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A DANGEROUS BLAZE

The Abrams Planing Mill Narrowly Escapes Destruction—Firemen do Good Work.

THE LOSS ABOUT \$300.

Tuesday noon just as every one was starting home to dinner, the steam whistle at the Abrams planing mill blew a series of fire alarms that sent the blood to the hearts of all the fire ladders. In another moment the locomotive of the O. & S. E. went out a shrill blast. By that time someone had reached the fire bell and their every one knew that a fire was on in all its fury. In a moment heavy smoke was seen in the neighborhood of the planing mill opposite the S. P. depot. The hose carts, both Rescue and Eagle, were quickly manned, and the boys lost no time in getting to the scene of action.

Upon arrival it was discovered that the dryer of the planing mill had caught fire, as a result of too heavy firing on the part of the man in charge. It seems that a lot of shavings had been thrown out to fire with and that the man who had the furnace in hand, filled the box full of shavings which made a terrific fire. The fire broke out just as the mill hands were changing their clothes to go to dinner. Had it been fifteen minutes later in breaking through, it is hard to tell what would have been the result. As it was, when the fire department arrived, the building was enveloped in flames. The Eagles were the first to arrive and get water on the building, by reason of being several blocks nearer the fire, at the start, but the hoses made good time and soon had a stream of water playing on the fire. The boys worked like heroes and inside of half an hour, although the fire had an immense start, it was under thorough control, and in forty-five minutes from the time the fire bell sounded, every spark was out. It is almost a miracle that the entire planing plant did not burn. The dry kiln is only some forty feet from the main building, and between the buildings and on all sides of the dry house are great piles of first grade lumber. It can be truthfully said that only for the prompt and efficient work of the firemen the plant would have been laid in ashes. The loss is estimated by Mr. Abrams to be fully \$300.00, but he takes it very philosophically and says that it might have been worse.

MINING NOTES.

A rich strike is reported in the Independence mine at Sumpter.

It is reported that forest fires are causing some anxiety among miners in certain parts of Oregon.

The construction work at the new mill site of the Oregon Securities is going rapidly on. A force of carpenters are hard at work and rapid advances toward completion are being made.

The Oregon Securities Co. is now in the middle of heavy work on the big tunnel. Preparations are being made to drift on the Excelsior lead, and in a short time the work will be extended to the Broadway claim, recently acquired by the company.

Wm. Wechter, of the Golden Rule Co., was in the city last Tuesday. He reports good showings on the works already opened, and states that the new cook house on the Golden Rule group is now completed. Next week a couple of shifts of men will be put to work on this group, the delay being occasioned by a shortage of supplies which will go in this week.

Work is progressing rapidly at

the Oregon Securities Co. camp. The flume is now practically completed, only the installation of the connecting pipe at the power house remaining to be done. The power plant building is now in the course of erection, and Superintendent Mathews has a number of teamsters engaged in hauling the first carload of electrical machinery to the mill site in Champion canyon. A crew of carpenters, fifteen additional, being added this week, are now hard at work on the mill building and other buildings in course of construction at the mill site. The new boarding house is also well along.

Brown's Hill, Or., Aug. 28.—A letter from the Blue River Mining District says that more development work is being done this season than in any previous year. Blasting can be heard in every direction and encouraging reports are heard from most every camp. Mr. Blazier, of Portland, who recently bonded the Red Buck property, has been doing a great deal of work which is showing up some splendid ore. Lucky Boy is booming, and the ore is so rich they do not need to use concentrators. Mr. Park, of the English syndicate, has a force of men at work on the Treasure mine, and work is also being pushed on the same. Taken altogether, indications point unmistakably to a prosperous mining district.

The Improved Mineral Smelter Co. of Roseburg, in which T. K. Richardson, of this city, is interested, and of which some mention was made in the Nugget some weeks since, to the effect that the company would erect a test smelter at Anaconda, Montana, has given up the Anaconda enterprise, and upon solicitation from the Ladd Metals Co., of Portland, have entered into a contract with the Portland firm to erect the test smelter at the company's works, at Oswego, some four miles south of that city. Work has already been commenced and it is estimated that it will require about fifteen days to put the smelter in readiness for the first test. The capacity of the smelter will be 20 tons.

Dr. Oglesby returned Wednesday from a several days trip in Bohemia on a business visit to the Golden Shipper property, in which he is largely interested. The doctor notes a vast change in the condition of the camp as compared with former years. The doctor was one of the first prospectors to visit Bohemia nearly forty-five years ago, and since that time he has been a frequent visitor. Forty-five years ago he went into the camp, packing grub, blankets, etc., on his back. Last Monday he rode to the edge of the district on the upholstered seats of a railroad coach, and then over splendid roads, by a well equipped stage. The conditions are very much appreciated by the doctor.

J. C. Johnson, secretary of the Hiawatha Mining Co., returned from the property Saturday, where, accompanied by his family, he has been working a crew of men for the past two months. Mr. Johnson states that the property is showing up in excellent shape. Mr. Johnson has spent the time in opening up the property, and in every instance he has met with flattering results. Besides doing a large amount of prospect work, 32 feet has been run in No. 3 tunnel 40 feet in No. 4, besides opening two large cuts on the Helvetia, and driving 26 feet further on the Helvetia ledge. In crosscutting the Helvetia the ledge was found to be 16 feet wide showing 10 1/2 feet of splendid ore.

John Thomas, of Domestic, Indiana, who has been visiting the mines last week, returned to this city last Tuesday. He is now on his way home with all kinds of



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good things to tell the people of his native state. Mr. Thomas is interested in the Golden Rule Mining Co., and he came here purposely to acquaint himself with the property. He is more than satisfied, and states that he has every confidence in the district. He, like many others recognizes the fact that it will take time, money and a great deal of work to bring the district into a conspicuous place, but he states that when eastern people, who have money to invest get on the ground and see for themselves that the mineral is here, and that they are being dealt fairly with, there will be plenty of capital forthcoming to bring the district into a high state of development.

H. V. Behne this week disposed of his interests in the Star Consolidated Mining Co., to G. B. Hengen, who, some time since by purchase of the Jennings' interest, is now sole owner of the property. The Star Consolidated property is one of the best properties in the camp. It has considerable development work already, and recent work has uncovered a ledge fifteen feet across that assays \$20 per ton from wall to wall.

Groceries Change Hands.
Skillman & Benson this week sold their well established grocery business, on the West side to W. C. Johnson and Thomas Pearce. The establishment has always enjoyed a good business, and with the experience of the new proprietors and their energy, the house will undoubtedly grow into a large establishment. O. T. Gray, of the firm of Gray & Riley, who recently started a small grocery on Main street, this week sold his interest in the business to Mr. Riley, who will hereafter conduct the business.

THE HAWLEY VS BROWN CASE.

A Review of a Case Carried to the Supreme Court—of Interest to Cottage Grovelites.

The case of M. J. Hawley vs Mrs. C. M. Brown, and others, recently decided by the supreme court resulted in favor of Mrs. Hawley, after being in the courts for three years and over. The litigation was over the ownership and possession of a house and lot in D. G. McFarland's addition to Cottage Grove, Oregon. The evidence in the main showed that Mrs. Hawley purchased a bond for deed to the property in dispute and afterwards she lost possession of the bond through fraud, but still maintained possession of the house and lot.

After various transfers had been made of the bond Mrs. C. M. Brown commenced an action in the justice's court at this place against Mrs. Hawley, for possession of the property. Mrs. Hawley made no appearance in this case, and a judgment was entered against her and in favor of Mrs. C. M. Brown. Mrs. Hawley's attorneys, J. C. Johnson and F. G. Eby, contending that the Justice of the Peace had no jurisdiction over the subject matter of the parties, and the judgment thereof void, immediately proceeded to procure a writ of review from the circuit court, for the purpose of having the void judgment of the Justice of the Peace vacated; then commenced rather a spectacular scramble for possession which caused considerable interest at the time, Mrs. Brown attempting to gain possession through the constable with a void execution in his hands, and Mrs. Hawley retaining possession of the property until the writ of review could be served by causing the constable and his deputies to be arrested for trespass as fast as they could set foot on the property. The constable was convicted and fined for trespass, and the judgment of the Justice of the Peace finally vacated by the circuit court, whereupon Mrs. Brown commenced an action in circuit court for possession of the property, against Mrs. Hawley, who filed a cross bill in equity asking that the fraudulent transfers be set aside and that Mrs. Brown and her co-defendants, therein named, be forever enjoined from claiming any title to the property. A trial was had in the equity court which decreed Mrs. Hawley to be the sole owner of the property. Mrs. Brown, not being satisfied with the decree, caused her attorney A. C. Woodcock, Esq., of Eugene to appeal the case to the supreme court, where the decision of the circuit court was affirmed, leaving Mrs. Hawley, the undisputed owner of the property.

This has been a hard fought legal battle and great credit is due Messrs. Johnson and Eby, attorneys for Mrs. Hawley, for their increasing and untiring efforts in maintaining their client's rights.

MARRIED.

BERRY-WALLACE.
At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wallace on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m., Rev. Wallace officiating, Mr. George Berry to Miss Edith Wallace.
The bride was groomed in a beautiful dress of white, organically trimmed in all over lace and satin ribbon, with bosoms of white marguerites. The groom wore a suit of conventional black. Winters Wallace and Miss Edith Wallace acting as bridesmaid and bridegroom. A number of relatives and immediate friends were present to witness the ceremony and congratulate the happy young couple, and also to partake of the best prepared, which was an excellent one and extremely enjoyed by all present.

Miss Edith Wallace is one of the very pleasant and accomplished young ladies of Cottage Grove and one of the most industrious girls in Lane county. For the past four or five years she has been engaged in type setting, which trade she quite easily managed and in which she became very proficient, and while The Nugget congratulates Mr. Berry on his good fortune, it is sorry to lose so valuable an assistant from the office. Mr. Berry is a well respected young man and is always found busy at his post of duty and one in whom confidence is reposed by his employers, and his habits are of the best.

The following is a list of those present with the presents given:

Baby slippers and shirt, Mr. Tom Blew; berry dish, pepper and salt set and table spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson; set china pie plates, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Woolley; bed spread and china cake dish, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Y. Brown; water set, Mrs. T. W. Blew; china cracker bowl; Clarence Morse; set china dinner plates and glass set, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wallace; napkins, china berry dish and cake dish, Winters Wallace and Edith Wallace; sugar shell, butter knife, sofa pillow and picture panel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Perman; towels, Mr. and Mrs. Kayser; set silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wallace; carving set, Armond Wynne; set china sauce dishes, Homenway & Burkholder; one year's subscription, Bohemia Nugget; \$5. Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Wallace; lunch cloth, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burnett; glass cake dish, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace; sofa pillow, Anna Van Ripper; butter clips, Frankie Wallace; water set, bread tray and set dollies, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brenton; table cloth, Mrs. Lena Hamloth; pair of boys' overalls, "Grandma" Henderson.

The C. M. A. Uniformed band serenaded the young couple at their home Sunday night. The music was good,—the C. M. A. never plays any other kind—but on account of it being Sunday night, the boys could not make much noise.

The young couple have a host of friends in both Cottage Grove and Eugene, who extend to them the best of wishes.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Those who took advantage of the present tax law by paying the first-half of their taxes before the first Monday in April will please take note that the second-half of the tax is payable on or before the first Monday in October (October 5th) and if unpaid after that date it will be necessary to add 10 per cent penalty and 8 per cent interest to the half tax remaining unpaid.

FRANK FISS, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 10-9-03

O. & S. E. RAILROAD

A new Office Created—Official now on the Ground and Familiarizing Himself with Work.

THE OPHIR GROUP PURCHASED.

G. B. Hengen Becomes sole Owner of the Property—He will Develop the Property and Make it a Producer.

The Oregon & Southwestern R'y has this week created another office, and the officers have been appointed and is now on the ground in the official discharge of his duties in the person of John S. Hamilton, of Grounville, N. Y.

Mr. Hamilton's official title is manager of the woodlands department. It had been rumored that the office was created for the purpose of estimating timber, particularly, with the view of the Oregon & Southwestern Co. purchasing all that proved, under the inspection of Mr. Hamilton, to be valuable. Such rumor is erroneous. The object of the company is to secure competent data regarding the timber resources of this section of the state, that said data may be placed in the hands of those who are interested in engaging in milling and manufacturing pursuits in this section. The O. & S. E. Co. naturally is desirous of developing this country, and will use every legitimate effort in its power to interest capital here in the various manufacturing enterprises that this section of the state will support. Along the route of the O. & S. E. to the mines are many desirable locations for milling and other enterprises, and in influencing capital to establish these enterprises the company stimulates its own business by increasing its traffic.

The work on the construction of the O. & S. E. above the Red bridge is going splendidly on. In all about eighty men are employed. The grade has been completed to the Hunt Dam and the swamper are two miles above that point.

Immediate arrangements will be made to put in the Row river bridge. The span will be about 90 feet, and it will take a couple of weeks to complete it, when the laying of steel will again be taken up.

Owing to unavoidable delay the steam shovel, which the company purchased in the East some weeks ago, has not yet arrived, but arrangements are being perfected this week for the services of another in its stead, thus permitting the company to take up ballasting early next week. The ballasting of the Rocky Point end of the track will first be taken up and then the attention of the company will be called to this end, and in less than sixty days, the entire track will be ballasted in a manner not excelled by any new road in the west.

The company has purchased six gravel dump cars, which will reach this city this week.

A noticeable feature of the O. & S. E. is that the company is doing its construction work in a very thorough and complete manner, which guarantees a safe haul of both freight and passengers.

THE OPHIR PURCHASED.

One of the most important mining deals made in Bohemia for a long time, was consummated this week. As a

suit the well known Ophir group, has passed into the hands of G. B. Hengen, he being the sole proprietor. The Ophir group has long been conceded to be a splendid property. It has derived that reputation among the miners of this section not only through the uncovering of fine ore, but by reason of it being an extension of the Musick mine, more properly speaking of the Indiana ledge. The property consists of the Ophir, owned by Cathcart Bros., A. A. Jones and the original locator, one of the first men to go into Bohemia, O. F. Adams, and the Royal and Fructones No. 2 and 3, was owned by O. P. Adams, the Rattler owned by E. F. Peterson, and the Cleveley fraction owned by Wm. Moore and John Taylor. These claims join and lay on the East side of Bohemia mountain and lay end on to the balance of the Musick group. The Ophir is a thoroughly developed claim, the work now being in the East end. It is Mr. Hengen's intention to commence development work immediately. In fact the work will commence this week. Mr. Hengen is well pleased with his purchase and feels confident that he will make a mine out of the Ophir group in short order. It is his intention to work the property through the Oregon Securities Co., paying the company a royalty for use of tunnels, power, lights and tracks, and will be able in this way to equip his mine at comparatively small expense, at the same time having advantage of the most modern mining facilities.

Speaking of the purchase of the Ophir group, Mr. Hengen stated that many seemed to be of the opinion that it was to become a part of the Oregon Securities Co., but nothing is further from the truth. He states that the Oregon Securities has all the property needed to make one of the greatest mines in the United States, and it was only by reason that the Broadway group was loaned between some of the company's holdings that the property was absorbed.

SAMPLES OF PAINT.

The Standard Paint Co. brought to this office Wednesday some 15 samples of different colors of paint and stains, all manufactured at the company's works four miles northwest of town, together with these samples are five or six samples of wood stained and they are quite beautiful. The paints have been examined by a number of experts and are pronounced first-class. The company will be able to produce from their deposits every color of paint and stain excepting pure white. These paints have been used for the past five years and have proven highly satisfactory in every particular. Mr. Simmons informs the Nugget that he now has several orders which he will fill as soon as oil can be procured.

CHURCH NOTES

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preaching services at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. (Other services at usual hours.)

F. E. BILLINGTON.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Next Monday evening Sept. 7, Rev. John Dawson, of the Episcopal church will hold regular services at the Masonic hall. All are cordially invited.

MARRIED.

ROBBIN LEE—In Eugene, Thursday, August 28, 1903, Miss Sarah E. Lee to G. N. Robbin, both residents of Lorane, Justice Wintermeier officiated.

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