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## DESERTED MOUNTAIN MAY AGAIN GIVE UP WEALTH

### Local People Interested in Strange Discovery

MR. AND MRS. N. W. McKINNEY ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS IN QUIET OPERATIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

Interest in the unusual discoveries of curious metals in Eldorado county, California, has been aroused in this city through the interest of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. McKinney in several of the claims which give promise of proving bonanzas. Sixty-six years ago the discovery of gold in that district set the world afire with excitement but when it was thought the resources of the mountains were exhausted with the placer mining the claims were abandoned, the miners not even taking the trouble to take their trappings with them.

Gold is still evident in the rich ores which are found there now but the chief interest centers around the wonderful electro-plating mineral which are being mined by the Dr. Wight Mining Co. For some time Dr. Wight has been quietly prospecting in the hills, saying nothing of his discoveries or his hopes, but the secret was out when an electrical storm in February electro-plated with gold an old water can which was lying on a pile of the ore.

The exact nature of these rare metals has not yet been ascertained. They share the characteristics of both tungsten and platinum and it is thought probable that both metals exist there in rich quantities. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney of this city say that the ore is so heavy that a small chunk of it can scarcely be lifted in the hand. They also say that a thread of it can be spun out very fine to a length of several feet, which, though extremely attenuated, is strong and firm.

Dr. Wight has said that he has succeeded in getting the true gamma rays by a very simple process and that through the agency of these rays wonderful results have been produced in electro-plating.

### Creditable Work Overlooked.

In the story last week concerning the production of Everywoman, the Sentinel unintentionally overlooked reference to the work of Miss Esther Silsby as musical director. The part of Wealth, taken by Ernest Wyatt, also deserved favorable mention for the manner in which it was performed.

## London Road Subject of Compliment By Road Builder

Unstinted praise for the London road was given by N. L. Fitzhenry, former president of the Lane County Road-builders' Club, and a candidate for County Commissioner, who went over the road last week in company with County Commissioner Hawley and County Engineer Libby. "Mr. Tullar is certainly a road supervisor with some advanced ideas in road building," declared Mr. Fitzhenry. "I heartily approve of his work in keeping up roads during the winter. I am of the opinion that winter road work is going to prove one of the most consistent, most economical and most satisfactory methods ever employed in this state. I am a firm believer in the efficacy of the split log drag on muddy roads and I believe this cheap device is going to save the state millions of dollars when it comes into general use, as I believe it will eventually."

Mr. Fitzhenry also spoke highly of the road work done by L. H. Veach in the Row River country, where he built the finest stretch of gravel road in the county. Mr. Fitzhenry was disappointed in not seeing the work of Road Supervisor Young in the Disston and Bohemia district. He stated that Cottage Grove has several of the best road builders in the state.

## URGING MEDLEY FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Friends of J. S. Medley are urging him to become a candidate for county judge upon the democratic ticket. Considering the honor an empty one, and doubting very much if he could afford to accept a \$100-a-month job even if handed him, Mr. Medley has not given the matter very serious consideration.

## Buys Stolen Gun on 10c Deposit

Making a deposit of 10 cents on an agreed purchase price of \$3.50, Mallie Miller on Monday recovered a valuable stolen rifle for Dr. F. L. Ingram.

Mr. Miller was at work on the Joe Smith house when the Simons boy, who has caused considerable trouble because of his persistency in appropriating other people's articles, approached him and offered to sell the piece of artillery for the very moderate price named. The prospective purchaser recognized the gun as one which he had seen in the possession of Dr. Ingram. Upon learning the lad's name he at once surmised that the property had passed from the possession of the doctor without his knowledge. He finally made a dicker to deposit 10 cents on the purchase price and obtain possession of the gun.

Communicating with Dr. Ingram it was learned that the rifle had been left at the shooting gallery to have the sights adjusted. The lad had wandered in there and succeeded in getting away with it without being discovered. He had the discernment to pick the best gun in the rack.

The Simons boy is the same one who was turned over to Probation Officer Jones was dubbed the original Katzenjammer kid because of the pranks he played on the officer and was finally returned home because the officer thought him too bright to be sent to the industrial school.

## INDISCREET MILITIA MAN STARTLES SUPERIOR OFFICERS

"Rush story of lynching," was the telegram received by The Sentinel last Wednesday evening that sent the report force out on a quest for a live piece of news.

But on the streets all was quiet, no one had heard of any lynching or any other unlawful proceeding, and not until the police officials were found was the mystery explained. Deputy Sheriff Pitcher gave the information that he had received a message a short time before from the state authorities at Salem wanting to know all about a lynching supposed to be going on down here, and he had been as startled as was The Sentinel. He had been more successful in unraveling the mystery, however, and stated that he had found that a former captain of the local militia company had, with absolutely no reason whatever for such action, telephoned the governor, Col. Lawson and Frank Snodgrass that a lynching was brewing and that there might be need of calling out the militia. The officers state that there was not the slightest foundation whatever for sending in such a report, and to say that they were indignant over the proceeding would be putting it mildly. Mayor Chambers was highly incensed and may ask the council to pass a resolution asking the governor to take action with the militia man.

The Sentinel answered several hurry-up telephone and telegraph calls before the Portland papers were convinced that there was no first page story for them.

## YOUNG MOTHER OF THREE DIES OF BURNS

INJURIES RECEIVED 3 MONTHS AGO WHEN DRESS IGNITED FROM HOT STOVE.

Mrs. Leroy Smith of Lorane, who was seriously burned December 18 when, while attending to her baby she brushed against a hot stove and ignited her dress, died Friday, March 13, as a result of her injuries, never having recovered from them to any appreciable degree. The funeral was held Sunday, interment being made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Lorane.

Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Edith I. Jones of Klamath Falls. She was but 20 years and eight months of age. Three small children, four brothers, four sisters and a mother, Mrs. Mary E. Jones of Klamath Falls, survive.

### Cane C. Counts Dies.

The death of Cane C. Counts, father of C. F. and S. C. Counts of this city, occurred at the home of his son, W. P. Counts of Grants Pass, yesterday morning after an illness of only a week with neuralgia. All three sons were with him at time of death. Mr. Counts celebrated his eighty-third birthday February 13. Funeral services are being held this afternoon from the Mills undertaking parlors, Rev. C. M. Cobb officiating. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

What do you want, anyway? A Sentinel want ad. will get it for you.

## COTTAGE GROVE INDUSTRIES

COTTAGE GROVE ICE CO.



Scene at Cottage Grove Ice Co.'s Plant

Perhaps the purest ice made on the Pacific Coast is that manufactured by the Cottage Grove Ice Co.'s plant by the use of a device, the details and form of which were invented and perfected by the owner of the plant, J. S. Silsby, and his assistant, Butte Mooney. Ice-makers of Europe have tried in vain for fifty years to attain the results which this mechanism makes possible.

The device, which is an apparently simple one, is the product of years of study and is more efficient than any which has been invented since pioneer ice-makers discovered that running water freezes clear and pure while dead water freezes into murky ice full of bubbles. The device is in use nowhere but at the Cottage Grove Ice Co.'s plant and was installed here only during the past winter. The ice made with this invention is so clear that one can see directly through a block of it 27 inches in thickness just as if it were a block of glass. This result is accomplished by forcing air through a series of pipes which are projected into each of the ice cans. The air, blown through these pipes, keeps the water in constant agitation and when it is nearly frozen the somewhat murky water which still remains at the center of the cake of ice, for the ice freezes from the bottom and outside of the can inward, is drawn out and the hole filled with pure distilled water. The length of time required to freeze the ice is not greatly lengthened by the agitation of the water and what slight increase there is is overcome by a method of cooling the distilled water of which the ice is made before it is placed in the cans.

The daily capacity of this plant, running a double shift of twenty-four hours, is six tons. Thirty-six hours are required in which to do the freezing. The tank contains eighty-one cans, in each of which a 200-pound cake of ice is frozen. In the process the water is drawn from the tap, distilled by being converted into steam and condensed; reheated; and passed through two filters and finally frozen. The freezing is accomplished through the agency of ammonia evaporating and expanding. The anhydrous ammonia, which evaporates at 28 degrees below zero, is relieved of the heavy pressure under which it is kept and passed through pipes immersed in a heavy brine which in turn surrounds the ice cans in a network of pipes. The expanding ammonia chills the brine to a point far below the freezing point of fresh water and the brine, reducing the temperature of the surrounding air, freezes the water in the cans.

A curious thing to the observer is the presence in the plant of a huge engine vestigation. As the mighty fir that in former years had stretched its green and myriad arms towards the heavens fell to earth the skeleton as tumbled out and the bones rattled against one another in a way to cause a shiver to run through the investigators.

As well as could be determined from the partially decayed bones it is believed that one skeleton was that of a large bear and the other that of an Indian who had probably sought shelter some night in the long ago in the hollow of the tree not realizing that it was already occupied. Between the ribs of the bear was found the rusted remains of what was evidently once a trusty hunting knife and which had probably removed the pelt from many a member of the bruin family and possibly the scalp from a paleface or two. It was quite evident that as life was squeezed out of him the red man had driven the knife to the vitals of his enemy and the two had journeyed to the happy hunting grounds together.

Card of Thanks.  
The children of Maria Hartung wish to thank the many friends for the many kindnesses shown in their sorrow and bereavement, and for the many beautiful flowers.

## The Cottage Grove Lyre

Gruesome evidence of a tragedy that must have occurred at least three-quarters of a century ago was recently discovered by a party of timber cruisers who lost their way in the big woods.

One of the members of the party climbed a tall tree to endeavor to get his bearings. Standing within a few feet of the tree which he ascended was the trunk of a former Goliath of the forest which had been dead for possibly half a century but which on account of its immense proportions had still maintained an upright position. In a hollow at the very top of the tree was the evidence of the tragedy referred to. Still maintaining the upright position in which death had overtaken their bodies, were two skeletons from which the flesh had long ago been removed by action of the elements. Somewhat shaken by what he had seen the cruiser made a hurried descent and informed his companions of the discovery. After a short consultation it was decided to fell the rotted trunk and make an in-

## Hickory Cane Over Century Old

A hickory cane that is over a hundred years of age and was carried by veterans of the Revolutionary War, the Blackhawk War and the Yakima War, is owned and used by Allen Kirk of Dorona.

The cane was made by the present owner's grandfather, William Kirk, a Virginian, and is elaborately carved, the work having been done with a jack knife. When the father of Allen Kirk, also named William, went from Michigan to Virginia to bid his father good bye before crossing the plains to Oregon, the cane was given to him and at his death passed into the hands of its present owner. Both of Allen Kirk's grandfathers were Revolutionary War veterans, his father fought in the Blackhawk War and he himself took part in the Yakima War. The youngest of the trio celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary March 16.

### Dies of Heart Failure.

Mrs. L. B. Mabie died at the Schleef hospital of heart failure Monday night after an illness of several months. Mrs. Mabie was a resident of Oakland, having moved there from Wisconsin but had been here for medical treatment for some time. Interment will be made at Oakland. Mrs. Mabie was 63 years of age. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. William Barrett, and two sons, H. and W. Cook of Oakland.

## MAN WHO GIVES AWAY OIL WELLS COULD NOT BE FOUND

Failing to locate the James Mullen who had induced him to go to Casper, Wyoming, to accept an interest in an oil well, James Hemenway is now on his way home and is expected to arrive here today.

Several months ago Mr. Hemenway befriended the man Mullen when he arrived here a hobo. A short time ago the recipient of Mr. Hemenway's charity wrote roseate letters of how he had made good, told of an oil well he had at Casper and asked Mr. Hemenway, in return for his former kindness, to come and take charge and share in the profits. Mr. Hemenway was rather skeptical, but decided to investigate. The man Mullen could not be found, but he had been at Casper. Oil wells in which Mullen might have an interest were as chimerical as the man himself.

Mr. Hemenway writes that his faith in human nature is somewhat shocked but that the trip was worth the money. The only explanation he can make as to why Mullen should have written the letters he did is that he must be a dope fiend. He was not a drinking man.

### Eclipse Is Visible.

An unusually perfect and almost total eclipse of the moon took place Wednesday evening. The night was clear and the phenomenon was witnessed by a large proportion of the population of the city.

## EUGENE PAPER BOOSTS FOR CANNERY HERE

INSTANCES CITED TO SHOW PROFITS TO GROWERS FROM SUCH AN INSTITUTION.

Eugene Register: At both Springfield and Cottage Grove plans are under way for co-operative canneries, and committees are actively engaged in placing the required amount of stock. At Cottage Grove the project has been under consideration for some time, but the required amount of stock has not been subscribed. At Springfield a meeting will be held today at which the need for a cannery will be discussed.

These communities have only to study the co-operative canneries of the upper valley that are in operation now to be convinced of the value of such institutions. The cannery at Eugene is one of the most prosperous concerns of the city, and it has provided a market for fruits, berries and vegetables that has made these industries profitable where they were not before. At Corvallis similar results have been obtained. At Creswell the cannery has paid dividends from the start, and is increasing its facilities greatly for the coming year.

The need for factories that every town and city feels is admirably supplied by the cannery. It brings a payroll, and at the same time provides a market for the products of the farm and the truck garden. Both Cottage Grove and Springfield will find that they have benefited their business conditions greatly if they carry their cannery projects to completion.

## CANNERY NOW MORE THAN PROBABILITY THINKS MASTER

Half the Amount Required of Growers Is Signed

THOSE EXPECTED TO SHOW ENTHUSIASM MAKE THINGS HARD FOR COMMITTEEMEN.

A cannery for Cottage Grove is at least a possibility. While he can not as yet feel absolutely certain that the committee now soliciting stock subscriptions will be successful in getting the necessary amount signed, Master McFarland of the grange is more encouraged than ever before and believes probability has a chance of becoming a certainty. Considerable hard work will yet be required upon the part of the soliciting committee, however. The total amount necessary to go with that subscribed by business men is about \$1800. Mr. McFarland can not get into communication with all the committeemen, but thinks considerably over half has been signed.

Master McFarland says that the most discouraging feature at the present time is that prospective stock owners forget that the members of the soliciting committee are just as busy as they are. Instead of telephoning some member of the committee, as he thinks they should, they even ask the committeemen to call several times before the stock is finally signed up. If all growers entered into the proposition with the enthusiasm that would be naturally expected from them, the required amount would have been signed up before this.

Master McFarland thinks the entire amount should be signed up by April 1 or the proposition dropped.

### How They Do It at Roseburg.

The ladies of the Eastern Star have taken it upon themselves to ornament and beautify the Masonic cemetery with shrubbery and foliage this spring, and it is something that will meet with the hearty accord of the entire community. There will be no question but that the natural scenic beauty of the cemetery will be greatly enhanced by the work they will do.—Roseburg News.

### Prof. Inlow Candidate for Legislature.

Prof. H. E. Inlow, for several years connected with the public schools of this city, but who for the past two years has been superintendent of the Forest Grove schools, has announced his candidacy for the legislature from that city.

## D. Griggs Would Become Opulent Grower of Ginseng

David Griggs has made a small investment which he has hopes may some day net him a neat profit. Some time ago he read of a Virginia grower of ginseng who produced \$80,000 worth of the herb on one acre of ground. Becoming impressed with the idea that this was at least a reasonable profit, Mr. Griggs sent to this grower for some seed. The seed arrived last week and has been planted on the Griggs place at Comstock. Seven years are required for the herb to mature, but Mr. Griggs says he will be perfectly satisfied if at the end of that time he can harvest an \$80,000 crop. He fears, however, that in event of the crop becoming so valuable a large proportion of the profits will be used in keeping a detail of deputy sheriffs to guard the property while it is in the ground.

## COUNTY IS TO BUILD MORE ROAD HERE

That South Lane County is to be well looked after in road matters while Geo. M. Hawley is a commissioner is evidenced by the fact that while in the city last week he announced that arrangements had been made for travelling three-fourths of a mile of road leading south from South Sixth Street. The work will be commenced as soon as the weather is favorable. After the amount of money spent here last year, Cottage Grove did not anticipate that anything would be done by the county in this immediate vicinity this year.

The value of a newspaper's advertising is gauged by the number of people it reaches. No other paper reaches more than one-quarter as many Cottage Grove people as does The Sentinel.