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The True Situation.

Prejudice Against Southern Oregon Mines, and Some of its Causes.

That there exists a strong prejudice against South Oregon as a mining section none can deny and that that prejudice is withholding capital from coming here and developing the many valuable properties which here exist is evidenced by the deplorable condition of our mines.

I make the assertion without fear of contradiction that there is no spot on the face of the globe of equal area, where gold is more profusely and evenly distributed throughout the formation than right here in Jackson county.

There are as good if not better surface indications here today than ever made a Cripple creek or Rossland yet no determined effort has ever been made to fathom these rich prospects and gain the vast wealth which surely exists beneath. Nearly all the gulches among the numerous hills are exceedingly rich in gold, of local origin, but nothing has been done, save a little surface scratching, to develop the lodes which have fed them for centuries. And why this neglect?

It requires capital to develop a mine, and capital being very independent, will not go into a camp, against which there exists a strong prejudice.

To be sure Southern Oregon as a mining section is practically unknown off the Pacific Slope, and one has only to talk with mining men in any of our coast cities to learn that it is very unfavorably known on the slope.

In a conversation a few months ago with a prominent Mining Engineer in San Francisco, I accurately described one of the many good ledges in the country. He was deeply interested, and said it would be a very easy matter to secure sufficient capital to open up such a mine, and asked for a written report upon the property. Everything was clear sailing, until I had to tell him the geographical location, then a little smile of incredulity played for a moment about the corners of his mouth as he remarked; "that is a very good fairy tale. Won't you please tell me another?"

There are a number of causes for the existence of such prejudices, but the blame lies mostly with the people who own the mines. As a rule their experience has been confined to Jackson county and a hole ten feet deep on a lode from eight to twenty inches wide, showing some sulphurets and a little free gold is worth a million. Every prospective purchaser who appears

upon the horizon is considered a good "sucker" and "played" accordingly. He is received with open arms and shown the "ONLY" mine in the camp, and their conversation with him is devoted more to ill reports about their neighbors property than to describing their own and the merits of the camp generally. Such treatment will invariably drive a man of common sense out of the country, thoroughly disgusted with the whole section, and his story when told, keeps others away.

Only a man whose whole life is measured merely by consecutive birthdays, and whose knowledge of the world is gained through a peep hole, so small that the extent of his vision would scarcely cover a twenty acre placer claim, exhibits such a spirit—and where such men exist there can never be progress or prosperity.

Lack of harmony, petty spite and maliciousness never built up a mining camp and such elements must be eliminated before there is any decided improvement in the community.

Then there are others; men who have come in here with very little "gray matter", some capital, but no practical knowledge of mining; men who have spent half their fortunes in debauchery, and spread the balance out so thin that they could accomplish nothing but a little surface work, and when "broke" get out "cussing" the country.

Others too have been here. Those with unlimited nerve; some little knowledge of mining; plenty of jaw bone, but not a dollar save that existing in a wild and fantastic imagination, leased good mines; staved their men off for two or three months labor, and at a favorable opportunity, pocketed the "clean-up" and skipped out of the country.

Gigantic corporations have been organized for mine developments; purchase a few acres of placer ground, which if worked to its utmost capacity could not pay a one per cent dividend upon one tenth of their capital stock; have beat a few laboring men out of their hard earned wages; filed a few "promises to pay" with a few credulous merchants; "skinned" a few "suckers" by stock manipulations and gone into innocuous desuetude.

With such a history, is it any wonder that a strong prejudice exists? And until that prejudice is overcome the mines of Jackson county will remain un-developed.

S. DONALD JONES.

Evans Creek Events.

[By GYPSY.]

Mrs. J. L. Scott and little granddaughter Alvie, are visiting relatives at Glendale.

Miss Mary Hillis, of Wimer, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. Taylor in Grants Pass.

Owing to the scarcity of water, the miners of Jump-off-Joe have plenty of spare time.

Ben Perry, of Grants Pass, spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. M. Scott of this place.

Wm. Herriott, our genial sawmill men, is having part of his farm cleared and the improvement is very noticeable.

The dance given at Woodville last Saturday night was not very well attended and consequently did not amount to very much.

J. A. Messner, of Woodville, is having a new building erected near his blacksmith shop which when completed will be used for a saloon.

Miss Rena Pyburn, of Woodville, who was thrown from a horse and severely injured a short time ago, is improving rapidly under the treatment of Dr. Kremer of Grants Pass.

State News Notes.

[From our Exchanges.]

The registrar of Amherst college says that a Forest Grove boy has taken the highest rank in chemistry of any man at the college.

Malheur county must be well supplied with provender for the winter, judging from the price which hay commands, only \$3 a ton.

J. W. Blake, of Condon, Gilliam county, has taken a contract to buy 2000 head of cattle for a Montana firm. Many buyers are on the lookout for cattle from 1 to 3 years old. Twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars will be paid for cattle in Gilliam county within the next few months, says the Arlington Record. Every steer or heifer that will be sold for the market price will be bought and shipped out of the county. The result will be a big demand for cattle, so the Record thinks.

The county court of Gilliam, at its last term, made the following entry upon its docket, in matters of coyote bounty: "The Sheepmen's Protective Union of Gilliam county is hereby notified that the offer of the county court to pay \$1 bounty on coyote scalps still holds good; that said payment will be made in the future as in the past, on certification of the union, showing that a like amount has been paid by them. In view of the fact that the county court cannot lawfully offer less than \$1 per scalp bounty, it is suggested that the union reconsider their action taken December 19, 1896, reducing the bounty to 50 cents, and either authorize the continuance of the bounty of \$1, or fix some definite date after which no bounty will be given."

The department of justice has come to an agreement with the Union Pacific reorganization committee, clearly representing the Vanderbilt interest, by which it is to receive nearly \$46,000,000 in cash for its lien upon the Union and Kansas Pacific systems, including the accumulated sinking fund. The principal of this lien is about \$38,000,000, and the interest paid by the government about \$44,000,000. The sinking fund is about \$17,000,000. So the payment will more than meet the maturing bonds, though little of the money that has been paid out for interest will be recovered. Perhaps this is the best thing the government could do. It is an interesting fact that the Vanderbilts are going to buy the road. That will make a continuous line under one management from New York to Ogden. Later the Vanderbilts probably will try to acquire the Central Pacific, and perhaps the Short Line and the O. R. & N. This is the most remarkable manifestation yet of the tendency to railroad consolidation.—Ex.

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GOLD HILL, OREGON.

Medford Newslets.

W. J. King left for California Friday.

L. B. Warner, the nurseryman, is visiting in Stockton, Cal.

I. W. Vawter, grand master, is now in the Willamette country visiting Odd Fellow lodges.

The Hamlin and Rostel blocks are now almost completed and rooms are being rented in same.

A cement pavement is being constructed around the "Hotel Nash" under the supervision of Theo. Dunn.

Our groceryman Mr. Lumsden who has been on the sick list for some time is reported rapidly improving.

Our new recorder elect W. W. Stanfield has taken his seat in office assisted by his daughter who will keep the books.

S. A. Owing and H. Dutches will soon open a temperance billiard hall and confectionery store in the new Hamlin block.

Medford being the location for the district fair hereafter is now assured, and preparations are being made to begin work on the grounds soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marksberry have leased the Western Hotel and have fitted it with new furniture, and is now open for the accommodation of the public.

On last Sunday most of our citizens could be found on the sunny side of the buildings enjoying the warm sun shine which was about the first appearance for some time.

York Jones, the Real Estate Loan and Insurance Brokers represent capital now ready to be loaned upon Real Estate in the Rogue River valley at 8 per cent. This

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has some indication of the return of prosperity.

Miss Ella Meecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meeker of this city and Mr. Andrew J. Anderson were married on the 20th inst. Rev. Edw. Giltner officiating. The happy couple took their departure for Yreka, California, Thursday.

While our city now known as the metropolis of Jackson county is enjoying the benefit of some valuable improvements being done even now, we are looking forward at no great distance when we will be struck by talked about wave of prosperity, which will set the wheels of industry turning and make our city the largest in Southern Oregon.