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Holcomb Springs Sold To Medford People

The Holcomb mineral springs in Sams Valley, several miles from Gold Hill. These springs have long been known to have very rare mineral contents which are very valuable to health. Fay Diamond and N. W. Slusser, both Medford business men are the purchasers and will take possession of the 40 acres upon which the spring is located on June 1st. They expect to establish a health resort at this place.

Other property in the same locality said to possess water containing the same values was purchased by Geo. E. Ferguson, a world war veteran.

The Holcomb springs were the property of Geo. Holcomb and Pete H. Meyers of this city and the water is known to be valuable in medicinal properties among the natives of this part of the county. Only last summer several improvements were made and others anticipated soon. With the investment of new capital these springs should be advertised in such a way as to draw many people to them who are in need of its health giving qualities.

Last Summer a good body of Cinnabar, Ore was discovered on the property but the owners preferred to preserve the spring rather than to take out the ore.

FORMER U. OF O. STUDENT ON RACE AROUND WORLD

Toichi Araki, a Japanese, racing around the world from Tokio with a competitor and against time arrived in this country Saturday from Victoria B. C.

Araki and Ryukicki Matsui left Tokio April 6 in a race sponsored by the Jiji Shimpo, a newspaper of Tokio, to establish a new record in fast economical travel by ordinary, existing transportation methods.

Araki, eastbound, took ship at Yokohama, across the Pacific to America, while Matsui, westbound, set his course across Siberia.

From Seattle Araki sped by air mail plane to San Francisco, and there, transferred to another plane of the air mail service for Chicago and New York. By steamer, train and airplane Araki's route lies from New York to London, Paris, Berlin, Moscow, Mukden and Tokio.

Meanwhile, Matsui is speeding the same route in the reverse direction.

The fastest time around the world was made by Edward S. Evans and Linton Wells, Americans, in 1926. They rounded the globe in 28 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes and 5 seconds, traveling together.

The two Japanese will compete for cash prizes, the winner to receive 3000 yen (\$1500) and loser 1000 yen.

Araki studied at Oregon university He is 34 years old.

ATLANTIC HAS BEEN CROSSED SEVERAL TIMES FROM EAST TO WEST BY WAY OF THE AIR

Man has spanned the Atlantic from east to west by air several times before the Bremen accomplished the first non-stop flight across the north Atlantic.

The dirigible ZR-3, later named the Los Angeles was flown across from Germany in October, 1924.

The British dirigible R34 was flown from England to New York and return in July, 1919.

Three American army planes flying around the world crossed the Atlantic from East to west in 1924 by way of Iceland, Greenland and New Foundland. Dieudonne Costes and Joseph Lebrix, French Flyers, made a non stop flight across the south Atlantic from Senegal, Africa, to Brazil last October.

MYRTLE CREEK MINISTER MARRYS 700 COUPLES

Elder Thomas Barklow, 75, known as "Uncle Tommy," the marrying man, died at his home at Myrtle Creek, Saturday.

He had performed 700 marriages and conducted 350 funerals.

COSTES AND LEBRIX ARRIVE AT HOME FIELD AFTER TOUR OF WORLD

The flying Frenchmen, Dieudonne Costes and Joseph Lebrix, came home to Paris Saturday from their air adysey over 35,000 miles of land and sea—over Africa, the two Americas, Asia, Europe and a wide expanse of the south Atlantic.

Speeding to Paris in six days from far away Tokio, on the other side of the earth, the pair brought the irbiplane down upon the green field of Le Bourget just before dusk—the noise of their motor drowned by the sound of 1000 Gallic "bravos" and "vivas."

Two squadrons of French military planes escorted them on their last few miles over the familiar territory that stretched southeastward from Paris. On the ground there were cheers and waving hats and handkerchiefs, laughter and joyful tears.

QUARTZ MINE WORK STARTS IN JACKSON

The recent purchase of the Sylvantine gold quartz mine three miles from Gold Hill by the Revival Mining company composed of Seattle and Pittsburg, Pa., investors with C. C. Coulter of Seattle at the head, marks the general resumption of quartz mining in southwestern Oregon. This property is composed of the Cheney, Simmins, Ray and Haff mines, all old-time good producers which were united into one property in 1916 by J. C. Davis and associates of Sacramento. These people operated the property during the war-period and spent about \$7,500.

On the property in equipment and development, however they recovered sufficient gold from the property to more than meet this outlay.

During the early spring of 1921 the Sacramento people sold the property to the Oregon-Pittsburg Mining company heads composed of Pittsburg people with Victor W. Brown for \$180,000. Shortly after the beginning of actual operation by the new owners in the same year litigation followed and continued until last year when it was sold to M. S. Johnson of Gold Hill by virtue of a court order.

Gold was discovered on the Sylvantine vien, or, as it is locally known the Big Vien, 50 years ago when it produced high grade ore near the surface. In 1916 tungston was discovered in the mine and since that time considerable importance has been attached to the property, due to that find. The tungston is found with the gold ore in the form of scheelite. The mineral is in small stringers with the quartz.

The big vien is cut at several places with long drifts and tunnels at a depth of 700 feet and affords extensive bodies of ore. The mine is equipped with a 10 stamp mill re-grind mills and extensive reduction equipment for treating both base and free milling ores, as well complete mine equipment. The mine has been under investigation by Messrs. Lawson and Brockway, two prominent Seattle mining engineers for the new owners the past few months. It is reported that Mr. Lawson will be engineer in charge of the property with headquarters at Gold Hill—Medford Mail Tribune

DOUGLAS COUNTY CINNABAR PROPERTY GOOD PRODUCER

Production of Quicksilver was started this month by the Gold Leaf Mining company on its holdings seven miles north of Tiller, in Douglas county. The company is headed by R. Z. Farmer of Portland and all the stock is held by a small group of Oregonians. The project (has been fully financed and the equipment of the mine completed.

The present output is from three to four 75-pound flasks a day. It is announced that the first shipment will be sent May 1 to San Francisco. The value of the product runs from \$125 to \$135 a flask.

Twelve retort pots are being operated, but it is expected that more will be installed in the near future. The company owns several claims on the property to keep the plant operating for an indefinite period.

Oregon State Indebtedness is \$40 Per Capita

Washington, D. C., April 16, 1928. The Department of Commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the state of Oregon for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1927. The per capita figures for 1927 are based on an estimated population of 887,000.

Expenditures

The payments for operation and main tenance of the general departments of Oregon amounted to \$11,976,691, or \$13.50 per capita. This includes \$442,844, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1926 the comparative per capita for operation and maintenance of general departments was \$12.23, and in 1917, \$5.90. The payments for maintenance and operation of public service enterprises in 1927 amounted to \$3,769, interest on debt, \$2,906,486; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$7,182,648. The total payments, therefore, for operation and maintenance of general departments and public service enterprises, for interest and outlays were \$22,069,594. Of this amount \$9,740 represents payments by a State department of enterprise to another on account of services. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$9,822,556 was for highways, \$3,137,610 being for maintenance and \$6,684,946 for construction.

The total revenue receipts were \$22,954,701, or \$25.88 per capita. This was \$8,067,755 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements. This excess of revenue receipts is reflected in purchase of investments, not shown in this summary. Of the total revenue receipts \$9,740 represents receipts from a State department or enterprise on account of services. Property and special taxes represented 26.4 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 27.6 per cent for 1928, and 64.7 per cent from 1926 to 1927. The per capita property and special taxes were \$6.83 in 1927, \$7.26 in 1926, and \$3.79 in 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 50.7 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 46.8 per cent for 1926, and 11.0 per cent for 1917. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and of sale tax on gasoline, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges. The sale tax on gasoline amounted to \$3,559,909, in 1927, and \$3,248,442 in 1926, and increase of 9.6 per cent.

Indebtedness

The total funded or fixed debt outstanding Sept. 30, 1927 was \$64,047,660 Of this amount \$34,466,750 was for highways.

The net indebtedness (fund or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) was \$36,155,029, or \$40.76 per capita. In 1926 the per capita net debt was \$34.61, and in 1917, \$0.66.

Assessed valuations and tax Levies

The assessed valuation of property in Oregon subject to ad valorem taxation was \$1,110,677,349; the amount of State taxes levied was \$5,286,824; and the per capita levy, \$5.96. In 1926 the per capita levy was \$5.76, and in 1917, \$3.16.

Curtis Davis, of the San Francisco Seals base ball club was in the city last evening and today calling upon friends. Davis received a great deal of popularity here last year for the mound work he did for the Gold Hill Boa club of Southern Oregon which took the Gold Hill club to the state championship and also brought him recognition which gave him a try in the coast league. From here Davis will go to Salt Lake where he will pitch for the kion City entry in the Utah Idaho league. He was accompanied to this city by a catcher by the name of Woodson who like wise has been farmed to the Salt Lake team.

Huge Placer Operation Opens On Evans Creek

Placer mining with a steam Shovel began at the Pleasant Creek Placer Mining company's property in the Evans creek district this week. A shovel with a capacity of 2000 yards per day has been installed on the property and began delivering material to the bunkers on the tenth of this month.

The company's present capacity to wash the gravel is only one thousand yards per day but it is expected that this will be increased in the very near future to operate at the full capacity of the shovel. The shovel is equipped with a drag line boom in order that it can be used to handle every bit of the ground that will be encountered in the operations. A bucket of a yard and a half capacity is being used at present which is equipped with rock points which it is said will take up eight inches of the bed rock to assure a maximum recovery of values.

The price at which the excavation has been contracted has not been given for publication but it is known that it is between ten and fifteen cents per yard. At this rate it is estimated that ground carrying values of thirty cents or over can be worked at a profit if the quantity of material is available to pay for the set-up. The ground at the pleasant Creek Mining company's property is said to run between seventy-five cents and a dollar.—Pacific Miner.

OPERATIONS RESUMED ON PLACER MINE

The latest of the old time hydraulic gold placer mines which have been closed down for several years to come into production again is the Jack Layton mine located on Missouri flat along Applegate river two miles west of Applegate. The mine is part of the estate of the late J. F. Layton. It has been rehabilitated and is now under operation by ex-mayor Wm H. Miller, of Gold Hill and John R. Bailey of Grants Pass, under a long term lease. Both of these men are old-time placer miners in this region.

The average thickness of the gravel beds of the mine are about 25 ft. and the width from rim to rim of the pay channel is more than 200 ft. In much of the material the pebbles are less than six inches in diameter and are generally sub-angular. The largest boulders are in the bottom of the deposit and in places that are considerably deposited.

The early miners had a small ditch from Williams creek with a pressure head of 100 feet but in 1877 the late Jack Layton secured the property and put in two high line ditches, the upper of which is 21 miles long. The water of both ditches comes from Williams creek. Three hydraulic giants are used under a head of about 300 ft., as well as two Pierce amalgamators and a large winch to use on a derrick to handle the stumps and large boulders. A considerable area of rich ground remains to be mined.

MEDICAL BUILDING PLANNED

Announcement was made here yesterday that incorporation papers are soon to be filed by the medical arts corporation, an organization being formed by local doctors and dentists. The corporation plans to start work soon on a three-story office building in which the members will be quartered.

Mrs. Geo. Myers, of Montague, California stopped over on a visit in this city for a short time Saturday night with Mrs. M. O. Betts. She was accompanied by a sister and her son. Mrs. Myers is an aunt of Mrs. Betts.

Principal Willert of the Rogue River High school and several members of the annual staff were in the city Monday, looking after business connected with the annual which the Rogue River school is publishing this year.

GOSPEL TEAM FROM MEDFORD PRESENTS SUNDAY PROGRAM HERE

The people of this city were given a treat in the form of a special service at the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon when the Medford Gospel team made up of business and professional men of that city presented a program here. The principal speakers of the afternoon were Percy A. Bray and Mr. Gerard. Special musical numbers were also offered. About 35 or forty people came for the services.

INTREST IN HEALTH RALLY SHOWN BY JACKSON SCHOOLS

Schools of the county interested in the Health Honor Roll were notified some two weeks ago by County Superintendent Carter regarding the plans for the Medford schools for a health rally on Friday afternoon, May 4th, and already responses are in from each of the centers, Mrs. Carter says. The wish to join the Medford schools in their parade and program, and also to enjoy the May festival on the high school grounds.

Supt. Hedrick has now sent details of the plans to the principals interested. Although to have the rally occur on the day before the County Field and Track meet at the Fair Grounds, increases the transportation problems for that week, yet is now seems assured that Gold Hill, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, and Central Point, will make an effort to send their honor roll pupils to Medford for the rally. These towns are the ones that have gone into the undertaking this year.

BLUETT'S ENTERTAIN THE BOY SCOUTS

The Gold Hill Patrol of boy scouts held their regular meeting at the high school gymnasium last evening and after the meeting they went to the C. G. Bluett home where Mrs. Bluett had prepared a very pleasant and dainty refreshment for the boys.

There is considerable interest being worked up among the boys over the boy scout meeting and a very efficient patrol is expected to be the result.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT OUR FORMER PRESIDENTS

Of the twenty-nine Presidents, twenty-five were elected. Four succeeded from the office of Vice President and were not later elected. These were Tyler of Virginia, Fillmore of New York, Johnson of Tennessee Arthur of New York.

Of the twenty-five, six were citizens of Ohio at the time of their election; four were citizens of Virginia; three were from Massachusetts, three were from New York; two were from Tennessee; two from Illinois; one from Louisiana; one from New Hampshire; one from Pennsylvania; one from Indiana; one from New Jersey.

Washington took the oath of office as president when he was 57. He was the first of the Virginia line of chief magistrates. John Adams and John Quincy Adams, father and son of Massachusetts, were elected when they were 61 and 57 respectively. Jefferson and Madison of Virginia were each 57 when elected. Monroe of Virginia was 58.

Jackson of Tennessee was 61 when elected; Van Buren of New York, 54. William Henry Harrison of Ohio had reached 67 when he was elected. Harrison's age stands as highwater mark. Only Taylor of Louisiana and Buchanan of Pennsylvania, after Harrison's time, had reached their sixties when elected. Taylor was 64, and Buchanan was 65. Polk of Tennessee was one of the youngest (49) when elected. Pierce of New Hampshire was even younger—48.

Lincoln of Illinois was 51 when elected. Grant, also of Illinois, was only 46. Hayes of Ohio was 54; Garfield of Ohio 49. Cleveland of New York was 47. Benjamin Harrison of Indiana was 55. The second time Cleveland was elected he was 55.

McKinley of Ohio was 53 when first elected. Roosevelt of New York was 46 when he won an election for four years in his own right. Taft of Ohio was 55. Coolidge of Massachusetts was 52 when elected in 1924

Rogue River Seniors Will Present Play

The Seniors of the Rogue River High School are presenting the class play "Nothing but the Truth," Friday evening, April 20 at the high school auditorium. Mr. Willert, the high school principal is coaching the production.

The plot centers around a young man, Bob Bennett, who in order to win a bet, says he can tell the absolute cause laughable and confused situation for twenty-four hours. Many incidents occur because of this which tions. The cast includes: Robert Bennett.....Leland Harter E. M. Ralston.....Roy Moore Dick Donnelly.....Norman Brashear Clarence VanDusen.....Burwell O'Kelly Bishop Doran.....Adelbert Fryer Gwendolyn Ralston.....Doris Sandry Mrs. E. M. Ralston.....Neva Todd Ethel Clark.....Harriette Pickering Mable Jackson.....Martha Laws Sable Jackson.....Evelyn Grimmett Martha.....Freda Laws

DRENNEN BUYS FARM

Irvin Drennen of this city purchased the acreage formerly owned by R. F. Swan of this city and located in Sams Valley. Included in the deal was a residence which is now located on 4th avenue. Mr. Drennen is busy dismantling the dwelling preparatory to moving it to the farm property.

LOWE**WALKER

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Medford Wednesday at which time Mrs. Margaret Lowe became the wife of Clinton Walker. Both the contracting parties are well known locally. Mr. Walker is a native of the city and Mrs. Walker has made her home here for the past year and a half. Judge Hartzel officiated at the wedding and the bride and groom returned to this city and were guests at a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Whitsett.

The guests at the dinner were; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Whitsett, Howard and May Kell.

The newly weds will make their home in this city where the groom is employed at the Beaver Portland Cement Company.

U. of O. COACH TO HANDLE CAVEMAN ENTRY IN MARATHON

Bill Hayward, famous track coach of the University of Oregon, yesterday took over the training activities of Mad Bull and Flying Cloud, winner and runner-up in last year's Redwood Empire Marathon, according to word received by Harry Ridgway, chairman of the Marathon committee of the Redwood Empire Association, that is sponsoring the race. Both runners have entered this year's trek which will start from San Francisco on June 14.

Hayward was secured by the Oregon Cavemen, an aggregation of sports lovers of Grants Pass, Oregon. The Cavemen, have sponsored the entries, and are determined to give the two Indians the benefit of the best training advice that it is possible to obtain.

The track coach will start his charges training in the Klamath River section. The district is covered with hills, and Hayward stated yesterday that there will be no let-up in work until a few days before the race. Hayward has been one of the coaches and trainers of America's representatives in the Olympic Games for several years. Immediately following this year's Indian Marathon Hayward will sail for Amsterdam where the 1928 games will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Newton, of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Bob Southerland and Mrs. E. M. Newton of Portland and Mrs. H. H. Elhart and son Billy of Ashland and Mrs. E. M. Starns of Grants Pass were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Waite on Sardine Creek, at a birthday party in honor of Mrs. E. M. Newton and daughter, Mrs. Elhart.