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## Mining of Black Sand.

**Dr. Day Refutes Statement of Recorder That He Has Abandoned It.**

The editor of the RECORDER has received a letter from Dr. David T. Day, Chief of the Division of Mineralogy at Washington, D. C., wherein the doctor takes exception to an article printed in the RECORDER a few weeks ago going to show that he had abandoned black sand mining on the Pacific Coast.

As a commentary on the subject we will say that the RECORDER had nothing to express beyond a clipping taken from a paper published in Curry county, south of us. We sincerely hope and believe that black sand mining has not been abandoned on this coast, and have the utmost confidence in the statements made by Dr. Day. If our clipping was at fault we cheerfully apologize. The letters of Dr. Day follow:

Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., December 8, 1906.

Editor Bandon RECORDER, Bandon, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I call your attention to a copy of a letter which I have recently written to the Oregon Mining Journal in regard to the clipping which they credit as coming from your paper. I would be glad if you will publish my refutation.

Yours very truly,

DAVID T. DAY,

Chief of Division.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24, 1906.

Editor Oregon Mining Journal, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a clipping, said to have been taken from the Oregon Mining Journal, in which it is stated that we have given up the experiments on black sand on account of disappointment. We feel that we have thoroughly established the commercial possibilities of the black sands of the Pacific Slope, and, in accordance with instructions from Congress, we are taking up the same kind of an investigation in the Appalachian Mountains, with headquarters at Chapel Hill, N. C. As soon as we vacated at Portland the success of our work was proved by the fact that an Eastern mining company has rented the mining building at Portland in order to continue the same work on a commercial scale, with additional stations at various points where sand has been shown to contain platinum.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) DAVID T. DAY,

Chief of Division.

## Wickham's Close Call.

That Victor Wickham is alive today to tell of his hair-breadth escape from death on the Daniels creek railroad last Wednesday is counted nigh unto a miracle by those who saw the accident and understand the perilous position he was in. It was one chance in a thousand that he would come out alive, said an eye witness.

Wickham is engaged as brakeman on the logging road, and it seems was in the act of setting up a brake at the foot of the grade when something gave way and he fell between the swiftly moving cars. The signal was quickly given to stop and Engineer Wilson brought the heavily loaded train to a stand still in remarkably short time, but not before Wickham had been dragged several car lengths over the ties. He was then hastily taken to the North Bend hospital for treatment.

An examination disclosed that no bones were broken, but the right arm and hips were badly bruised. Wickham maintained consciousness all the time. He will likely recover.

Mrs Tuttle, mother of Mrs Ed Galtier, is down from Coquille.

## Port Orford.

There will be a shooting match for turkeys, beef, etc., at Port Orford on Dec. 24th, and at night there will be a Grand ball in Nielsen's hall.

Paul Peterson who has been absent several months returned last week and will assist his brothers in running their hydraulic mine on Elk river this winter.

Will Allen of Bandon came down last week with a four hour team, bringing a load of goods for John R. Miller, and moving Harry Allen's family and effects to Bandon where they will reside for an indefinite period.

The road to Cape Blanco is so badly cut up by the heavy teams that there will be much trouble to deliver supplies for the Wireless Station in the time counted upon by the contractors.

Our townsman, M. T. Wright, was placed in charge of the transportation of the Wireless Telegraph supplies, etc., by contractor Mr. Cannon. About a half dozen teams are rushing things through the mud and rain as fast as possible, and it now looks as if things will be ready for the builders who are expected in a short time.

Rev. Geo. Roach, despite the inclemency of the weather, filled his monthly appointment at this place last Sunday. Mr. Roach is a pleasant, genial man, who is held in high

esteem by our people, and his monthly visits are deeply appreciated.

Mr. Melville and family, who have been with the Reicker surveying party for the S. P. R. R., returned last week to their homestead on Elk river. Mr. Melville says the surveyors have been ordered to Oakland, and from there they will be ordered wherever wanted, and may be sent back here to set grade stakes.—Tribune.

## Circuit Court Proceedings.

Coquille Mill and Mercantile Co. vs. Alfred Johnson, et al., tried by jury and verdict for defendant.

Charles E. Baxter vs. P. E. Drane, dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

State of Oregon vs. John Marsden and W. H. Gamble, indictment for allowing gambling in saloon. Plea of guilty and fined \$100 each.

State of Oregon vs. James Coffey, indicted for larceny from a person—stealing a watch—tried by jury and found guilty: to be sentenced this morning.

State of Oregon vs. James C. Collins, indicted for larceny; plead guilty and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

State of Oregon vs. William Reddick, indicted for assault with intent to commit rape. Tried by jury and

verdict of not guilty rendered.

State of Oregon vs. Mar Sing, indicted for larceny. Tried of jury and verdict of guilty of stealing a \$130 check and \$5 in gold coin, which amounts to grand larceny.

State of Oregon vs. Charles Dingman, indicted for assault with dangerous weapon. Plead guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but allowed to go on parole.

State of Oregon vs. Al Treichel, Jas. A. Coleman and E. E. Lacy, indicted for gambling. Plead guilty and fined \$100 each.

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