

GOLD HILL IS LOGICAL SITE

For Southern Oregon Metropolitan of Near Future—Plain Destiny Looms Large

COL. REDFIELD ON FACTS

Reviews Natural Resources, Local Beauty, and Splendid Local Opportunities

Providence ran the course of that most beautiful of Pacific coast streams, the Rogue, among the evergreen hills of southern Oregon. Some years afterwards men builded cities in the valley that bears its name. Gold Hill, not at present chiefest of these, but destined by every law of evolution and prodigality of natural resource to become so, is the perfect and picturesque site for a thriving city.

Located upon the very banks of the hurrying Rogue, surrounded by hills and mountains of rare scenic beauty, with fertile tributary creek valleys winding down to the river, and the southern Oregon climate blessing all, Nature has seemingly done more than its share for the city of Gold Hill. It is a city with beautiful homes today—tomorrow it will be "the city of beautiful homes."

For a number of years past Gold Hill has slept the sleep of all small cities. Now, however, it is awakening to its manifold advantages and opportunities. The construction of the Beaver Portland Cement company's \$500,000 plant, located almost within the city limits, is an indication of the renewed activity which will give to Gold Hill its proper place upon the industrial map of Oregon. This enterprise, the only producing cement plant in Oregon, will alone sustain a payroll of \$2,000 per week—larger than that of any single manufacturing establishment between Portland and Sacramento. It will furnish to Oregon builders and contractors an Oregon product, serving the double purpose of reinvesting home money within the state while affording constant employment to labor.

Undeveloped natural resources of unguessed magnitude surround the city. A bituminous coal belt, many square miles in extent, and a mountain of high grade hematite iron, are both within a few miles of Gold Hill. Outcroppings of gold bearing quartz, copper, cinnabar, and various other metals and minerals, await development. Approximately 200,000 acres of virgin timber, pine, fir, and cedar, lie tributary to the city, and will figure largely in its future. With almost the power of Niagara to harness and control in the Rogue, and with this abundance of natural resources, its apparent destiny is that of an important manufacturing center.

Mecca of miners since the early forties, the city owes its name to the famous Gold Hill pocket discovery of 1854. Nearly a half million dollars in honey-combed quartz was taken from a ledge near the summit of the renowned old mountain at that time. The rich river bars brought forth many fortunes. Now, more than half a century since the first color glittered in the pan, both quartz and placer are still yielding good returns, and the quiet hills yet hold many secrets for the prospector.

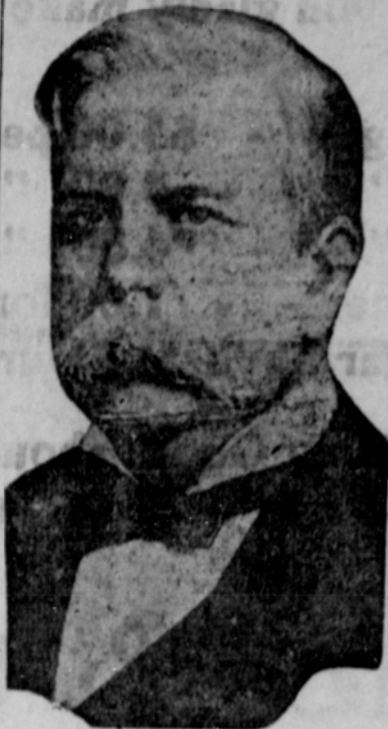
Notable among the mines now in operation are the Braden, Nellie Wright, Lucky Bart and Bill Nye, all well equipped quartz properties; together with numerous placer mines. The present tendency is toward a systematic and modern development of the mineral resources of the Gold Hill district.

The choicest fruit and alfalfa land in southern Oregon surrounds Gold Hill; the numerous creek valleys, with their deep, fertile, mineral-mixed soil, and absolute immunity from frost, providing almost ideal conditions for the gardener, horticulturist, and rancher. Tributary to the city are the districts of Sams Valley and the Meadows—garden spots in a country famed for its agricultural perfection—and the smaller but equally favored valleys of Kanes, Sardine, Galls, Foots, and Evans creeks.

Stock raising and dairying are receiving some attention and with excellent returns to the operators. Much remains, however, to be accomplished before the district attains its zenith of production in this regard. Unfading springs for all seasons, with cool springs of pure mountain water everywhere, constitute the stockman's ideal habitat. Then, too, so clean-

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GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE



George Westinghouse, a foremost figure in the engineering world and inventor of the air brake, who died recently in New York.

FINAL CEMENT CONTRACT SIGNED ON WEDNESDAY

Agreement Between Local Company and County Calls for Delivery July 1st

After months of delay and discussion the final contract between the Beaver Portland Cement company—now constructing a \$500,000 plant at this city—and the county of Jackson, was signed by both parties on Wednesday afternoon, thus removing all doubt as to the immediate construction of the Jackson county highway with Jackson county materials.

50,000 barrels of cement, delivery to commence on July 1st for the construction of the paved Pacific highway, is the amount specified by the contract. The cement company gave a \$25,000 bond to insure delivery of the material at that date. J. C. Burch, president of the cement company, who has been in this city and Medford during the past week, stated that no difficulty would be encountered in meeting the provisions of the contract, and that the plant would be in operation before the time specified. Those who are familiar with the progress of construction to date are equally assured that the largest single enterprise of southern Oregon will be making cement and highway history in conjunction with the county at that time.

Work of laying cement upon the Medford-Central Point highway unit has already commenced, and it is estimated that this section of the road will be completed within six weeks, and open to traffic one month later, the delay being necessary to permit a proper setting of the material.

The Siskiyou excavation has been under way for some time and the grade is now assuming its true proportions. This, the knottiest problem of the entire route, will probably be completed by the first of September.

Ashland Miners Find Rich Pocket Near Gold Bluff

Dan Donohue, discoverer of gold pockets on the Ross property near Riddle, says that he and Ross have taken out \$15,000 since its discovery. Last week he found another seam that seems to be as rich as the first. This seam runs in a little line of mud, beside a quartz vein, just like the first. The miners wash the mud seam with a pan, but are obliged to ship the ore to a smelter. Their first reports on the quartz have not been made public. Hills are being scoured in the Canyonville district for other pockets. This late find is in the neighborhood of Gold Bluff, and is within gunshot of the stage road, which has been used for sixty years.—Ashland Tidings.

Harry Day, the piano dealer, has rented the Myers' building and will move his large line of pianos to the new quarters, where he will also carry a complete line of musical merchandise. A car load shipment of pianos is expected to arrive before March 15.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GOLD HILL CITY CHARTER

Submitted to Voters of the City of Gold Hill at the Regular City Election of Monday, April 6th, 1914

Notice is hereby given that the following is a full and correct copy of the title and text of a certain act of municipal legislation which has been submitted to the legal voters of the city of Gold Hill for their approval or rejection at the annual city election to be held in and for said city on April 6th, 1914, together with the numbers and form in which such title thereof will be printed upon the official ballot.

An act entitled: "An act amending sections 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 43 and 44 of the charter of the city of Gold Hill.

The people of the city of Gold Hill do ordain or resolve as follows:

Section 1. That section 5 of the charter of the city of Gold Hill be and the same is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 5. At the first regular city election under this charter there shall be elected a mayor, who shall hold office for a term of two years; and a city council composed of two (2) councilmen from each ward and two (2) councilmen at large, one (1) councilman from each ward and one (1) councilman at large to be elected for a term of two years each and the other councilman from each ward and the other councilman at large to be elected for a term of one year; at the next regular city election, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected a recorder, and treasurer; at the second regular city election and at every election thereafter there shall be elected, with a recorder and treasurer, one councilman from each ward and one councilman at large, to hold office for two years; and so on; provided, that the city council may increase the number of wards, and each additional ward to be entitled to two (2) councilmen, one to be elected for two (2) years and the other for one (1) year, and thereafter as in other wards. Where, more than twenty days before any annual election, a vacancy occurs in any elective office, the term of which under this charter extends beyond the first Monday following said election there shall also be elected at said annual election a qualified person to fill said office for the remainder of said unexpired term. All elective officers shall hold office for the respective terms herein specified and until their successors are elected and qualified. The city council may provide for a polling place in each ward or for a single polling place for the entire city, in which latter event separate ballot boxes shall be provided to receive the ballots of the voters of each ward, and the ballots of the voters in the different wards shall be deposited in said separate ballot boxes, and kept separate thereafter. The qualified electors of each ward shall be entitled to vote upon all candidates for office except the candidates for councilman from the other ward or wards. The three (3) councilmen of said city elected at the annual election held on the first Monday of April, 1913, shall hold office until the first Monday of April, 1915, and until their successors are elected and qualify and the three (3) councilmen elected at the annual election held on the first Monday in April, 1914, shall hold office until the first Monday in April, 1916, and until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 2. That section 7 of the charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7. All vacancies in any of the foregoing offices shall be filled by election by the city council, and the persons so elected shall hold office until the next regular election, occurring more than twenty days after said vacancy occurs.

Section 3. That section 11 of the charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 11. Not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the first Monday in April of each year, beginning with April, 1912, the city council shall order an annual election of the city officers, and appoint for each polling place three (3) judges of election, two (2) of whom shall act as clerks of election, of which election notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in the city provided there be such a newspaper, and by notice signed by the city recorder and posted by the chief of police at the place for holding the election in each ward of the city, not less than ten (10) days prior to the election, which notice shall specify the officers to be elected, and time and places of holding said election. An error within the call or notice of such election shall not invalidate the election.

Section 4. That section 14 of the charter of the city of Gold Hill be

amended so as to read as follows:

Section 14. All persons to be voted for at any city election shall, not less than seven (7) days before such election, file with the recorder of said city a certificate of nomination made by some political or mass convention, or a nomination signed by not less than ten per cent of the legal voters of said city as shown by the last annual election, together with the candidate's written acceptance of said nomination; and thereupon the recorder shall enter the name of all such candidates upon the ticket to be voted for at the next following election, and not otherwise; and the recorder shall cause a sufficient number of proper tickets to be printed and distributed prior to the opening of the polls on the day of election; the expense of printing such tickets shall be paid by the city.

Section 5. That section 15 of the charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 15. The polls shall be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall remain open until seven o'clock in the afternoon, except one (1) hour from one 'till two o'clock p. m. The judges of election shall be paid two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for their services, but the judges who act as clerks of election shall receive one dollar (\$1.00) additional for their services.

Section 6. That section 16 of the Charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 16. If any judge or clerk of election appointed by the council shall be absent at the opening of the polls, the electors present may fill such vacancies, but all judges and clerks must be electors of the ward.

Section 7. That section 18 of the Charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 18. On or before the second day following any election the city council shall meet and canvass the returns of said election, and the city recorder shall, upon the order of the council, issue and deliver without delay to the persons declared elected, a certificate of election under his hand and the seal of the city.

Section 8. That section 20 of the Charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 20. All persons elected or appointed to any city office shall be legal electors of the city, and shall, before entering upon the duties thereof, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the constitution and laws of the United States, the constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, the charter and ordinances of the city of Gold Hill, and faithfully to perform all duties of the office to which they have been elected or appointed, and if a bond shall be required of such officers, they shall give the same, it to be subject to the approval of the council, and such oath and such bond, when the latter is approved, shall both be filed with, and safely kept by, the city recorder, but the recorder's bond shall be deposited with the treasurer.

Section 9. That section 22 of the Charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 22. The terms of all officers elected shall begin on the first Monday following their election, or as soon thereafter as they shall duly qualify; but if they fail to qualify within ten (10) days from and after said day, then said office shall be vacant, and the council shall, at its first meeting thereafter, fill said vacancy by appointment; and all vacancies occurring from any cause in any elective office shall be filled by some qualified elector of the city to said vacancy, who shall hold said office until the next regular election, occurring more than twenty days after such vacancy occurs, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 10. That section 25 of the Charter of the city of Gold Hill be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 25. The chief of police shall be the city constable, conservator of the peace, and until the council shall by ordinance make other provisions therefor, he shall act as building inspector, and he shall arrest and bring before the recorder for trial, either upon his own complaint or that of other persons, all offenders against the laws of the state or the ordinances of the city, shall enforce all ordinances of the city, preserve the peace and quiet of the city, and perform all such other duties as the city council shall prescribe or direct. He shall, in all things, be

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MISS ELEANOR WILSON



Miss Eleanor Wilson, youngest daughter of President Wilson, whose engagement to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has been announced.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE IS SHOWING NEW ACTIVITY

Several Transfers in Past Week; Inquiries Regarding District Continue to Arrive

Indications of an awakened interest in Gold Hill real estate is testified to by at least a brace of important transfers consummated this week. Several more are reported to be pending, while real estate men report many inquiries from prospective investors in both city and country property.

The Childers' property in west Gold Hill, comprising a seven room residence upon lots 765 by 142 feet, located on 2d avenue, was sold by Mr. Childers and his son to C. S. Redfield, the transfer taking place the first of the week.

Five unimproved business lots on 4th avenue, or Front street, just beyond the News office, were sold on Tuesday by H. C. Raedel to Chas. Erlwein. Mr. Raedel purchased the lots from Mary A. Pryce several months since. It is announced that modern business buildings, of the best possible construction, will be erected as soon as tenants may be found. Undoubtedly the only existing reason why one or more business enterprises, sadly needed and lacking, have not located in the city heretofore is that suitable locations could not be found. Mr. Erlwein proposes to remedy this, and the early construction of a new business block is predicted. Two lots further along the street and hitherto owned by O. F. Young, of Medford, have been purchased by Mr. Raedel.

With work progressing rapidly at the cement plant, and a lease upon business life assured to the city, it seems almost certain that the next few months will bring forth not only a number of important real estate deals but witness the establishment of a number of new business houses.

Kanes Creek Resident Dies After Lingering Illness

William Riley Higinbotham, for many years a resident of Kanes Creek, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Risley, at Medford on the morning of Friday, March 13th. Death was due to a gradual break-down incident to ill health and age. One week before his demise Mr. Higinbotham had gone to his sister's home to rest and recuperate, but grew steadily worse despite medical attention and careful nursing. Funeral services were conducted Sunday forenoon at the undertaking parlors of Weeks & McGowan, and the remains were laid to rest in the Central Point cemetery that afternoon.

William Riley Higinbotham was born in Michigan on January 28th, 1847. In early manhood he was wedded in Nebraska, and in 1877 removed with his family to southern Oregon, locating near Central Point. The death of his wife occurred in 1896, since which time he made his home with his sons, Elmer and George Higinbotham, of Kanes Creek. Mr. Higinbotham possessed many warm friends in this locality and throughout the county, who unite with his children in mourning the loss.

PANAMA TOLLS FORCED ISSUE

Open Debate Begins On Sims Bill to Repeal Clause; Opposition Girds Loins

'BASSADOR PAGE GRILLED

Fiery Chamberlain Asks Investigation of Diplomat's Indiscretions With Monroe Doctrine

Washington.—Open debate on repeal of the toll exemption clause of the Panama canal act will begin late this week in the house, and a vote in that body on the Sims bill to carry out the recommendations of President Wilson is expected by Saturday night. In the senate effort will be made by administration leaders to pave the way for early action on the issue by bringing it squarely before the committee on inter-oceanic canals for consideration and report by the time the house has disposed of the subject. Opposing forces in both houses are prepared for the fight, the prospect being that the champions of toll exemption for American coastwise ships will lose when the roll calls have been taken in both houses.

Representatives Adamson and Sims, in charge of the repeal forces in the house, are doubtful only as to the size of the majority their cause will have. A poll of the senate indicates the president will win by a majority of 10 to 20 votes.

Ambassador Asked to Produce Proof.

Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to Great Britain, was made the target of inquiry in a resolution introduced by Senator Chamberlain and adopted by the senate, calling on the secretary of state to investigate alleged public assertions by the ambassador relative to the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama canal.

The resolution requests the secretary of state to procure a copy for the use of the senate of Ambassador Page's address and to call on the ambassador for evidence upon which he based the alleged statement that "it added greatly to the pleasure of the people of the United States in the building of the Panama canal to know that the British would profit most by its use."

Particular request is made in the resolution for a verbatim report of that portion of the ambassador's address in which he is reported to have defined the Monroe Doctrine as meaning merely that "the United States would prefer that no European governments would gain more land in the new world."

Settlers Protest Cash Requirement.

Western senators and representatives are receiving appeals from settlers on government irrigation projects to modify the pending irrigation bill so as to relieve settlers on new projects from the payment of 5 per cent of the water charge at the time they file entry. This bill, which is an administration measure, gives settlers 20 years instead of 10 in which to pay for water. Secretary Lane, who heartily approves the extension feature, thinks it is only fair to require 5 per cent of the total payment when the entryman goes on the land. After that payment is made the settler is exempt from further payment for five years.

Crates May Be Mailed.

Postmaster-General Burleson has approved an amendment to the parcel post regulations, under which butter, eggs, fruits, vegetables, poultry and other articles in parcels weighing from 20 to 50 pounds may be shipped in the first and second zones in boxes and crates similar to those handled by express companies.

Bill Aims at All Hindus.

A bill to exclude Hindu laborers from the United States and providing that all Hindus shall be regarded as laborers unless it is shown that they are in fact professional men intending to pursue their professions here, was introduced by Representative Church, of California.

National Capital Brevities.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo ruled that taxes on partnership incomes are not to be collected from the source, but held the partners individually liable.