

BRIGGSON ITEMS

SNOW IS DISAPPEARING FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

Crops Generally in Good Condition—Six Feet of Snow at Fletcher's Mill—C. W. Avery Making Preparations to Open Bingham Springs—Fred Erickson Leaves for Sweden.

Briggson, March 23.—The weather is more spring-like, the sun is quite warm and snow is disappearing. This has been a long, though not severe winter in this section. Some were beginning to feel very much alarmed on account of the scarcity of feed. Very few, if any, have more than enough to do them a month longer, and the coming of spring now will be very much welcomed by all.

Lewis Van Winkle, an extensive farmer of this locality, has in a large amount of fall-sown wheat, and reports it as being in good condition, and good crops in general is the anticipation of all farmers hereabouts.

Miss Effie Plankington, who has just closed quite a successful term of school on Wild Horse Mountain, will wield the rod of correction at the Sheppard schoolhouse for the ensuing term, which will commence April 1st.

Henry Lacy, of Bingham Springs, was visiting a few days at this place last week. He reports having killed a large lynx near the hotel at the springs a short time ago. He also says a very large cougar visited them one night, at which Henry took aim, but it was dark, and the animal made a hasty retreat at the report of the gun, and by climbing a very high bluff, made good its escape.

Charles Veroni and family have gone to St. Helena, Cal., to reside in the future.

Grandma Greer, who has been critically ill for the past month, of pneumonia, is convalescing.

A. Campbell, who has just completed a term of school at Warren, is visiting at the home of W. B. Bowman on Wild Horse.

Six or eight feet of snow is said to be at Fletcher's Mill. Yet they are busy logging and expect to make an excellent run the coming season.

Earl Hays and Wilbur Lewis, of Athena, were visiting at this place Sunday.

Frank Taylor and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood, near Helix, last week.

C. W. Avery, manager of the Bingham Springs for the past four years, is making preparations and will operate the same for the coming season. Mr. Avery's past management has been immensely appreciated by patrons and all will be glad to know he has decided to remain for the present year.

Clarence Ross has just returned from Mr. Goodman's sheep ranch, near Echo, and reports stock in fine condition thereabouts.

All of the stockmen are making preparations to bring their stock to the mountains by the first of April for summer pasture. It is said between 5,000 and 6,000 head will be on the mountain ranges this season.

Mrs. Emma Ross is quite ill of grip, at her home on Wild Horse.

William Wilkinson and Mr. Floyd, of Athena, were in this vicinity a few days ago, making preparations to do some improving on Mr. Wilkinson's ranch.

Smith & Rambo are making some improvements at their sawmill, and will start up by the middle of April. They saw from 15,000 to 18,000 feet per day, and find ready sale for it all. It is said they were kept quite busy last year in order to supply the demand.

Fred Erickson, nephew of Uncle Gus Johnson of this place, who has been in this country for the past 11 years, will sail for Sweden the first of May, where he will visit his aged parents.

It is reported a Methodist minister will be in charge here in the near future, and Sunday school will be organized at the Sheppard schoolhouse.

LONDON FOGS.

The Council Appoints Committee to Inquire into Causes of Dense Fogs.

London, March 25.—Eighteen months ago the London county council appointed a committee to inquire into the causes of London fogs. This committee seems still to remain in a fog about the matter, for they recommend the council to spend more money on the inquiry. But the meteorological office has furnished the council with some interesting facts about London's fogs, which seem to be caused by a high barometer, a low thermometer, and a low temperature of the Thames river. Observation showed that once during a dense fog the temperature in the street was 10 degrees lower than on the roof of the meteorological office, and the fact is further pointed out that the effects of smoke are much greater than might be supposed. In winter the extreme limit of vision from the dome of St. Paul's under the most favorable circumstances is but little more than a mile.

New American Liner.

London, March 25.—The first of the big steamers to be added to the American Line service between Philadelphia and Liverpool, the Belgium steamship Friesland, sails from Liverpool today for Philadelphia, in command of Captain Apeld. The Friesland, Merlon, Nooderland, Westernland and Haverford will constitute the service in the future. The Friesland was built on the Clyde in 1869, and can carry 10,000 tons of cargo in addition to 1,000 passengers.

After going around with a broken skull for 15 years, the Kentucky woman who owned it has just had it repaired.

NICOLA COAL
BRITISH COLUMBIA COAL FIELD

To be opened up and developed by American capital and enterprise.

THE

Western Coal and Iron Company

501 Bernice Building, Tacoma, Wash.

With Nelson Bennett as president, have secured a large tract of coal land in the Nicola Valley, British Columbia, in all, 2560 acres, or four full sections, with five large seams of coal known to underlay the land, and containing over 100,000,000 tons of the highest grade of Bituminous Coal that has been found in the Northwest. It makes the finest and best coke in the world, and for steam and domestic purposes there is no better coal produced in the country. The coal is situated in Southern British Columbia, about 160 miles east of Vancouver, British Columbia and from New Whatcom and Bellingham Bay points. The Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Great Northern Railroad are now both ready to construct and extend their lines into the Nicola coal field and will be there this year. This beautiful Nicola Valley will then be turned into a beehive of gigantic industries. The Western Coal and Iron Company are now offering the first block of its treasury stock at the low rate of

15 Cents Per Share

The Crow's Nest coal shares sold in 1896 for 10c per share. Today the stock is worth \$125 per share; it advanced from 10c to \$36 in two years. And it is safe to say that the Nicola Coal offers today just as good chance to the investor as did the Crow's Nest in 1896. We are quite certain that the stock is sure to advance to par (\$1 per share) this year. If you want to be in it on the ground floor and make 700 per cent on your investment in a few months, decide quick as this 15c stock will not last very long. The stock will be advanced next month. The Standard Oil Company has bought 2660 acres, the adjoining coal land, only 2½ miles from our Company's property and in the very same coal basin and paid

\$2,500,000 CASH FOR THE LAND

This is glorious news to those holding Western Coal and Iron Company's stock. The Tacoma company intends to place their coal on the market here as soon as shipping facilities have been furnished. For further information I cordially invite you to call at my office, where samples of the coal, reports, maps, diagrams, prospectuses, letters from prominent bankers, lawyers and other business men, who have investigated this coal proposition can be seen. Respectfully,

JOHN HAILEY, JR.,
LOCAL AGENT,
Room 16, Judd Building,
PENDLETON, OREGON

Be Deliberate, Be Thoughtful Yet Act Promptly.

Upon your prompt and early action often depends the Price at which you may secure a good investment. The second allotment of stock of the

HIGHLAND GOLD MINES COMPANY

Is Now being offered to investors on ground floor terms. **SIX (6) CENTS PER SHARE.**

\$30.00 WILL BUY 500 SHARES;

\$60.00 WILL BUY 1,000 SHARES;

\$300 WILL BUY 5,000 SHARES.

SITUATION

The properties of the HIGHLAND GOLD MINES COMPANY, consisting of twelve claims, (240 acres), and known locally as the KNAPP GROUP OF MINES, are situated on the famous MOTHER LODE system of the Sumpter district, in Baker county, state of Oregon, and on the great Elkhorn divide at the head waters of Rock Creek flowing to the east and Cracker Creek flowing to the west, through that renowned Cracker Creek district of Eastern Oregon, where are situated upon the MOTHER LODE system the North Pole, E. & E., Columbia, and Golconda mines, known the world over as the "Big 4" of Eastern Oregon.

MEMORANDA OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

BY COL. M. L. LOHMIRE

1899—Glasgow drift west side creek, heavy sulphides, ore from rich streak	\$330.00
From crosscut east side of creek on Eldorado, 16 feet wide, taken in 5-foot sections, north wall	5.78
Six feet in center vein, large sample	2.59
Five feet south side, large sample	5.28
The Bannock Burn tunnel, 7 feet on foot wall large sample	8.25
Bannock Burn tunnel, 10 feet, 6 inches width large sample	7.70
Back 8 feet from face and 2 feet next to hanging wall, large sample	15.90
Same body 14 feet back from face, 4 feet of ore	22.32

From Glasgow drift west of creek, from ore on dump in boxes	398.33
From same point in Glasgow drift, 11 inches wide, 20 feet back from face, 9 inches wide, same drift	491.88
East side of creek, in crosscut next to shaft on Eldorado, 15 feet wide	430.00
Float in and around open cuts half way up the mountain from east end of Bannock Burn tunnel, general sample	4.70
At open cuts near west line, values obtained ranged from	\$28.00 to \$29.00
Small streak in open cut near west end line of Bannock Burn	360.00
Sample from surface near creek east side, 8 feet wide	2.43
JULY—1900.	
Bannock Burn tunnel face, 6 feet in width, tunnel having been driven ahead a few feet	4.10
General sample, 6 feet of ore 8 feet back from face of Bannock Burn tunnel	10.82
General sample of 4 feet of ore, 30 feet back from face of Bannock Burn tunnel	5.70
General sample, 8 feet of ore in open cut 250 feet west, further up the mountain from Bannock Burn tunnel	5.53
General sample next to foot of wall, same place, General sample 2 feet in width, hanging wall 250 feet west of Bannock Burn tunnel	2.56
Bannock Burn claim near west end line 2½ feet ore	2.25
	9.64

Bannock Burn claim, general sample, from large boulders of ore half way up the mountain	16.01
Sample from 14 inches in face of Glasgow	27.10
Sample of lot of float 1000 feet west of Bannock Burn tunnel	4.39
Sample of sulphide ores from Glasgow drift, west of creek	219.00
General sample, open cut 700 feet west of Bannock Burn tunnel	13.22
Memoranda of sampling and results for the fall of 1901 misplaced or lost, but results were good.	
Sampling this fall from the Eldorado tunnel in the face, general sample ran from	\$3.76 to \$15.76 per ton.
Sample of 18-inch gouge or selvedge	4.58

WIDTH AND LENGTH OF VEIN

The vein is traceable the entire length of the claims, thirty-five hundred (3500) feet, and the ore shoots are known to be of immense length, and the values in the same evenly distributed throughout. The width of the vein varies from ten (10) to forty (40) feet, and has a northeasterly and southwesterly strike of course; the permanency of which has been demonstrated by the development of the other mines on the now famous MOTHER LODE of the Sumpter District. The vein on this property has been explored thoroughly on the surface by means of shafts, tunnels and open cuts, and is known to carry commercial values the entire length of the claims.

FREE TRIP TO THE HIGHLAND MINE

If you seriously consider an investment in the Stock of the HIGHLAND GOLD MINES CO., and wish to make a personal examination of the MINE, and personally learn the facts, you may do so without cost to yourself. We will pay your expenses from your home to the

MINE and return; and if you find the facts as represented, all we ask in return is a fair and reasonable investment, but if you find that the facts have been misrepresented, we will not ask you for an investment, and forever hold you harmless from all necessary expenses on account of your visit and examination.

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