



**WRITES OF MINES.**

**Former Corvallisite Gives Pen Picture of Nevada.**

Hazen, Nevada,  
Feb. 16, 1906.

Editor Gazette: During the nine months I have been in Nevada it has rained less than half an inch at Hazen, and that mostly on the day I arrived here last May. Sunshine is the rule. This Truckee-Carson irrigation project, under construction by the national government, is a great work. Already there are over 300 miles of canals and ditches constructed, and for the first time, the great snow banks in the Sierras are being transferred to the arid lands of the Carson Sink Valley. The ditches now carry water to about 50,000 acres, and during the next year 200,000 acres will be ready for irrigation.

Settlers for these vacant government lands have been coming in and taking the lands, under the Homestead law, and subject to the terms and reclamation act of June 17, 1902. And there is room for still more.

Tao much cannot be said in commendation of the intelligence guiding the design and execution of this irrigation system. The successful features of other irrigation works have been incorporated in this; while mistakes developed elsewhere have been avoided. It is safe to say that nowhere in the world will be found irrigation works constructed in any more permanent and durable manner than those approved by the officials of the United States Reclamation Service.

In this country there is much money in circulation. Many mining industries scatter large sums each month; while railroad extensions, government contracts, stock industries and other lines of commercial enterprise contribute considerable amounts, which, with the same population, makes money plentiful.

Hazen is the point of departure for some newly opened mining districts, and also the junction with railroads running to the big mining camps—South, Tonopah, Goldfield and Manhattan. The latter camp bids fair to outclass any similar camp in the country, so mining men say. It is some distance north of Tonopah and somewhat further north is the latest mining excitement in this country. This is at Fairview, a new camp within sight of my office window, and some 50 miles away. Gold ore averaging around \$300 to the ton on the surface, with specimens of \$1,500 to the ton, has been found there, and the tide has set in strong now for the new camp. Practically the entire population in that vicinity has flocked to the new camp and it is a pushing, roaring gold mining camp today, where three months ago only the occasional yelp of a coyote was heard. All this does not quicken my pulse beat by a fraction.

Months ago I had an experienced and reliable miner in that country, and have secured claims which appear to be good. At 100 feet in one claim we have lead-silver ore in shipping quantities, averaging at the smelter around \$100 to the ton, and a permanent body of the metal, too.

Our company will install a powerful hoisting plant and add new machinery within the near future. It sounds easy to talk of shafts one hundred feet deep, but when you reflect that each foot takes about six good, hard American dollars, in powder, muscle, tools and supplies, one can realize what it means to open a mine. The first discovery is easy. It is the sinking of shafts and running of tunnels through the solid rock that takes the money—and that is where it may be said that "money talks;" hot air and wit do not count

when it comes to penetrating solid rock.

Another Corvallisite has made a big strike in this country—but that is another story.

Yours truly,  
J. H. WILSON.

**Fine Meeting Assured.**

There is no part of our country that can claim a greater loyalty and which take a greater interest in their schools than the northeastern part. This territory includes districts Nos. 4, 6, 43 and 74.

The work in these schools is progressing nicely under the management of J. B. Leatherman, Meldora Jackson, Edith McCourt, and T. J. Risley, respectively. The interest manifested in these districts is due in a large degree to the educational meetings held at Fairmount by Supt. Denman. These meetings have always been largely attended and much enthusiasm displayed. The annual gathering of teachers, parents and officers is to occur tomorrow. The Fairmount Grange has joined hands with the schools on this occasion. Thus will the parents' meeting arranged by Supt. Denman have the loyal and enthusiastic support of the Grange and our parents, teachers and officers. Such a union of forces will bring together one of the largest gatherings of the friends of our common schools.

The above named districts have been asked to prepare a literary program. Sufficient progress has been made to insure a fine program from these schools. The musical program will consist of singing songs, and an entirely new program on the phonograph. The noon hour will be spent in having a basket dinner. In the past this part of this program has not been done by halves. It is not exaggerating to say that every one attending will be permitted to enjoy a sumptuous and delicious dinner. Everyone is invited to bring their basket with them.

The regular program will consist of addresses and papers on the following subjects and by the following persons: "Relation of Good Literature to Good Citizenship," Rev. F. W. Launer; (a) "Compulsory Education Parents' Duty," S. P. Laurensen; (b) "Directors Duty," M. V. Leeper; (c) "Teacher's Duty to Pupil in the School," T. J. Risley; (d) "In the Home," J. B. Leatherman; "The Oldest Institution in the World," T. T. Vincent; "Consolidation vs a New District," J. G. Gibson; "A \$4000 boy and Four Requisites," Supt. Denman.

**Candidate For Judge.**

J. B. Irvine has filed his petition for nomination on the republican ticket for the office of judge of this county. He filed the following platform:

If elected I will personally examine our county roads in the winter time to ascertain their needs; personally examine our county bridges; personally examine all road work when being done by our road supervisors; will favor liberal financial aid for roads and bridges; liberal financial support to our public schools; equal and just distribution of taxes upon all classes of property; an economical administration of all county affairs; I will devote my entire time to the office; and said office will be found in the court house.

J. B. IRVINE.

**For County Recorder.**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county recorder, subject to the decision of the voters at the primaries, April 20th.

HARLEY L. HALL.

Have your job printing done at the Gazette office.

**ELIJAH SKIPTON.**

**Judge W. S. McFadden Pays Tribute to Departed.**

Elijah Skipton died at his home near Philamath on the 15th day of February, 1906, after a sickness of a few months and was laid in his final resting place in the Newton cemetery in the presence of numerous of his friends and acquaintances. The deceased was born in Monroe county Ohio, on the 17th day of November, 1831, and attained his 74th year last November.

Since the age of 17 years he has been dependent on his own efforts and relied upon his own industry for the results accomplished in life. With few educational advantages he made the best of the opportunities offered by the public schools during the winter months of his boyhood and thus fitted himself for the conflict of life. How successfully he met all the substantial requirements of manhood is well known by the people of Benton county. From 1865 to the day of his death he has been identified with Oregon and particularly this county. He has served Benton county as its commissioner and assessor and filled with honor and credit these trusts. At the age of 23 years he crossed the plains in the old way and therefore was one of the early pioneers of the Pacific coast. In 1856 he returned to Ohio where he married Mary J. Marshall and after remaining in the East a few years he returned to the coast, where he has since remained. He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter, all favorably known to the people of Benton county.

He was tactful and under the most trying conditions resourceful and was able at all times to meet every responsibility of life successfully. While in years he might be regarded as an old man he still retained the joyous disposition of youth.

He faced death with a calm spirit and in the full possession of his faculties, realizing to the full extent that his earthly pilgrimage was ended.

He died at peace with his God and his fellow man. He contemplated death as the inevitable and arranged even the details of his own funeral. Shortly before death he said, "It is well," and in taking his farewell with two of his old friends he said, "We will meet on the other shore."

His was a well rounded life and his memory will always be cherished by those who knew him. Peace to his ashes.

**Unappropriated Lands.**

We are in receipt of a couple of notices from the United States Land Office at Roseburg, each notice being the signature of Benjamin L. Eddy, Register, and J. M. Lawrence, receiver. The notices are as follows: "Notice is hereby given that the approved plat of surveying township No 32 south, range 10 west of Willamette Meridian, Oregon, has been received from the surveyor-general for Oregon, and on Friday, the 23, day of March, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m., the said township plat will be filed in this office, and on and after said day we will be prepared to receive applications for the entry of the unappropriated and unreserved lands in said township."

This township was withdrawn from the entry on April 29, 1903, and so long as the order of withdrawal shall continue in force applications for land in said township cannot be received from those who have not acquired settlement therein prior to April 29, 1903. The second notice follows:

"Notice is hereby given that the approved plat of survey of township 32 south, range 11 west of Willamette Meridian, Oregon, has been received from

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**The New York Empire Theatre Company.**

Starting on Feb. 26th, the New York Empire Theatre Company will play a special return engagement in this city. Their opening bill will be the beautiful pastoral play "Dora," which is founded on Tennyson's poem. It is said to be different from the ordinary drama, for the reason that it is not only bubbling over with the most delicious humor and permeated with delightful and natural sentiment, as tender as it is true, but at the same time the scenes and incidents, which are true to life, have been brought together in the most dramatic and effective manner.

Those who have witnessed the production of the story say that the action is swift moving, carrying the interest of the spectator from one incident to another with, at times, bewildering rapidity, and then, just as a mountain stream, after dashing down a steep declivity, all roar and excitement, will suddenly rush into a sheltered nook, and then glide on with tender murmuring, does the robust and melo-dramatic elements suddenly blend themselves into the purest and most refined sentiment.

There are some eighteen members of The Empire Theatre Company and every member is an artist, headed by the talented young actress, Miss Elsie Gresham, while the plays they give will be given the most sumptuous as well as artistic investitures by Miss Rujaero. Between acts Miss Ruth Williams and Mr. Alf Allen will introduce specialties.

**BELLEFOUNTAIN.**

Joe Stanturf sold his small flock of 20 sheep for about \$4.00 a head.

Mrs. Charley Berin sold a pet sheep that brought over \$10.00.

Frank Dinges shipped another car or two of fat stock to Portland the first of the week. He is feeding for the spring market two steers that weigh over a ton apiece.

I. N. Edwards and wife, of Lane Co., spent last Friday at the old Edwards home.

Miss Grace Nichols commenced teaching a three months' school at Alpine last Monday.

Next Saturday night the 24, under the auspices of the Bellefountain Brass Band, at the grange hall, will be played a drama entitled "The Oak Farm." Twenty-five cents admission.

R. Hewitt has lost several horses this winter; they have staggers or something.

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