

PROGRAM FOR MINING MEETING

Comprehensive Plans Com-
mitted for Congress at
Medford Feb. 2-3

GOLD HILL WILL TRY TO
MAKE BEST EXHIBIT OF ORE

Local Miners and Prospectors
Are Urged to Co-Operate
to Achieve That End

Miners and prospectors who have mineral specimens that they may care to exhibit at the Southern Oregon Mining congress, Feb. 2-3, are requested to leave them at the Gold Hill Bank for J. H. Beeman, who will have charge of the Gold Hill exhibit, and take receipts for the same. Gold Hill was awarded the blue ribbon for the best exhibit at the Grants Pass congress last summer, and can easily repeat the performance at Medford if those most interested will co-operate to that end.

The committee having in charge the preparation of the program to be delivered at the meeting of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress, to be held in Medford, Ore., on the 3d and 4th of February, A. D. 1912, have prepared the following program for that occasion:

First Day.

Forenoon: Meeting of trains with band inspection of exhibits, committee work.

Afternoon: 1:30, music and procession to hall; 2 o'clock, address of welcome, Mayor Canon, to be responded to by mayors of Yreka, Ashland and Grants Pass; 2:30, address, "Our Congress," Attorney F. J. Newman, Medford; 3, address, "Early Mining Reminiscences," Judge W. M. Colvig, Medford; 3:30, "Needed Mining Legislation," Judge Thomas C. Burke, Baker City; 4:30, "School of Mines," Prof. H. M. Parks, Corvallis. General discussion.

Evening: At 7, music on street and procession to hall; 7:30, address, "Prospecting," T. M. Anderson, Kerby, Ore.; 8, addresses on "What's Doing"—(1) Siskiyou county, Attorney Otto Hoese, Sisson, Cal.; (2) Jackson county, E. W. Liljegrain, Medford; (3) Josephine county, C. L. Mangum, Grants Pass; (4) Douglas county, speaker to be selected later. Business meeting.

Second Day.

Forenoon: Drilling contests for suitable prizes; awarding of prizes on exhibits.

Afternoon: At 1:30, address, "The Bohemian District," M. O. Warren, Cottage Grove; 2, address, "Our Coal Mines," speaker to be selected later; 2:30, address, "Our Clays," George E. Boose, Tolo; 3, address, "Our Building Stone," Elmer A. Hicks, Medford; 3:30, address, "Organization," L. D. Mahone, secretary of state, Oregon; 4, "Public Land Questions," Secretary Calbraith, A. M. congress, Denver, Colo.

In addition to the foregoing it is planned to have several other speakers of national repute to give short addresses on subjects of general importance to the mining industry of which a report will be made at a later date.

The other committees appointed, including the exhibit, transportation, publication and finance committees and meeting with the most flattering success, so that everything looks most promising for a meet here that will be of great credit to our district.

It is the intention of the committee to give wide publicity to the matter of the congress and parties wishing to keep in touch with the progress being made need but to keep watch of the papers on the advertising committee in their local districts, which committee is composed of the two Medford papers, the two Ashland papers, the Grants Pass paper and their local Mining Journal and the

Ortie McManigal



Ortie McManigal, chief witness in the dynamiting cases, who was taken from Los Angeles to testify in the federal investigation at Indianapolis.

papers at Yreka, Cal., Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill and some of the outside papers and magazines, as it is the intention of the general committee to keep such publications supplied with all information of importance relating to the holding of the meeting.

The committee in charge of the mineral exhibit which will be displayed at Medford during the convention of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, have undertaken and will make it far superior to anything of its kind ever held in the state of Oregon. It is their desire that no district in southern Oregon or northern California fail to be represented. The exhibit will have a far reaching effect in stimulating the mining interests of those portions of the two states. All mining men are earnestly requested to send their collections of minerals at an early date so the same may be properly placed in the exhibition room. Be sure and mark your samples plainly, giving the name of the property, the location of same and the name of the sender. Fully 6000 feet of floor space will be devoted to the mineral exhibit, which will be the largest and most imposing in the history of mining in this portion of the west.

A novel souvenir of the congress will be a prospectors' pick made of wood in the shape of a walking stick or cane. The whole of the pick proper will be covered with gold leaf while the handle or stick will be painted black and highly varnished. At first glance one would naturally suppose that it was a beautiful gold-headed cane, but upon closer inspection it will be found to represent a prospecting pick. Across the gold head the word Medford will be beautifully painted. A number of unique and interesting surprises are in store for those who attend the congress.

First Exhibit in.

The Blue Ledge district is the first to send in an exhibit consisting of over 2000 pounds of copper ores. Another very large exhibit will be from the Tolo clay beds. This will show the evolution from the raw material to the high class of manufactured products. An automobile firm proposes to illustrate in an elaborate manner the rapid advances that have been made in the matter of vehicles since the discovery of gold in 1851 to the present day, showing the first vehicles used in the transportation of ores and supplies and the latest type as well.

Several manufacturers of mining machinery will come to the front with the latest improvements in their respective lines.

It is anticipated that the display of gold nuggets this year will put all others in the shade, as the committee has been assured that there will be a very large display from all over the country.

Best baled alfalfa hay for sale at \$16 per ton at the ranch. Gold Crest Fruit Co., O. E. Blackington, manager, Galls creek.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT PAINTS LURID PICTURE OF UNREST AND DISCONTENT



PROF. JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN.

The address of Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University, on "Current Unrest and Proposed Remedies," is attracting widespread attention. Here is what the learned professor said, in part:—"We are living in an age of unrest and discontent. Never before has there been anything like it in this country. We are like men moving about under a pall which stretches to the horizon and which cannot be broken through."

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Oregon City will have a big poultry show February 2 and 3.

Members of the Port of Coquille commission have been named by Governor West.

Work has been resumed and will be pushed on the line of the Natron-Klamath cut-off.

A total of over \$90,000 was spent in buildings and improvements in Cottage Grove in 1911.

The big bridge spanning the Columbia at Celilo has been thrown open and trains are now crossing it.

The water system of the city of Union will be placed in first class shape as soon as weather conditions will permit.

The big Agricultural Fair at the Oregon Agricultural College is to be held Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13.

Hugh S. Jory, a prominent pioneer manufacturer and citizen of Salem, is dead, aged 78. Mr. Jory came to Oregon in 1847.

Work will be begun on the Lebanon sewer system early next spring. Sewer bonds for \$60,000 have been sold and the cash is on hand for the work.

Believing his land contains gold, D. I. Walker, a capitalist of Roseburg, is sinking a shaft in his yard in the very heart of the residence district.

George F. Sykes, instructor of zoology at the Oregon Agricultural College, will give four lectures in January on the Conservation of Health.

Six tong houses in the old and new Chinatown in Portland have given up the pagan worship which was a prominent part of the ritual of the societies.

Frank Pierce, a woodchopper of La Grande, was shot and fatally injured by the accidental discharge of a shot gun, the load of which buried itself in the man's groin.

Baker is to see a more active building campaign the coming season than ever before. A large part of the construction will begin as soon as weather conditions permit.

Governor West has set aside Friday, December 13, 1912, as "Hangman's day," provided the proposed initiative measure fails to carry at an election of the people in November.

E. M. Brown, a policeman of Lakeview, was shot and killed by Bert Taylor when he attempted to interfere with Taylor, who was beating his wife. Taylor then committed suicide.

Governor West has appointed E. L. Thompson, of Portland, as a special commissioner to Belgium to investigate and report on the flax industry in that country. Mr. Thompson has accepted the appointment.

"Gold Hill makes good."

First payment of \$60,000 on the purchase price of the 15,000 acre Hume estate at the mouth of Rogue river was made by the Macleay Estate company, which bought the property several weeks ago for \$250,000.

Difficulty in finding homes for boys from the state training school with people other than those who want them purely for the work they are able to do, is reported in the annual statement made by Superintendent N. H. Looney.

To stimulate the cultivation of field barley in the Willamette Valley and Western Oregon, Harvey E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, has arranged for the free distribution of seed to the farmers in that section.

A corporation capitalized at \$30,000 has been organized to take the Pendleton Round-Up into the Eastern states as an amusement feature. The entire capital has been paid in by the stockholders and steps will be taken at once to organize the big attraction.

By applying the pruning knife the present administration reduced the state's average quarterly payroll from \$205,997 in 1910 to \$202,444 in 1911. No salaries have been reduced, but on the contrary where it has been decreased some have been increased.

J. Nelson Wisner, of Oregon City, who for nine years was field superintendent of the United States bureau of fisheries, has been appointed director of fisheries of Uruguay, South America. He will receive a salary of \$4800, which is equivalent to about \$5500 in this country.

N. Duncan, County Judge of Linn county, by officiating at 48 weddings in 1911, has broken all records for the greatest number of marriages ever performed by one man in one year in Linn county. The former record was 41. This was also held by Judge Duncan, who established it in 1910.

That more money has been expended for railroad construction in Oregon since the creation of the present commission five years ago than was expended in the whole previous history of the state is shown in the annual report of the railway commission. The commission exercises jurisdiction now over 3022 operated miles.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the business men of Salem, Albany and Corvallis will make an application for terminal rates at the hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C. on January 13. The three cities have raised a fund of more than \$1250 to send an attorney to Washington to protect their interests at that hearing.

Market day to-day.

Norman E. Mack



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Norman E. Mack, chairman of the national Democratic committee, which met in Washington to arrange for the coming national convention.

Contemporary Cullings

W. C. Conner, late editor of papers at Cottage Grove and Coquille, has started raising goats. The former editor of this paper has gone to raising poultry. Bennett brothers of the Hood River News are raising mustaches. Two other editors of this region have started in to raise the devil.—Ashland Record.

John Applegate, member of one of the best known pioneer families of southwestern Oregon, died suddenly of heart failure at his home at Yoncalla Tuesday night, January 2, at the age of 60 years. He was a native of St. Clair county, Missouri, and one of a family of 15 children, eight of whom accompanied their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Applegate, on their emigration to the Pacific coast in 1843, when John Applegate was then one year old.

Trapper Hammersly has been employed by the forestry service and the state game commission to try his hand at ridding Crater National park of wolves. He is already preparing for operation and will continue in the service for four months and perhaps longer. He is on a salary and will also participate in the bounties recently offered by stockmen living adjacent to the park. He is an old hand at the business and expects to clean up a bunch of the predatory beasts.

The pupils of the Gold Hill high school had a debate last week on the subject: "Resolved, That a High Judge decided in favor of the negative. This doesn't exactly indicate that high schools are no good but it does apparently indicate that the high school pupil is able to conjure up better arguments against going to high school than for it. In the December issue of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly H. E. Redding of Gold Hill has an enthusiastic two-page article boosting high school athletics. School Education Is Beneficial." The thing to do at Gold Hill would seem to be to tear down the school building and thereby enlarge the playground.—Ashland Record.

County Court Notes

Petitions have been received from the various school districts requesting that the levy be placed for \$10 per pupil instead of \$8.10 as at present contemplated. At the last session of the legislature the state levy was raised to \$8 per pupil and the various districts now want it placed at \$10. There are 7381 pupils in the county, and at \$8.10 per capita the tax amounts to \$60,076. There are 562 high school students, costing the county \$12,290, or over \$22 per average pupil. The board adjourned until Wednesday, January 17, by which time it is hoped that a decision will be handed down from the supreme court regarding the bond issue. No levy will be fixed until that date.

MORAL SPASM BY COUNTY COURT

August Body Suddenly Discovers Graft in Heretofore Spotless County

SUPERVISOR J. W. HAYS' OVERCHARGES FOR WORK

Amount Was \$126.14; Look Again, Perhaps Something Else is Rotten in Jackson

J. W. Hays of Gold Hill, road supervisor of the Eleventh or Gold Hill district, was found by the county court Wednesday to have drawn \$126.14 from the county funds in excess of what the court considered he should have spent on the roads in his district. Mr. Hays at once tendered his check for the amount.

Although two petitions, one from Gold Hill and one from Sams Valley, asking that the districts comprising those neighborhoods be consolidated with Mr. Hays as supervisor, have been presented to the county court, Mr. Hays has not yet been appointed.

It is the current opinion in Gold Hill, where Mr. Hays is best known, that his alleged overcharges for work on the roads were due to erroneous bookkeeping rather than to a tendency to graft. It is further believed here that Mr. Hays may have been singled out by the county court as a sort of scapegoat, for the purpose of showing the official integrity of that body, of whom criticism is heard on every hand.

The county court appears to be committed to a policy that allows it to "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." For instance, Mr. Hays is held up as a horrible example of misappropriation of county funds in the county court's official organ, the Medford Mail-Tribune, for an alleged excess charge of \$126.14 for an all summer's work on some of the worst roads in the county, while an excess charge of \$2823—over and above the contract for which the construction of the Gold Hill bridge was let—was paid to the Columbia Bridge & Iron Co., which apparently enjoys singular favor with the county court, without a murmur.

The facts that the bridge furnished by the Columbia people was a misfit and had to be spliced by a local blacksmith to make it conform to specifications, that its piers by some trifling engineering error are not parallel, and that in general it is not the equal of a bridge which another contractor would have built for \$8,500—while the bridge as it stands represents \$11,232.00 of the people's money—were apparently not worth the court's quibbling over.

If the honorable county court of Jackson county is sincerely on the look-out for something that may be construed as graft, it is barely possible that it may find it in larger chunks than \$126.14, and nearer to its own honorable nostrils than road district No. 11.

At a meeting Thursday the county court appointed the following road supervisors for 1912, appointments being made for all districts except the Eleventh, or Gold Hill district:

DISTRICT	
No. 1	George W. Jones
No. 2	Sam G. Van Dyke
No. 3	A. Thrackmartin
No. 4	H. S. Gregory
No. 5	Otto Carter
No. 6	Thomas Stanley
No. 7	Ed Higginbotham
No. 8	D. W. Sturgiss
No. 9	Dave Pence
No. 10	W. R. Garrett
No. 11	No appointment yet made for
No. 12	James I. Fredenberg

Thursday afternoon the court met for the first time with the highway commission appointed by it to assist in the construction of permanent highways constructed under the \$1,500,000 bond issue. The members of the commission are: Frank Brown, Eagle Point; Samuel Mathis, Woodville; Horace Pelton, Sams Valley; Miles Cantrell, Applegate; Benton Bowers, Ashland. Ways and means of highway construction were discussed.