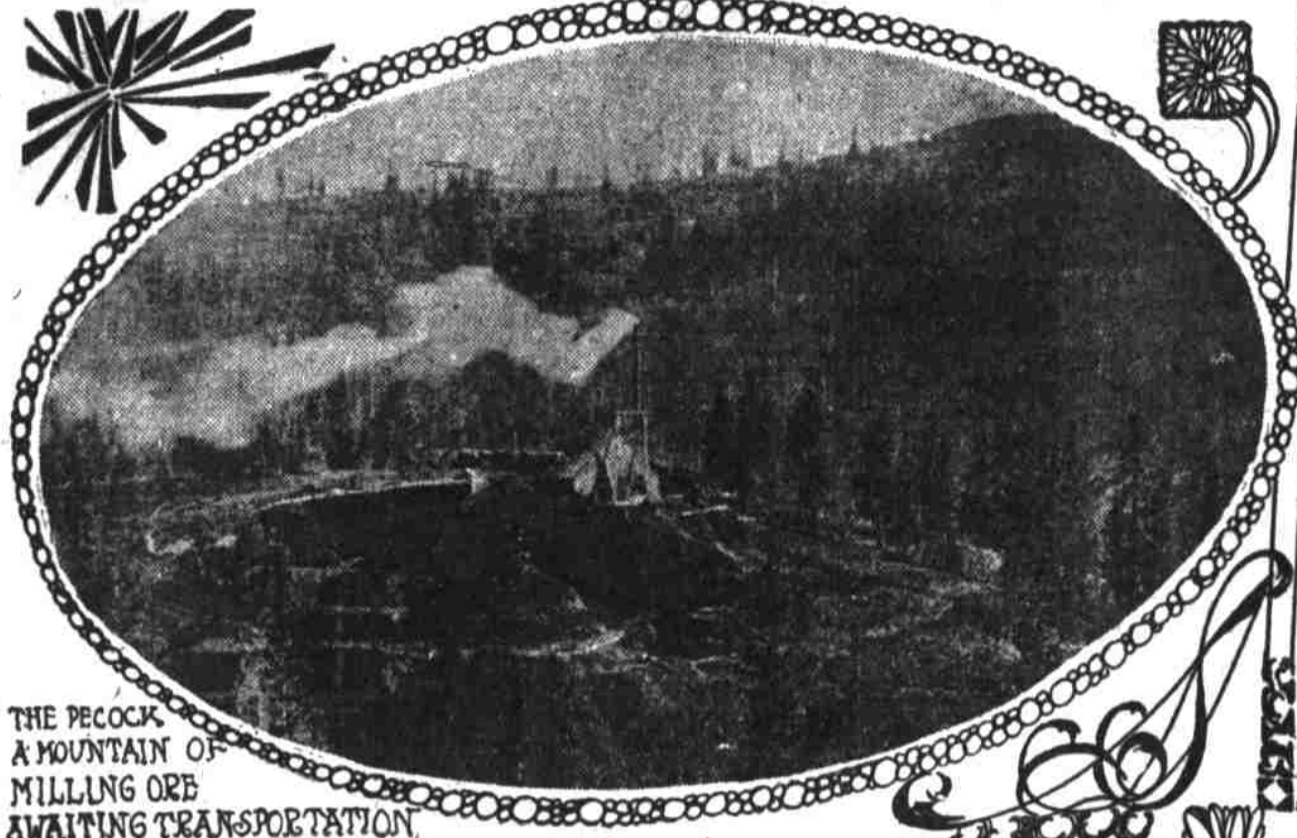


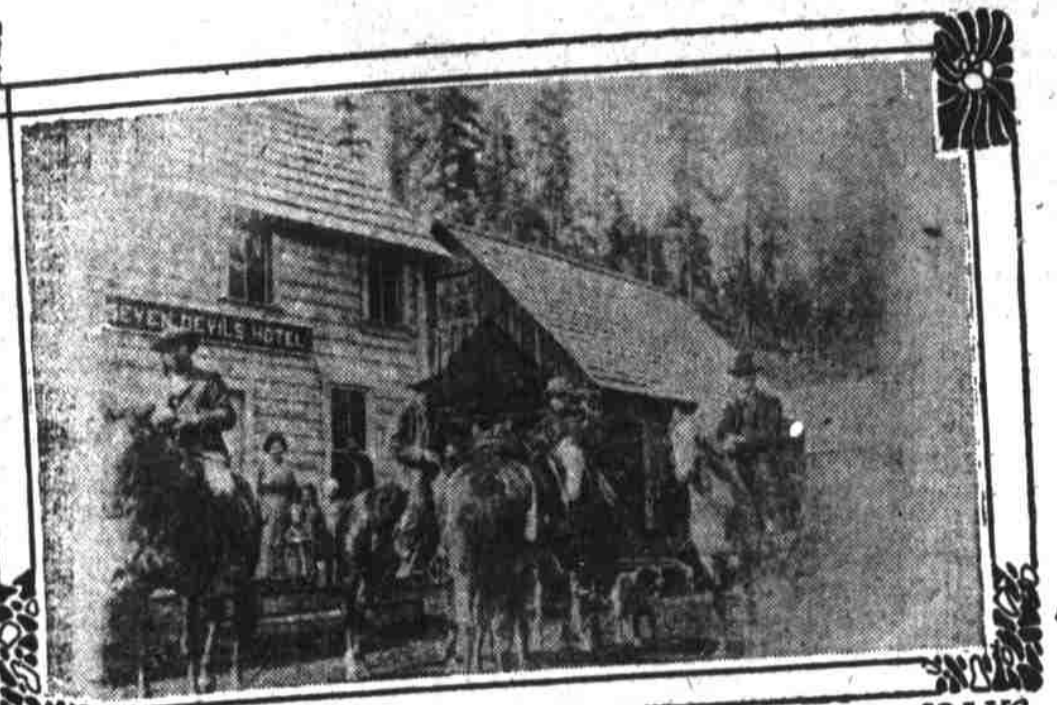
# Copper Mining in the Seven Devils



THE PECCOCK  
A MOUNTAIN OF  
MILLING ORE  
AWAITING TRANSPORTATION.



BALLARD'S HOME  
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SNAKE RIVER



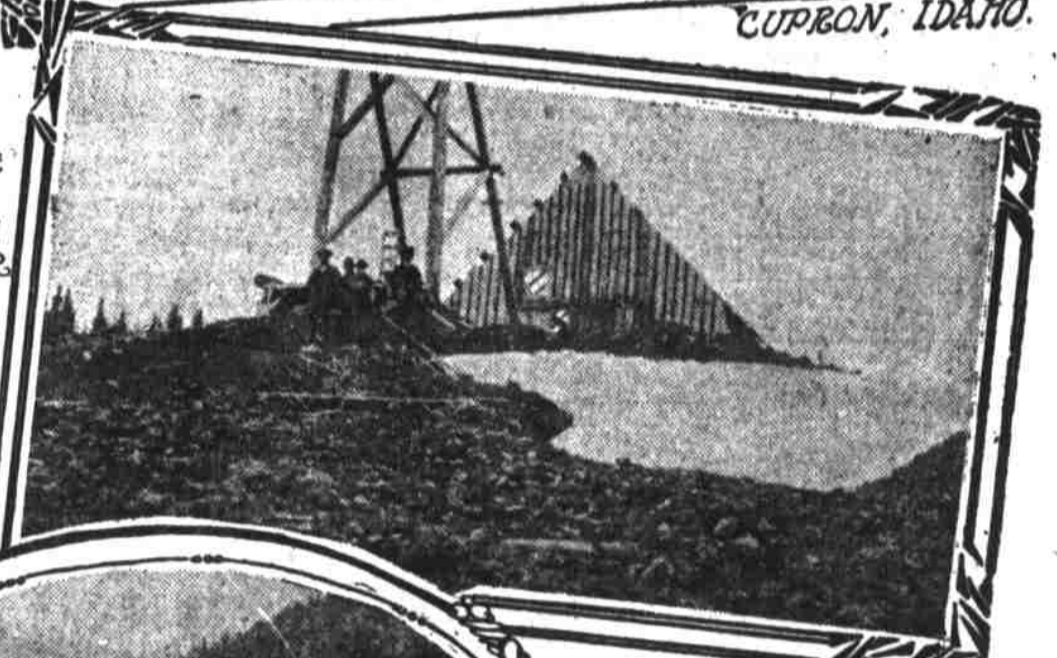
CUPRUM, IDAHO.



SOUTH PECCOCK, NEAR  
THE PECCOCK.



A PARTY AT  
HELENA, IDAHO.



THE DUMP OF THE  
PECCOCK MINE, SEVEN DEVILS.

By Charles Edward Hogue.  
COPPER mountains full of it; no ice fields to cross, dangers of pneumonia or fever to brave, and right here in Oregon, at that. Lying on the banks of the Snake river, on the eastern line of the state, is the greatest undeveloped mining district in the world—the Seven Devils.

was a mighty rush; people from all parts of the state became interested and prospectors flooded the district. Stories of wealth in the copper mines of eastern Oregon proved more than true and the efforts of the miners have shown them to be far richer than was ever dreamed of in the past.

Some of the Famous Mines.  
The first camp below Ballard's Landing is the famous McDougall group, which produces exceptionally high-grade copper glance. Then comes the great Kirby mine, which has a vein 20 feet wide of borate of copper. These claims are on the Oregon side.

of \$50,000, runs to Cuprum, Idaho, and to the big mines in the Seven Devils.  
Further down the river comes Allison creek and Kenny creek, which head in the Seven Devils mountains. Three creeks are next and just below is Salmon river, which skirts the rear of the Idaho portion of the Seven Devils district, rich with copper and gold mines and splendid timber. Then comes the mouth of the Innaha river, which runs into the Snake river out of Wallawa county, Oregon, rich with high-grade copper and gold mines and timber which cannot be surpassed. A party of Detroit capitalists, who organized a company and opened a gold mine up the Innaha river and sold the stock at 10 cents a share, were glad to buy it back at 75 cents. The mouth of this river

and that of the Salmon can be reached by steambot from Lewiston.  
Below the Seven Devils on the Idaho side there is a plateau of 12,000 or 15,000 acres of the finest grain land, now open to location, and down on the river there are about 5,000 acres which may be located. This land is suitable for sweet potatoes, grapes, peanute, strawberries, English walnuts, almonds and even tobacco, one acre being worth 10 acres of any other land in the world. All of this country is tributary to the new railroad down Snake river.

have a good mine near Cuprum with a stamp mill and cyanide plant.  
Property along Indian creek on the Idaho side, will produce hay, potatoes and other farm products which find ready sale among the prospectors and miners. This stream carries about 600 inches of water in August which could be used for power if necessary. A. L. Huntley has a ranch on Indian creek and has just completed a \$5,000 residence. He has many cattle and is now constructing a sawmill with a daily capacity of 60,000 feet.

The railroad tunnel through the Ox Bow at the mouth of Pine creek on Snake river will be 2,560 feet long and will require all the men that can be put to work. The Ox Bow Power company is now employing about 100 men, constructing a dam across Pine creek and is cutting timbers for five miles up this stream. The company is also constructing a sawmill for the purpose of cutting between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 feet of lumber, which will be used in the construction of a dam across Snake river, to be 32 feet high and 1,000 feet long, with a 750-foot overflow. This dam will require 16,000 barrels of cement, 100,000 pounds of steel and 8,000,000 feet of lumber in construction, and will require the services of about 1,200 men for two years, before completion. This company is driving three tunnels through the Ox Bow, through which the great current of Snake river will run for the purpose of generating 25,000 horsepower. These tunnels are 18 feet wide and 8 feet high and 1,400 feet long. The top of each tunnel will be four feet under the crest of the dam, thus affording great pressure.  
Men are in great demand in the Seven Devils country. There will be 1,200 employed on the dam, many more working in the tunnels, while others will be employed in the mines and on the construction of the new railway. Everybody has money, work is plenty and the district is the most prosperous in the west.  
One of the best features of this condition lies in the fact that the penniless prospector gets a show. A party of four men can go into the district, two of them find ready employment and earn the money which will feed and clothe their other two comrades who are doing the field work.  
There is room for everybody. Thousands of good claims are yet to be located. Prospectors with pack horses are going down the river as far as there are any trails and men are climbing over cliffs where they cannot take animals, searching for the precious metals, but still a vast unlocated territory remains.

## All Europe Set Humming by This Waltz Refrain

(By Hayden Church.)  
LONDON—Folk in America who cannot abide "musical crazes" will do well to quit the country without loss of time. They must not flee to Europe, however, for to do so would be to encounter the precise thing they will be wanting to avoid, namely, a waltz—a waltz which has kept all the continent humming for the past twelve months, and which has just scored a hit in this country such as has not been known for many years. It is certain sure to cross the Atlantic before much time has passed, and then, well—  
One cannot put musical notes in a letter, else the waltz refrain in question might be set down here. Neither can one really describe a melody in print, so I must try to give you an idea of the fascination of this waltz from "The Merry Widow" by going into details a bit regarding its phenomenal success on the continent and by chronicling its electrical effect upon an audience at Daly's theatre, where the operetta containing it was given for the first time in England on Saturday evening last.

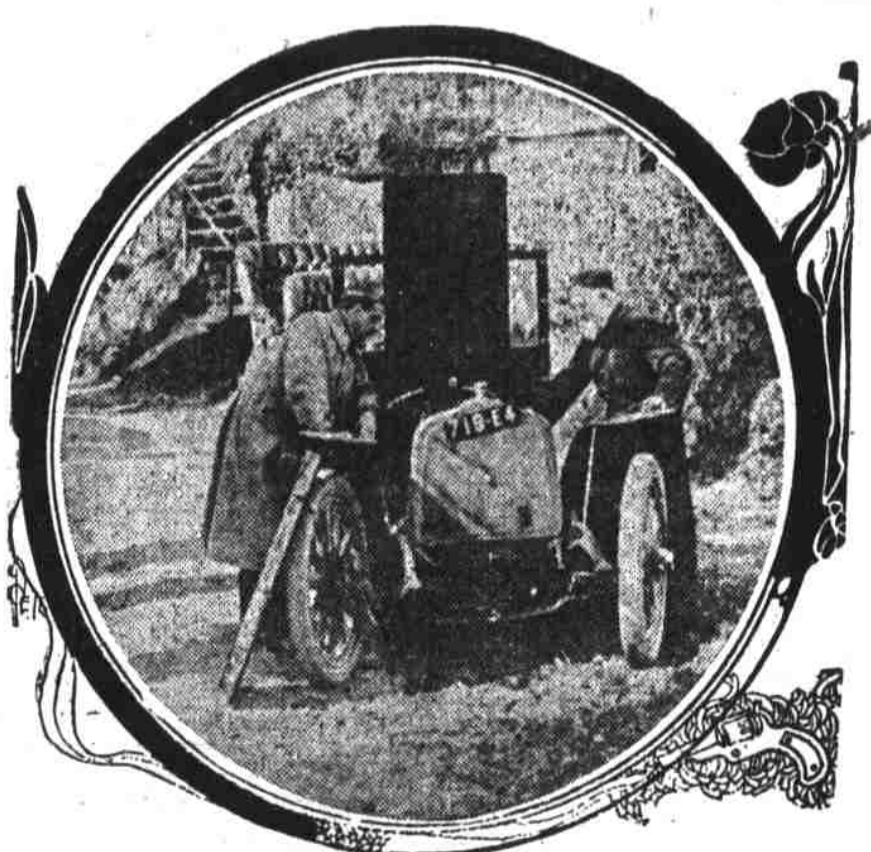
Joseph Coyne, by the way, is extremely good in "The Merry Widow." He was engaged by Edwardes after his hit in "Nelly Nell" and has a similar part at Daly's to that which he played in the McErlain musical company, namely a youthful "rounder." He is not a great singer, however, and many of the critics have grumbled over his selection to play Prince Danilo, for a song called "I'm Off to Maxims," which made a furore in Vienna, falls flat as he gives it, and he does not even attempt another ditty allotted to the character. Still Coyne scored hugely on the opening night, as all the reviewers admit.

and upon meeting they fall in love all over again. But Danilo has "gone the pace" at Maxims; moreover he dreads to be branded as a fortune hunter, and so it comes that the girl he had formerly jilted has to court him through three acts of complications.  
Is National Dance.  
Their waltz—the national dance of their common country Marsovia—is one of her machinations, which, of course, are crowned with success. As I have pointed out, this alluring dance led to a tragedy in "real life" and it would not be surprising if many romances had been engendered by the melody which accompanies it. Previous to the rising of the curtain on the third act of "The Merry Widow" the first night audience hummed this waltz in chorus and it has quickly spread throughout London. A gramophone company which has prepared thousands of records in anticipation was sold out, it is said, two days after "The Merry Widow" was produced. The publishers of the music scarcely can keep up with the demand. "All England," says a writer in a newspaper before me, "will have to be prepared to hear it played by every band and organ in the country from now forward until goodness knows when. It is an epoch-making waltz, though simple. Whistling Brown had a kite come general and street organs that play the waltz are expected to be allowed to stay as long as they like in even the most exclusive streets."  
Meanwhile Daly's will not begin to accommodate the folk who want to see the actual dance in "The Merry Widow," and an authority has declared that London is open to children of the public and parochial schools, which took place yesterday afternoon in Genesee Valley park.  
Interest was lent to the contest by an odd incident, showing that the birds of the air may be fooled by the cleverness of man. Whistling Brown had a kite made in imitation of an American eagle, and when it spread its wings to the breeze and rode away into the air it looked like a real "king of the air,"

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This, taken into consideration with the vast mineral territory and the great forests of fine timber, both in Oregon and Idaho, means the immediate development of the largest undeveloped territory, as well as the richest in natural resources, in the United States.  
The National Copper company of Portland has 16 or 18 claims at Cuprum, Idaho. There is a 300-foot shaft on the Blue Jacket mine and Ford and Selzer, formerly of Cripple Creek, Colorado,

## French Priest Who Is a Motor Car Expert

PARIS—Should any of the motor cars engaged in the great speed contest to take place in July on the circuit of the Seine Inférieure chance to break down while going through the little commune of Graincourt, it is probable that its cure, the Abbe Furst, will be called on to help patch them up. The sturdy, white bearded priest is quite a celebrity in his way, for he has charge not only of the spiritual needs of his flock, but of the bicycles and motor cars of the whole countryside into the bargain.  
Abbe Furst is really a remarkable man. Many years ago he used to employ his leisure moments in amateur engineering. When bicycles came into fashion he was able to manufacture one for himself and then, still keeping abreast of the times, he actually made his own motor car.  
Indispensable to District.  
For the last 15 years he has been doubly indispensable to the district. If a postman's bicycle breaks down or the squire's automobile or the doctor's motorcycle refuse to go, it is monster cure who is at once sent for. Times are hard, especially now, for a country parson in France and the abbe sees no harm in turning an honest penny as a mechanic after confession or administering the sacrament or saying mass.  
In addition to his motor car, Abbe Furst has a 2 1/2-horsepower motorcycle which he has improved into a 3-horsepower. The cure's "garage" and workshop are in the vicarage courtyard and hard by among the trees is the old church. In one or the other you will not fail to find the Cure de Graincourt if you have need of his services.  
Circuit Is Fatal.  
The department through which the great race is to be run contains the important towns of Havre, Rouen and Dieppe. It was near this latter place that young Albert Clement, son of the head of the great Clement automobile firm, was killed the other day while trying the new car that was to take part in the race. So the "circuit" has been already fatal to one of the competitors before the great event has come off.  
Indeed, so perfect was the imitation that as the beautiful kite soared over one of the trees in the park in rising, two large kingfishers saw the strange fowl, and, uttering their shrill cry of battle, left the tree and followed the kite high into the air. They wheeled and circled round their new enemy, but such was their awe of the majestic



The Cure of Graincourt Mends Bicycles, Motor-Bicycles and Motor Cars, and Has Even Built a Small Car for His Own Use.

Applause Is Thunderous.  
Then came thunderous applause, and a repetition of the dance, during which an almost solemn hush fell on the spectators. After this the curtain fell, and as Herr Lehar, the composer, who was conducting, turned to leave his seat he received such an ovation as probably seldom has been heard in a London playhouse. Writing of this scene one of the London critics, who heads his article "Audience," says: "Those in the pit rose to their feet to cheer him and hats and caps were waved at him as though at a victorious general after a long campaign." Which is no exaggeration.

bird they did not venture to push hastily to the actual point of contact. The eagle kite took the first prize.  
Odd Place for Bird's Nest.  
From the London Evening Standard.  
A thrush has built her nest at the back of the neck of the sculptured angel on the memorial to William Thomas Kime, the author, in St. Margaret's churchyard, Kedington, near Louth. The memorial is protected by a wire cage, through which the bird managed to find its way. The cage also protects the birds, for no boys can possibly get at the nest, which now shelters the mother bird and five little thrushes.