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THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF DOUGLAS COUNTY.

ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

A Review of the Situation.

(By Will Q. Brown.)

So little is really known of the mineral resources of our county, and what is known is so scattered and so meagre that it is scarcely possible to give a correct estimate of its value...

The Oregonian of November 11th published a very truthful, though not a flattering account of the mines and prospects of Southern Oregon...

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Owned by Messrs. Levens, Willis, Abraham and Lord is situated on Jordan creek about two or three miles from Canyonville, and was discovered and worked more than twenty years ago.

Where about \$25,000 has been expended in running a tunnel and shaft, and for other work which they never realized a dollar in return.

May be gleaned: First that it is extremely dangerous for those about to undertake costly mining investments to rely solely on the advice and opinions of any one man, even though he enjoy a reputation based on a long and successful experience.

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facilities for cheap extraction and reduction of ore are at hand, a small amount invested in plant would insure a large return on the investment.

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that the legislators will act favorably upon their petition by granting their request. It would be only a short time before the state would be fully reimbursed.

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