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LOOKS FOR MINING ACTIVITY NEXT SPRING.

J. A. Howard Expects a Movement in the Sumpter Region.

James A. Howard, who returned Tuesday from Lawton and Sumpter, where he has been in the interest of his mining properties, says that in his opinion the mining business of Oregon has the brightest outlook for its immediate future that it ever had.

All the mines in the Sumpter country are preparing for a good run this season and while there is not much being said on the outside, there is quite a rush to this region already and the present spring will probably bring a larger amount of men with capital to invest than has ever been seen in that country and to take it all in all unusual activity is in sight for the Eastern Oregon mining districts this spring.

Mr. Howard stated that the Red Boy Gold Mines Company, in which he is interested, intended to carry on its already commenced deep-sinking operations until they reach a point of from 1000 to 2000 feet in depth.

When Secretary Shaw took charge of the treasury department last Saturday the employees of the building, 2500 to 3000 in number, were lined up in the hallway to greet him.

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PENDLETON BASEBALL MEN ARE PLANNING.

Have Signed No Men—Question of the League is Considered.

The baseball people are doing very little more than planning and getting their working machinery in order to make definite arrangements for the coming baseball season. They have been negotiating with managers of outside teams and trying to form a league including all the neighboring towns that are going to be in the field for honors, but so far they have been unable to make arrangements with Manager Sharpstein, of the Walla Walla team, although the other towns are willing to come into the league with Pendleton and arrange a schedule of games for the season.

Mr. Sharpstein objects to joining the league for the reason that should he sign a contract to play his team with the league on certain dates it might prevent them from making dates with other teams outside for the reason that arrangements would be made for games on all the big days and coming events of more than ordinary importance, so that the members of the league would not be free to make dates with any other team.

Pendleton baseball enthusiasts are very anxious to form a league. Whether or not the refusal of Walla Walla to enter into it will make any serious difference or will cause the proposition to be abandoned, is not yet decided. Negotiations are under headway for the signing of several good players, although none have yet been signed. But it is expected to do something definite in the next few days.

Every other town in the country has got its men and are practicing with the intention of perfecting them before the playing season begins and it is time Pendleton was getting her men together so that they would know who is to belong to the team and what kind of players they are.

The Whitman Team.

Following is what the Walla Walla Union has to say regarding the Whitman team:

Whitman baseball tossers are out and at work. Yesterday there was a squad batting flies and stopping grounders. Another week of the present weather will find the entire team in hard training under the direction of Coach Allen.

In addition to the last year men, Whitman has recently registered Charles Dement, who is almost certain of a position on the nine. Geo. Marquis the left paddle son of Marcus, who has been confined to his room for some time threatened with typhoid fever, is now past all danger and within two weeks will be out on the field working into his old-time form. Definite baseball dates have already been arranged with Washington Agricultural College, University of Idaho and Washington University, and early practice games will be played with Pendleton, Athena, Dayton and other nearby cities.

WILL GO TO SKAGWAY.

W. F. Matlock Will Meet Partners in Portland.

William Matlock will be in Skagway shortly, so the word comes from Pendleton. Mr. Matlock always contended that the mines in this vicinity should be developed. He will no doubt take a hand with the people when he comes, as he was never known to let any man do more than he does himself.—Skagway, Alaska, Guide.

Mr. Matlock says he does not know when he will go to Alaska as it all depends on his partners, William Beagle and Captain Sperry, who are interested with him in mining properties in the North. He expects to meet them in Portland soon, when they will arrange for returning, but it will probably be in June before he goes.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Robert Watt and S. B. Neil are in town from Alba.

Charles McLean and W. E. Bond are in town from Athena.

S. White, a prominent Freewater citizen, was in town yesterday from Freewater.

M. S. Howe of the firm of Baltezone & Howe has returned from a visit to his old home in Stockton, Cal.

Fred Waite left this morning for Dayton, Wash., to attend the Dayton Gun Club tournament, which is being pulled off today.

L. Mustard and son, Harvey, left last night for Thurman, Iowa, to visit Mr. Mustard's father, who has not been seen for 22 years.

J. W. Maloney returned this morning from Baker City, where he attended the meeting of the district convention of the Knights of Pythias.

J. H. Robbins, mayor of Sumpter and treasurer of the Red Boy Consolidated Gold Mines Company, is in town shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Al Leraut, of Portland, arrived last evening and will keep house for her brother, W. E. Rose, the coming summer. Her son Leland, is with her.

Claude Engle has returned from Heppner, where he was with the Slocum Drug Company. He has accepted a position with the Brock & McComas Company in Pendleton.

James McWilliams, a pioneer of Umatilla county, and one of its extensive farmers, has just returned from Nebraska City, Neb., where he has visited since early last fall. His son returned with him.

Joseph McCarthy, one of the best shortstop baseball players in the Northwest, who played with the Tacoma eleven last year, and has again signed with them for the battles of the coming season, is in town visiting friends.

F. N. Norton, formerly car inspector for the O. R. & N. at this place, returned yesterday from a pleasure trip to Walla Walla and Spokane. He expects to leave Friday evening for Portland, where he has accepted a position with the company.

E. M. Lyons, of the St. Joe store, returned last evening from an extended visit at Kalispel, Mont. Mr. Lyons says that although there was considerable snow, it was warm and pleasant. He also stated that Kalispel is one of the liveliest and best little towns in the Northwest (Pendleton excepted) and that money seems to be very plentiful and times good.

MRS. BARBARA SMITH.

Has Paralysis in Weston—Shock Came Today.

Weston, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Barbara Smith, of this place, had a stroke of complete paralysis this morning. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moorehouse, old residents of Weston. Mrs. Smith arose at the usual hour this morning and attempted to go out in a small room at the rear of the house, when the attack came. Her recovery is very doubtful.

A serious epidemic is raging among horses in the Illinois region of the corn belt. Farmers declare that thousands of acres of the richest corn land will not be cultivated this year, as the owners and renters will be unable to secure teams to do the work. An effort is being made to import mules in time for spring plowing. Buyers are now in the market to secure immediate shipment of the stock. Horses being fed for export trade have been turned into the pasture and held for the home demand.

They Still Name the Cook.

A queer custom, which prevails at no other court than that of Great Britain, is the announcement at the beginning of each course at a dinner of the name of the cook who has prepared the dishes served. The origin of this custom dates back to the reign of King George II., who made a great favorite of one of his cooks, promoting him to the rank of chief over the heads of all his seniors. This, of course, created great jealousy, and every effort was made to oust him from royal favor by rendering him responsible for the failures which were laid upon the king's table. Greatly incensed thereby and fearing to lose his post, he complained to the king in person, who immediately gave orders that henceforth whenever a dish was placed before him the name of the cook responsible for its success or failure should be announced in an audible tone.

A Zoo Discussion.

"You know," said the orang outang, "that man is descended from a monkey." "Yes," answered the chimpanzee, "and his descent has been very great. But let us set it down to his credit that he tries to rise again. Every now and then you hear of some man who is doing his best to make a monkey of himself."—Washington Star.

All the foundation trenches for the World's Fair at St. Louis are being dug by machinery. The excavator, mounted on a stout wagon gearing, is drawn by eight horses. As it moves along it digs up the earth and elevates it into a chute, from which it is dumped into wagons that are driven alongside the digging machine. As a wagon is filled and driven away another takes its place, and thus the work of digging and removing the earth goes on without interruption.

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Cruel Contests. Bird singing contests for money and other prizes are not so frequent in England as formerly. Many of the little competitors, notably chaffinches, were subjected to dire cruelty on these occasions.

To make them sing their eyes were pierced by a red-hot needle for the purpose of completely blinding them. This was done to prevent any opposing exhibitor from frightening the birds and stopping their singing, an end which was obtained by waving some object in front of them. Blinded, the birds could see nothing, and they sang.

The cruel practice has been practically stamped out by the action of the Royal Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who issued numerous summonses against offenders. It may be that in some dark corner of the country the same cruelty is still practiced, but the custom as a system is now done away with.—Pearson's.

Coincidences of Dates.

Attention has often been called to the curious fact of the date Sept. 3 figuring so largely in the history of Oliver Cromwell. That very dominating man was born on Sept. 3, 1599; he won the battle of Dunbar Sept. 3, 1650; that of Worcester Sept. 3, 1651, and he died Sept. 3, 1658. But we have lately come across some coincidences of dates which, so far as we know, have not been noticed before. The number 88 seems to have had fatal influence on the Stuarts. Robert II., the first Stuart king, died in 1388; James II. was killed at the siege of Roxburghe Castle, 1488; Mary, queen of Scots, was beheaded in Fotheringhay, 1588 (new style); James VII. (II. of England) was dethroned in 1688; Bonny Prince Charlie died in Rome, 1788, and with him died the last hopes of the Jacobites.

Feline Depravity.

"Oh, Horace," wailed his young wife, "I have just found out that Ajax, our beautiful Angora cat, has been leading a double life!"

"That makes eighteen, I suppose," said Horace. "What has he been doing?"

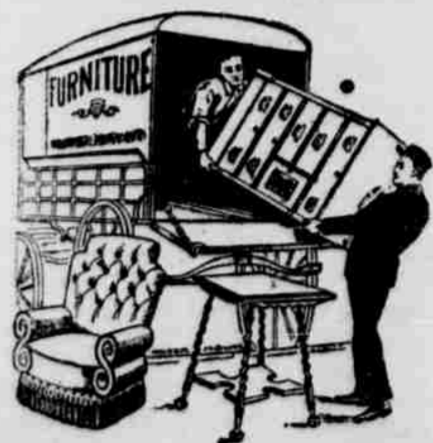
"You know I let him out every morning, because he seems to want to go and play out of doors. Well, I have discovered that he goes over to the Robinsons and lets them feed him and pet him."—Chicago Tribune.

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