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CONGRESS CONVENES.

Senator John H. Mitchell introduces Bill for Appropriation for '05 Fair—Hermann gets Good Seat.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

Oregonian Dispatches. Washington, Nov. 9.—The House of representatives of the Fifty-eighth Congress today held its first session, and except for the naming of committees, which will follow later, organization was completed. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, whose election to the speakership was assured months ago, was formally elected speaker, and inducted into office. Mr. Cannon received the applause of democrats and republicans alike when he took up the gavel of authority, the demonstration being most complimentary to the newly elected speaker. He was at once at ease in the speaker's chair, having filled it so often temporarily during his many years of service in the House.

The old officers were re-elected and the customary resolutions adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to notify the President and Senate of the election of a speaker and clerk, and a committee to join a senate committee to notify the President of the presence of a quorum in the two bodies. The rules of the Fifty-seventh congress were adopted for the Fifty-eighth congress by a ye and nay vote after brief discussion, during which the minority sought to secure an increase in the representation of the committees.

HERMANN GETS A GOOD SEAT.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Nov. 9.—In the drawing of seats today Representative Hermann, being among the first whose names were called, procured one of the most desirable seats in the House just off the center aisle on the republican side, and directly in front of the speaker. Immediately behind him is Chairman Burton, of the river and harbor committee. Representative Jones chose ex-Congressman Moody's old seat in the rear center of the republican side. Representative Williamson having the seat just in front, while Humphrey is five desks to Jones right. Cushman's name was among the last called, which may mean he will have to sit on the democratic side. In his absence no one drew for him.

All of the Northwest members were remembered by their friends, Mr. Hermann especially being the recipient of a great mass of chrysanthemums and other flowers. Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Nov. 9.—Tomorrow or Wednesday Senator Mitchell will introduce in the Senate the bill providing for the appropriation of \$2,125,000 for government aid to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. When he offers the bill he will ask that it be printed and lie on the table temporarily, and will give notice that before the bill is referred to a committee he will address the Senate briefly, explaining the general purposes of the measure and make plain to the senate the object of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The Gold King Mining Co. of Southern Oregon has absorbed the placer claims of Bour & Day.

HUNTER GETS ONE YEAR.

The second jury in the trial of Dave Hunter charged with burglary returned a verdict of guilty and he was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Hunter is the man arrested for breaking into the Pacific Timber Co.'s store a couple of weeks ago.

THE CRYSTAL ROAD.

Gill Meadow, superintendent of the Crystal road, was in the city this week. He reports the road completed, and states that part of the machinery for the stamp mill of the Crystal has been gotten through. Several slides of the Champion road has occasioned some delay, but as soon as the present weather abates the road will be cleared and the hauling will be resumed. Mr. Meadow has a splendid ward to say for the crew which he was fortunate enough to secure on the road work, and to the crew he gives much of the credit of advancing the work so rapidly. Something over a mile of this road has been built since the 25th of September, and when the ruggedness of the route is taken into account, it is certainly a remarkable showing for the season of the year.

THE GOLDEN SLIPPER.

Dr. Oglesby, of the Golden Slipper mine, is spending the week in Portland. He has with him some fine samples from the Golden Slipper ore and according to Portland newspaper reports they are attracting much attention. This property enjoys a reputation of being one of the best properties for the amount of development work done, in Bohemia.

WORK ON THE OREGON-COLORADO.

Gill Meadows, who has just brought the work on the Crystal road to a successful close, will now take charge of the Oregon-Colorado property, also the road work leading from the main road to the works. A crew of men will be kept at work all winter, with the view of having the road completed by spring, devoting all the open weather on it, and when the heavy storms come the attention of this crew will be directed to the underground work.

DROWNING ACCIDENT

Chas. Davis Accidentally Drowned While Breaking Log Jam on Coast Fork.

BODY IN STREAM

Report reached this city last Wednesday night that Chas. Davis, who for a number of years has been employed at Blackbutte quicksilver mine and at the Coast Fork saw mill, was drowned in the Coast Fork that morning near the Pete McMartin place. The little information at hand is to the effect that Mr. Davis was assisting in an attempt to break a jam of logs. From the information at hand it does not appear that he was in a dangerous place, but upon hearing a noise similar to that preceding a break, he deliberately jumped into the swift current of the stream and was carried off his feet. Before assistance could reach him, he was drowned. He was carried down the swift stream, and every effort was made to recover the body, but up to 8 o'clock Thursday night without avail.

Mr. Davis was a married man, and had a reputation of being steady, reliable and industrious.

John Peterson, foreman at the Musik, is in the city this week on a few days' vacation. John reports the Musik looking better every day.

NEWS FROM BOHEMIA

Reports Arrive that the Recent Storms were the Worst in the History of the Camp—Damage Very Extensive.

DAMAGE TO O & S E R Y

F. D. Wheeler, who recently returned from a visit to the Crystal Consolidated mine, reports that old miners and prospectors in the district say that the recent storms is one of the heaviest ever known in the district. The new Champion Basin road was materially damaged, there being at this writing some fifteen or twenty slides. The night of the heavy storm was one not soon forgotten by those in the district, says Mr. Wheeler. The roar and crash of falling timber was something terrific.

The electric line of the Oregon Securities Co., running from the Warehouse to the head of Champion, was not a little damaged in several places the wires were broken by heavy timber falling over them.

While the storm has broken it will require several weeks of hard work and a good force of men to put things in proper shape.

The Oregon & Southeastern R'y. suffered some loss and is materially handicapped for some little time owing to the recent storm. The false work had just been put in at the bridge across Row river above Wildwood, and now it is scattered from that point on down to the Willamette river. The two heavy cords, each 108 feet long, which have just been placed across the river were also taken down stream. The false work will be immediately replaced and if the heavy cords, which by the way, square eighteen inches and 108 feet long, cannot be recovered, another set will soon be gotten out and the works rushed out as fast as possible.

DIED.

WALLACE, ELIZA J. MEDLEY.—At the home of her husband's parent, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Wallace, in this city, Mrs. Eliza J. Wallace, beloved wife of Wm. Wallace, aged 32 years, 5 months and 12 days. Deceased was a daughter of J. M. Medley, formerly of this city, now of Eugene, her mother having died some years ago. She was born in Scotland county, Missouri, May 28, 1871, and came across the plains to Oregon with her parents, brothers and sisters in 1874. On February 25, 1895, she became the wife of Wm. L. Wallace.

After a lingering illness with consumption for the past three years, on November 10, 1903, she surrendered up her life to her Maker, surrounded by many tender relatives and sorrowing friends. Five brothers, Attorney J. S. T. M. Wm. and Henry, of this city, and Claude, of Pendleton, Oregon; five sisters, Mrs. Darwin Bristow of this city, Mrs. Charles Littlefield of Eugene, Mrs. W. P. Lockwood of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Harvey Wallace of Saguana, and Mrs. Cliff Clever of Pendleton; a dear old father, J. M. Medley, a faithful and loving husband, a little boy, Everett, and many friends, who will mourn for her, yet rejoice that the suffering, "The fever called Living is over at last."

Deceased was a member of the Catholic church, and was buried in Catholic service, the funeral being held Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the church in this city, the burial being made at the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

"'Tis hard to part when friends are dead— 'Twill cause a sigh, perhaps a tear. So steal away—give little warning!

Choose thine own time. Say not 'good night.' But, in some fair time, bid me 'good morning!'"

THE SUNRISE.

John Egeen, of Alberta, North Dakota, arrived here late last week and after laying in a winter's supply of provisions left for the Sunrise Mining Co.'s property on Adams Mountain, where he will do development work with the aid of a crew of men during the winter months.

ELECTED DIRECTOR.

Advices received at this office are to the effect that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Securities Co., John H. Pearsons, who so ably managed the affairs of the Oregon & Southeastern Railway, with offices in this city, this year, was elected a member of the board to succeed George B. Knapp, of Boston, who had resigned on account of long-continued ill health. To the many friends of Mr. Pearsons in this city this bit of news will be received with much pleasure.

MINING NOTES.

The Eureka mine, on Soldier Creek, Southern Oregon, has reverted to the former owner, A. F. Nelson, who will develop the property.

A dispatch from Sumpter, Ore., is to the effect that temporary delay in work on the North Pole mine has been occasioned by the bursting of the large ore bin.

Advices state that the Metropolitan Trust Co. of New York will bring foreclosure proceedings against the Fresno Consolidated Mining Co. in the sum of \$100,000.

A. L. Morris, secretary of the Oregon Mine Owners' Association, is this week perfecting the local miners' association at Sumpter.

The Washington Falls Light & Power Company has finished its electric line from Washington Falls, Wash., to Burke, Idaho, and now all the big mines in the Coeur d'Alenes, except the Morning and Hunter at Mullan, and the Hercules at Burke, are using electricity for power and light in their mills, and light and traction purposes in the mines. The mines are also equipped and now running electric hoists.

In a private letter to a friend in this city, John H. Pearsons, of the O. & S. E., who recently returned east to take up some important official business in New York during the winter, he states that he enjoyed a very pleasant trip east, and that everything is looking most prosperous.

Gold and Silver Produced in World's Leading Places.

A recent dispatch from Washington, D. C., says: The following figures, just made public by the Treasury Department, show the output in 1902 of gold and silver by the leading countries.

	GOLD.	SILVER.
	Value.	Containing Value.
United States.....	\$80,000,000	\$71,757,000
Mexico.....	10,155,100	77,804,100
Canada.....	29,741,200	5,504,500
Africa.....	39,023,700	.....
Australia.....	11,578,500	10,377,100
Russia.....	22,533,400	205,200
Austria-Hungary.....	2,171,300	2,432,300
Italy.....	3,300	1,246,800
Spain.....	10,200	4,784,100
Greece.....	.....	1,409,500
Bolivia.....	4,700	16,738,000
Chile.....	575,200	4,611,900
Colombia.....	2,622,900	2,297,000
Brazil.....	9,064,000	.....
Guiana (British).....	1,808,000	.....
Guiana (French).....	2,420,200	.....
Peru.....	2,326,100	5,343,700
Central America.....	2,001,900	1,255,800
Japan.....	1,287,000	505,000
China.....	8,731,500	.....
India.....	3,500,000	.....
British India.....	9,588,100	.....
British East Indies.....	1,027,100	.....

As compared with 1901, these figures show an increase in the production of gold of 1,372,914 ounces, and a decrease of 8,024,904 ounces in the production of silver. During the year, Africa increased her gold production from 439,704 ounces to 1,877,700 ounces, and Australia increased her gold production to \$81,578,000, which is over \$1,500,000 in excess of the production of the United States, which again takes second place.

OREGON SECURITIES.

Reports from the mines are to the effect that the new mill of the Oregon Securities Co. is about completed and that the test will be made in a few days.

Considerable damage to the electric line from the Warehouse to the works is reported.

Advices are to the effect that the development work on the big tunnel is going rapidly on and good headway is being made.

The Musik development is still continued and the ore is said to be looking better than ever.

It is said that the new mill recently escaped serious damage by the falling of a large tree occasioned by the heavy snow.

The storehouses at the Warehouse are filled with provisions, machinery and various supplies, which means much to the company, as from now on it is a difficult matter to get supplies in from this end of the line.

The El Paso drainage tunnel, Cripple Creek, which is now about completed, will have a discharge of 10,000 gallons of water per minute.

QUICKSILVER ON THE MARKET

An Excellent Article on Cinnabar Mining, its Value in the Commercial and Scientific World.

BLACKBUTTE QUICKSILVER MINE

Here similar geological conditions exist to the described in the Applegate district, excepting the gradual disappearance of the serpentine which trends toward the northwest, while the cinnabar deposits appear to be following a diverging line toward the northeast.

On Calapooia creek in Douglas county, where the next cinnabar deposits to the north are encountered, the serpentine has wholly disappeared, and it is not encountered again at any of the quicksilver deposits further north. In this locality, eight miles east of the town of Oakland, two quicksilver mines, known as the Bonanza and Nonpareil, were opened some years ago. At one of these a small furnace was built, but as the furnace was in advance of development work, after a short period of operation and the production of a few flasks of quicksilver, the usual inevitable failure followed, since which time the discouraged owners have never attempted to re-open the property.

Twelve miles north of the Bonanza and Nonpareil in the extreme northern part of Douglas county, on a branch of Elk creek, is located the Elkhead mine. This property is credited with having produced about \$30,000 gross value of quicksilver. Some fifteen years ago surface ore was quarried from a large pit on the top of a low hill and treated in a coarse ore furnace. Subsequently the property fell into the hands of new owners and in 1895 a 10-ton Scott continuous furnace was built. This was operated for a short time on the screenings of the old coarse ore furnace. The death of the principal owner and the lack of ore reserves caused the mine to be shut down. It has remained idle ever since.

In the present workings of this property two veins are disclosed. The veins have nearly the same strike but opposite and converging dips. The main vein dips to the south at an angle of about 80 deg., while the lesser veins dip to the north at an angle of only 20 deg. from the horizontal. To reach the level of intersection of these two veins would require a vertical shaft about 300 feet deep.

In an air-line four miles east of the Elkhead mine, in the southern part of Lane county, lies the Blackbutte quicksilver district. Since the development work in this district has been quite extensive it will be described later in a separate paragraph.

All of the above described cinnabar deposits are located on the westerly slope of the Cascade range. Recently, however, a discovery of cinnabar was made on the east slope of the range, about thirty miles from the town of Prineville, in Crook county. Some good ore from this section has been exhibited. A number of claims have been located and one of the properties recently passed into the hands of a company with sufficient capital for its development. So far as the writer knows, no cinnabar has been discovered in the Coast Range in Oregon, although he has seen some specimens of rich ore said to have come from the region of the Sixe river in Coos county. The Coast Range, however, has not been

prospected for cinnabar. In fact, very little prospecting for the mineral has been done in any part of Oregon. The dense growth of timber and underbrush covering the entire mountain region, renders prospecting of any kind difficult, slow, and uninviting.

The Blackbutte quicksilver district is about four miles long and two miles wide, and lies on the northern slope of the Calapooia mountains near the head of the Coast Fork of the Willamette river, in the southern part of Lane county. The elevation at the apex of Blackbutte mountain, the highest peak in the district, is 2,750 ft. above sea level.

The entire district is owned by two companies. A private company, of Portland, Oregon controls about one thousand acres, including the Bald Butte and Cinnabar Butte mines. The Blackbutte Quicksilver Company, a Washington state corporation, together with its allied interests, controls practically the balance of the district. Some five years ago this corporation acquired the mine. A Scott continuous furnace, having a capacity of 50 tons per diem, was installed, together with other surface improvements. Subsequently the control of the corporation passed into new hands under whose management over twelve thousand feet of underground work has been accomplished.

The Blackbutte mine is admirably placed for economic mining. Situated at a moderate altitude, mining operations both above and below ground are unhampered throughout the year; an ample supply of water, abundance of water power, unlimited timber for fuel, wide veins and soft rock, are some among the favorable factors. The erosions that left Blackbutte mountain standing abruptly 1,750 ft. above the valley at its base have made it possible to reach the veins of its fissure system to a depth of 1,600 ft. by comparatively short adit thus affording natural drainage and the opportunity for gravity haulage of the ore. Over 2,000 ft. of "backs", on the dip of the main vein, may thus be explored at a minimum cost, before it will become necessary to install any pumping or hoisting machinery. It would seem that nature has afforded every possible facility for cheap production. The average cost of quicksilver ore mined and treated in California, as shown by the published reports of the principal mining companies, ranges from \$3 to \$4.50 per ton; the average cost of production at the Blackbutte mine has been \$1.40 per ton. These figures include all charges of every kind, such as mining, transport of ore, treatment, flasks, and delivery of the marketable metal at the railway station, excepting pro rata charges for development work, interest on capital invested and deterioration of plant. The management estimates that with increased furnace capacity and facilities for handling the ore on a large scale the above production cost can be appreciably reduced.

The conspicuous geological feature of the Blackbutte district is the immense vein of cinnabar-bearing volcanic breccia which apexes along the ridge of Blackbutte

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