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MINING PROPERTIES OF OREGON SECURITIES MUST BE DISPOSED OF, SAYS COURT.

New Company Will Probably Be Organized With Capital of Three Million Dollars Instead of Five Million, Says Secretary.

The final decree in the suit for foreclosure brought by the Trust Company of America against the Oregon Securities Company was issued today in the United States circuit court and the valuable mining claims of the defendant company will be sold to satisfy a mortgage given to the trust company to secure a bond issue of \$400,000. Wallace McCannott was ordered appointed master commissioner with power to sell the property of the securities company in compliance with the judgment of foreclosure.

Many Portland residents have watched the outcome of the present suit for a receiver and to foreclose with much interest. There are said to be more than 700,000 shares of Oregon Securities held in Portland.

The life of the mining company has been wrought with great strife and legal controversies for a number of years, and despite the valuable tonnage which it controls it has never made enough money to pay its debts.

It is said that the future of the mining company lies in a reorganization, which in reality will be a new company with a lower capitalization. G. B. Hengen of New York, secretary of the securities company, has been in Portland for several days attending to the adjustment of its affairs. He said that the scheme of reorganization had not been perfected but that every holder of stock in the defunct company would receive an equal value of stock in the new company. It is said that the new company will have a capital stock of \$3,000,000. The capitalization of the old company was \$5,000,000. —Journal

Blue River District.

One of the biggest mining deals consummated in the Willamette Valley for some time was completed in this city last evening when W. T. Shurtleff of Sacramento, who is allied with Eastern capital, secured a controlling interest in the Great Northern mine. This is the second property in value in the Blue River district. Shurtleff purchased the stock of Eugene and Brownsville stockholders.

This mine has recently been closed because of debts against the company, which caused lack of faith in its future. The purchase yesterday means that work will be resumed at the mine in a few days. The purchaser returned yesterday from a week in the Blue River district, during which he made a thorough investigation of the Great Northern.

There is now a four-stamp mill and a Huntington mill at the Great Northern, and Shurtleff announces his intention to install complete machinery for handling base ores in addition to the present equipment.

The Great Northern for lack of finances has been closed for the last six months. Albany stockholders are today rejoicing at the transfer, for they held on to their stock and secured more in the recent slump in value of stock. The purchase yesterday was engineered by Dr. A. J. Hodges and L. F. Fish, of this city, the former representing the Albany stockholders.

Rogue River Placers.

Galice, Or., Feb. 2.—The placer diggings on Rogue river that were equipped with hydraulic machinery the past fall and winter are having their test runs and the returns are from 10 to 12 cents a cubic yard, or about \$100 per day each to the giant in the sluices.

Three of these new hydraulic properties are located on Paradise and Half Moon bars, about 25 miles below Galice. Los Angeles mining men and capitalists control them. The ground is all virgin and carries its values principally in coarse gold. The district is remote and difficult to reach, which accounts for its having been so long overlooked. Over 200 tons of mining equipment, principally pipe and

giant, were packed into this district the past fall and winter over the West Fork trail.

On lower Grave creek a big hydraulic property owned and operated by the Mines Development Company, an eastern syndicate, of which Colonel S. Blaisdel is manager, is ready for operations. It has ample water for seven or eight months' steady run of the giant. The ground is deep, lying in 35 to 60-foot banks of gray and red gravel, carrying coarse and fine gold.

Granite Hill Operations.

Granite Hill, Or., Feb. 2.—The trouble between the miners and the Granite Hill management, and also between the former owners of the property and the American Gold Fields Company, has been satisfactorily settled by payment in full of all back wages and the balance due on the purchase price of the property itself. Operations have been resumed. The American Gold Fields Company of Chicago is now in full possession of the property, and is more determined than ever to make a big mine of the Granite Hill. The company has expended over \$200,000 for development and equipment.

Lloyd Wickersham of Portland has resigned as superintendent of the mine and Charley Morphie, son of W. J. Morphie of the American Gold Fields Company, has been placed in charge of the property. The crew has been increased and the 20-stamp mill will be operated day and night. The mine is operated throughout by electricity from the plant of the Condon company on Rogue river.

Cottage Grove Leader Changes Hands.

D. J. DuBrulle, a well known printer and newspaper man of Albany took possession of the Cottage Grove Leader plant Monday. Mr. DuBrulle will bring his family here soon. What Albany loses will be gain to Cottage Grove. The Nugget welcomes to our city all new citizens of the enterprise with which Mr. DuBrulle is credited with in his former home city.

Senator Bingham Accuses Jackson of Jobbery.

Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Senator Bingham's ire was aroused this morning by information that a bill by Edwards of Lane, to fix the boundary line between Lane and Douglas counties, had been referred upon motion of Jackson of Douglas, to a special committee of which Jackson is chairman. Jackson is supposed to be opposed to the bill, hence the anger of the senator from Lane. He hurried into the house and told the Lane Representatives what he thought of their action in letting the bill get into the hands of the enemy, and then went after Jackson.

"I want you to understand that we are not going to have any hold-up business with that Lane-Douglas boundary," he exclaimed, with some warmth.

Jackson disclaimed any intention of trying to strangle the measure in committee, but Bingham thought his getting possession of the bill justified his getting anxious about it. Later Jackson went over to the Senate to renew his assurances of friendship, and Senator Bingham repeated his warning, adding:

"If there is any attempt to hold up that bill, I'll make trouble for you."

The bill was introduced in the House by Edwards and provides for the annexation to the southern part of Lane County of a section of the Bohemia mining district, including in all about a section and a half of mineral land. Mr. Edwards introduced the bill on petition of the owners and mines and the operators of the properties, who desire to withdraw from Jackson County for the reason that the railroad interests are more directly attached to Lane County. At the present time these people were instructed to use roads constructed by Lane County and a branch railroad that has been built to a point within 20 miles of the mines.

In order to reach the principal points in Jackson County from the mines, a journey of between 60 and 70 miles over the mountains by a route that is impassable a part of each year is necessary. —Oregonian.

A MILLION DOLLARS.

Predicted Output for Season From Placers in Region of Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 2.—Because of the extensive placer work and the good returns in yellow metal business is more active in Grants Pass than it has been for some time. It is believed by conservative mining men that the output of virgin gold from this section of the state will total close to \$1,000,000 this season. The rains have been copious thus far, and there is a good depth of snow on ranges. As this affords an abundance of water the hydraulic batteries are thundering day and night. An unbroken run of the giant till late in May or June is assured. Most of the gold yield is being exchanged over local banking centers, the miners receiving coin in exchange, and the returns from the placer diggings are thus going at once into the channels of trade.

The quartz mines are also very busy in the Grants Pass and Josephine districts. There are some 20 properties equipped with mills, dropping about 150 stamps altogether. Several properties will equip as soon as the weather settles and the roads are passable for freight wagons. Some of the mines of this district whose mills have been hung up for some time on account of litigation are now getting free of legal entanglements and will soon be busy again.

Dry Wood.

Call at Monroe Wood Yard for dry wood. F. A. MONROE.

Odd Fellows to Install Officers.

The Cottage Grove Odd Fellows will entertain many brethren of the order from Eugene this evening. The special occurrence will be the installation of officers of the Cottage Grove Encampment I. O. O. F.

Eugene Hens.

Senator and Mrs. Bingham came up from Salem on the local to spend Saturday and Sunday at home. W. A. Dill of the Register force, went to Cottage Grove last evening for a day's business at that place. He will return this evening.

Mrs. May Murray went to Cottage Grove last evening where she will visit for a day or two and will then go to Willamette to remain at home for a short time.

Mrs. T. G. McMurray and little daughters left on the local for Cottage Grove last evening. They are expecting to leave Eugene for good in a short time.

Mrs. F. Rose of Cottage Grove, who has been the guest of Mrs. Hawthorne for a few days returned home yesterday. —Register.

Eugene Flood.

The manufacturing districts of Eugene were compelled to shut down and not a wheel moved on account of the high water, no serious damage was done in the city. Passenger trains could not get by for several hours and things looked threatening for a while, still Eugene is all right, hundreds of cities would be willing to take a little high water occasionally if they could only have the benefit of being located on one of our grand Oregon streams.

Ed Underwood is again confined to the house.

DIED

COX—Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox Monday morning, Feb. 4th.

HUFF—Miss Flossie Huff died at her home in Lynx Hollow Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd of pneumonia, aged 17 years. She was sick but a few days and her untimely death saddens the young people of Cottage Grove, among whom she was very popular. Miss Huff was an active member of the M. E. Church and prominent in Epworth League work.

Her Cottage Grove home was with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Isham while she was attending school. Rev. J. L. Beatty preached a touching funeral sermon at the home of her parents near Walker yesterday afternoon.

Many of the League members were at the service. A large number of floral tributes were sent by friends and two beautiful floral pieces purchased in Portland by the young people were in evidence of their love and respect for their deceased companion and friend.

Lane County Poultry Association Elects.

The Lane County Poultry Association elected officers at a meeting in Eugene Thursday afternoon as follows: J. O. Watts, president; Amos Wilkins, vice-president; B. F. Keeney, secretary; A. W. Bond, treasurer; An executive committee as follows was appointed: G. F. Hurd, Geo. Widmer, J. O. Holt. A report of the financial condition of the association was read, showing a surplus of \$80.80 from the exhibition held in the Walton block last December.

J. W. Veatch is visiting his father and mother in Los Angeles.

High School Notes.

Prof. Strange gave us an interesting talk Friday about the important industries of Cuba, the importance of the island, and how much it is to the welfare of the United States to be on good terms with the government and people of Cuba.

Several new branches have been begun by the various classes this week which is the beginning of the new semester. Among them are Geology and Roman history, which studies have been taken up by the freshman class as they have finished Physical Geography and greek history. The junior class have begun the study of Zoology, and the sophomores will take a final examination in algebra next Friday and then begin geometry.

Agnes Langdon was absent a few days last week on account of sickness.

Ernest Wyatt, Allen Baker and Belle Burkholder were absent from the junior class Monday.

Mr. Phillips, one of the school directors, visited the high school last week and expressed himself as being much pleased with the work being done.

The high school mourns the loss of one of their classmates, Flossie Huff, who died Sunday evening Feb. 3, of pneumonia. Flossie entered the high school in September with the present class of freshmen, having also been with them last year in the eighth grade.

G. B. Hengen has returned East.

F. C. Coffman and wife returned to Cottage Grove this afternoon, after visiting their brother, Milo Coffman in Eugene who is quite ill.

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