

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

RICH BOHEMIA LEDGE.

Shows Thousands of Tons of Quartz Carrying \$7.

Eugene—Information has been received at the office of the North Fairview Mining company, in this city, of a very rich strike that has been made in the Belle of Fairview claim, in the Bohemia district, showing probably the largest deposit of free-milling ore ever struck in this section.

Tunnels and shafts already made, block out over 100,000 tons of oxidized decomposed quartz, carrying an average of \$7 per ton in free gold. The ledge is a great true fissure, and is from 18 to 40 feet wide where it has been opened. In the different cross-sections the ore shows continuous cropping for 2,300 feet over on the west slope of Fairview mountain, and from the present indications there are over 1,000,000 tons of the same quality as already blocked out, and the vein is 40 feet wide at the west end of the claims, where a tunnel on the vein will tap the ore body at a vertical depth of 1,200 feet.

This ore can be mined and milled for \$1.50 per ton, which leaves a handsome profit for the owners.

TO TEACH FARMING.

New Study for Common School Course Is Proposed.

Salem—The teaching of the elements of agriculture in the common schools of Oregon is advocated by Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman. The purpose of the introduction of this study would not be to teach the children the technical side of scientific farming, but rather to give them an understanding of such elementary facts and principles as every person who resides in an agricultural country should know. Superintendent Ackerman believes that at some future time such a study should be placed in the common school course, and that before the teaching of this branch is commenced, time should be given for the teachers to prepare for the work they will be required to do. He would have every applicant for a teacher's certificate take an examination in the subject of elements of agriculture.

Seeding Season at Pendleton.

Pendleton—This is the busy season for the farmers of this portion of the Snake river district. Not for years has wheat been planted so early as it is this year. Some of the grain is already above the ground and so rapidly are the farmers rushing the work all seeding will be completed by the end of this month. The rains of a few days ago put the ground in excellent condition. The acreage planted this year is about the same as last year. Some of the wheat this year, however, was spring sown, but there will be less of that for the 1904 crop.

Cascara Hunters Disappointed.

Corvallis—Corvallisites who went to Alsea and Fachats region in search of cascara homesteads are returning home. They did not generally meet with the success they anticipated. Cascara tree locators whom they were to pay \$50 for each quarter located failed to place them on lands that promised to justify the required outlay. None of those who returned have as yet filed homestead papers. Something over six sections of land have, however, been filed under the homestead arrangement within the immediate past.

Governor Bestows Some Honors.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following residents of Oregon as delegates to the Mississippi River Improvement association convention: Dr. S. M. Hanby, J. Wesley Ladd, W. L. Brewster, John Van Antle, William Reid, Phil Herz, Portland; W. M. Kaiser, Salem; Mose Frouche, I. B. Bowen, Baker City; C. E. Oliver, Portland; Eugene Schow, La Grande; Owen Caraher, Portland. The convention will be held at New Orleans October 27.

Few Hop Sales in Polk County.

Independence—There are large quantities of hops stored in the warehouses here and but few have been sold. A part of some of the crops were contracted last year and have been delivered. Some few growers have sold and have sold well. Those selling have received from 24 cents to 25 1/2 cents per pound. The latter price seems to be the highest that has been paid in the county yet. Many are holding, expecting to get even better figures than 25 1/2 cents.

Apportionment of School Funds.

Albany—The Linn county school fund has been apportioned among the various school districts by County School Superintendent W. L. Jackson. The total amount of the fund is \$6,199.30, and it has been apportioned among 22 districts. The amounts range from \$133.06, which is the sum set aside for the smallest district to \$2,183.70, the amount that will support the district embracing the three Albany schools.

Building Material Scarce.

La Grande—La Grande is in a bad way for lumber and other building material. The construction of a sewer through the main business portion of the city is at a standstill for the want of lumber. Dwelling and business block building is at a standstill for the want of material. There are a number of buildings under construction, but they cannot proceed because of the shortage.

SMELTER FOR UNION.

Great Plant to Be Installed Shortly in Eastern Oregon.

Union—The consummation of one of the most gigantic mining propositions ever promoted in Union county, if not in the entire state, was announced here a few days ago. George H. Downs, the mining promoter, who has been making the town of North Powder his headquarters the past two years while at work upon this big deal, stated that his project has the backing of New York capitalists, and that the matter has reached the point of certainty of consummation.

The company has just perfected its incorporation, and the articles will be filed with the county clerk here and with the secretary of state. The name of the corporation is the Eastern Oregon Mining, Milling, Transportation, Smelting & Generating company. The capital stock is placed at \$5,000,000. The first officers of the corporation will be: H. O. Gorham, president and treasurer; W. H. Gorham, vice-president and George H. Downs, secretary and general manager.

The company proposes to erect a 250-ton smelter near the town of North Powder, in Union county, about 15 miles south of Union, for treating all the various grades of gold and copper ores found in the southern part of Baker county, and in order to bring such ores to the reduction works it is proposed to build a number of short electric lines to the mines, covering a distance of over 50 miles.

These lines are to be built not only for carrying ores, but passengers and freight as well. Manager Downs declined to give particulars as to the routes of the lines, but says the entire project is a certainty.

Must Supply the Water.

Ontario—Some weeks ago a suit was instituted against the Ontario Land & Irrigation company for damages caused by insufficiency of water during the season, when the water had been paid for. A decision has been handed in by the jurors of the circuit court allowing Dr. G. A. Pogue \$1,800 damages. This ditch over which the suit arose, is controlled by David Wilson, and goes by the name of the Wilson ditch. The winning of the suit gives ground for damages each year until the ditch is improved.

Sale of Rogue River Fruit.

Medford—The Rogue River Fruit-growers' association shipped two carloads of Winter Nellis pears this week—one to Cincinnati and the other to New Orleans, La. They also shipped one carload of apples to New York. E. J. DeHart just received returns from a carload of very fine Buerre de Anjou pears, which were shipped to Chicago. The pears were sold for \$1.50 per box, and Mr. De Hart was highly complimented on his methods of packing and the quality of fruit.

Ground in Condition for Plowing.

Salem—The rains of the past week have moistened the ground so that it is in good condition for plowing and grain farmers will have an opportunity to get their fall work done in a seasonable time if subsequent weather should be favorable. The rain has also been beneficial to pastures. In the hills, where prune drying is late, the rains have caused some of the fruit to crack, but the loss from this cause will not be very heavy.

Johns Will Lecture on Mining.

Baker City—Hon. C. A. Johns, of this city, has received an invitation, which he has accepted, to deliver an address on the subject of mines and mining at Eugene December 16. Mr. Johns is already collecting data for his address, which will certainly be most novel and interesting. Mr. Johns is a forceful and interesting speaker.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 74c; blue-stem, 78c; valley, 76c-77c.
Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$21.
Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; Graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4; rye wheat, \$4.50.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10; gray, \$1.05 per cental.
Millstuffs Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; lined dairy food, \$19.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$10; chest, \$10.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2c per pound; dairy, 16 1/2@20c; store, 15@16c.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15@16c; factory prices, 10@11 1/2c less.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@10 1/2c per pound; spring, 10c; hens, 11@11 1/2c; broilers, \$1.75 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound; dressed, 16@18c; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27 1/2c; Eastern, fresh, 26c.
Potatoes—Oregon, 55@75c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2@2 1/2c.
Hops—1903 crop, 19@22c per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37 1/2c.
Beef—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.
Veal—Small, 7@8c; large, 5 1/2@6c per pound.
Mutton—Dressed, 5@5 1/2c; lambs, dressed, 6c.
Pork—Dressed, 7 1/2@8c.

SACKED BY MOB.

Striking French Weavers Wreck Homes of Enemies.

Armentiers, North France, Oct. 15.—This town was today given up to riot, pillage and incendiarism, as a consequence of the weavers' strike. Nothing this morning foretold the serious disturbances about to occur, but at noon the strikers, not receiving answers to their demands from the employers, broke out into the wildest excesses. A mob of 6,000 gathered in the great square and urged the troops stationed there to throw down their arms, shouting: "Down with patriotism!"

The rioters then spread through the principal streets, breaking the windows of the stores, dragging out the huge display rolls of linen, which they stretched across the streets with the object of impeding the advance of the cavalry. They wrecked shops, sacked the houses of persons obnoxious to the ringleaders, and attacked the banks, in two of which they succeeded in stealing a few hundred dollars from the tills.

One gang set fire to a large quantity of linen in the cellars of Messrs. Bequart's factory. Others broke the windows of houses and threw inside burning straw.

The troops, hampered by the obstructions thrown in their way by the rioters, were for a long time unable to disperse the mob. Finally a determined charge by lancers restored temporary quiet.

After dark the rioters tore up sewer gratings and paving stones and stretched wires across the streets. Women brought piles of empty bottles for use as missiles, while boys swarmed up the lamp posts and extinguished the gas jets. In spite of the efforts of the soldiers the rioters then proceeded to sack the houses, dragging out the furniture, saturating it with petroleum and setting fire to it in the street. Fire was put to two houses belonging to the strikers' employers and one big factory. The local brigade, being inadequate to cope with the conflagrations, an urgent appeal was sent to the neighboring town of Lille, whence a steam pump and reinforcements of firemen were sent.

By midnight, however, the troops and police had gained the upper hand and dispersed the mob. The streets are now deserted except for the armed patrols. The authorities are taking measures to ascertain the names of the ringleaders in the riots.

RUSSIA BLAMES POWERS.

China, Japan and Britain Held to Have Caused the Present Dispute.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—The foreign office says it has no official confirmation of the reported disembarkation of Japanese troops at Masampho. Regarding Manchuria, the foreign office states the question is at present closed. The existing situation is the fault of the Chinese, Japanese and British. If China desired to reopen the negotiations and accept certain conditions, the situation could be still changed, as Russia is not rooted to the soil, and could leave if she liked.

Russia is now transporting 50,000 troops, nurses and hospital supplies to the far east. The present strength of the Russian army there is reliably reported to be 283,000 men. Officers detailed for duty in the Orient have been forbidden to take their wives.

PREPARE TO DECLARE WAR.

Nicaragua and Guatemala Will Fight Salvador and Honduras.

Panama, Oct. 15.—According to news received here from Central America, President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and President Estrada Cabrera, of Guatemala, are preparing to declare war against Salvador and Honduras. Ten thousand Guatemalan soldiers are reported to be marching toward the Salvadorian frontier with a powerful force of artillery. At Santa Ana, 35 miles northwest of San Salvador, a Salvadorian army is being organized under General Regalado. Many war elements have been transported from the port of Acajutla to La Union, which is near the Nicaraguan frontier.

Freud on Forged Papers.

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—James H. Darling, Joseph White, Cornelius Stokes and John L. Moore, military prisoners at Alcatraz, have been released by the authorities on pardons which it is now discovered were forged. These fraudulent pardons were sent through the ordinary course of a soldier's pardon, bearing the regular seals and stamps and approved by the president, but by whom and with whose assistance the forgeries were perpetrated are questions not yet solved. An investigation is in progress.

Archbishop Kain Dead.

Baltimore, Oct. 15.—Most Rev. John James Kain, archbishop of St. Louis, died tonight at St. Agnes sanitarium, where he has been a patient since May 12. Death, which came peacefully, had been hourly expected by his attending physicians for several days. Dr. J. M. Stone and a number of priests and relatives, including his sister, a Sister of Charity, known in the religious world as Sister Mary Joseph, were at his bedside when the end came.

America Shows Interest.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Because of necessary repairs, the cruiser New Orleans has arrived at Yokohama for overhauling. The work will be done by a Japanese firm, and in view of the situation in the far East, every effort will be made to repair the vessel with in the event of war between Japan and Russia. It will be a close observer of the conflict.

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