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## CLOUDS ROLL AWAY

Prospects Grow Brighter for Oregon Mills and Timber Camps.

## ABUNDANCE OF CARS

H. Harriman, Railroad Magnate, at Portland—Talks Cars.

H. Harriman, the great railroad magnate, visited Portland this morning in an interview with the program said: "I would favor the portage road or canal only in I was convinced that that would in no way interfere with O. R. & N. traffic or plans. The service on the Southern line between Portland and San Francisco has been bettered 100 per cent within the past two years. Neither the O. R. & N. or Southern Pacific has taken one cent out of the state of Oregon, but on the contrary, all profits of roads have been expended for improvements.

**GREAT IMPROVEMENTS.**  
Upward of \$130,000,000 has been spent by our system during the past three years, and Oregon had its share. It certainly is to the interest to do the best possible for this state, and I intend to do my right on doing it. Another thing I have done at a great expense is to place the Port-Asiatic line of steamers in existence. The line was put in at an opportune time, but we have kept it for the convenience of the public. What extensions are planned for Oregon?"  
"I would rather not discuss them now," was the answer. "There are numerous extensions and improvements considered, but the details are not ready for the public."

**ABOUT THE CAR SHORTAGE.**  
In his terse, comprehensive manner, Mr. Harriman summed up the car shortage question in these words: "I have twelve months' demand for cars, but our system cannot keep a rolling stock based on a twelve months' demand for a sixty-day year. There would be ten months of the year when stock would be idle. It is our aim to do the best we can, and we can do no more than that. Two months ago we demanded a thousand cars

"without fail"; today there are more than enough cars for all purposes in this state."

**WILL IMPROVE IN 1904.**  
"No, I cannot say that the time between Portland and San Francisco will be shortened at present. That will come after the contemplated improvement in the roadbed in Oregon. The rails at present are too light for heavy service. We have had orders for rails in for eight months, and have had to wait for them. These orders will be filled in 1904, and the heavier rails will be laid in Oregon then. After that time the schedule will probably be shortened, and the general service improved."

From the above it will be noted with extreme satisfaction that the demoralization to our infant industries, resulting from the so-called car famine, is about at an end, and that our mills, mines and timber camps can soon renew operations on even a larger scale than before. There is now even cause to believe that 1904 will be a more prosperous year in Western Oregon than the past year.

### New Uniform.

A sensation was created Sunday when Cottage Grove's efficient and stalwart city marshal, Edward Underwood, sallied forth in a spick and span new regulation police uniform with helmet and "Billy" as embellishments. The small boys, who already regarded him with considerable awe, was filled with terror when the object of their discontent came forth a full-fledged policeman, and by the way, the wretched helmet, brass buttons and "Billy" seemed to inspire a more reverential regard for the big municipal officer of the law, on the part of the larger boys and the old duffers who were rubbing their eyes and viewing him in wonderment after an all night's engagement around the green cloth, and various places where the righteous entereth not. It is also said that several "respected citizens" who suspected that he knew all about it, dodged around the corner whenever they saw the big star and brass buttons sparkling in the sunlight on that eventful Sabbath day. It is gratifying to the writer as well as to the citizens of this town to note these metropolitan strides in this growing and progressive municipality and we are all especially gratified—the editor in particular—after these years of waiting, with the knowledge that now an attentive ear is at all times at command when seized by a desire to "tell your troubles." Look out for the policeman!

"Cut out cigarettes or leave the school," is the official mandate that has been issued by the faculty of Cornell college which proposes to see that the order is enforced to the letter.

## MINING

Numerous prospectors are locating in the John Day Valley.

George W. Lloyd, president of the Crystal Consolidated Mining Co. has returned to this city from a business trip to Portland.

The annual stockholders' meetings of Iowa and Monte Rico Mining Company, of Bohemia, were held in the office of the secretary, J. M. Williams, in Eugene last Monday. The old board of directors and the old officers were re-elected by both companies.

Harry Supple, the well known newspaper and mining man, has returned to Cottage Grove from a month's sojourn in Portland, where he has been visiting with his brother, the Portland shipbuilder. Harry has a good knowledge of the Bohemia mines and is enthusiastic in regard to their bright future.

The citizens of Eugene and vicinity interested in the mining industry met at the Commercial Club Tuesday evening and effected an organization that cannot help being very beneficial to the mining interests of Lane county. B. L. Bogart served as chairman and Prof. McAlister as secretary of the meeting. Prof. Hyde, of the U. O. mining department, was elected to the presidency and Prof. McAlister to be secretary and treasurer of the new association.

F. J. Hard, of the Vesuvius, Oregon & Colorado and Riverside mines, returned to Portland Saturday after purchasing a large amount of supplies from local merchants and shipping them up to his mines in Bohemia. He proposed to pay the expenses of the High School football team to Portland to meet the Baker City High School team at

## NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM ALL SOURCES

that place if a game could be arranged. The former team holds the Western Oregon High School championship, and the latter the Eastern Oregon High School Championship.

The extent of Oregon's gold-producing qualities and the possibilities of the state as a great mining center are shown in the fact that 25 of the 33 counties are on record with gold outputs. With three-fourths of the Oregon territory classed as gold-producing, the time will come when the title of Golden State will be taken from California and transferred to Oregon. The counties in the gold list are: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wasco.—Eugene Register.

The fight waged by Oregon miners against the obnoxious Eddy corporation tax law has assumed definite form, and the campaign is being strenuously carried forward. A bill amending the Eddy Corporation Tax Law has been drawn up by R. C. Wright, who is one of the executive board of the Oregon Miners Association, and will be introduced at the special session of the Legislature called to convene December 21. The amendment covers the tax on all corporations in the state, making the minimum fee \$5 and the maximum \$15. The \$5 fee is for corporations up to and including a capitalization of \$25,000, and \$15 for all above the sum. This, it is contended by mining men and other incorporators, will be agreeable, and they are determined to bring the matter to a head.

## MINERAL EXHIBIT VERY SAD DEATH

**Mr. Dennis of Black Butte Endorses The Suggestion on this Line.**

Blackbutte, Ore., Dec. 5.—Editor Lane County Leader: I am interested in your enterprising suggestion made in your issue of Dec. 4th, namely, that a small building should be erected in Cottage Grove near the depot to contain a mineral exhibit from the Bohemia and Black Butte District, with appropriate signs that may be read from passing trains.

While the Black Butte Company is not in any wise interested in advertising its property, but on the contrary, being a private corporation, has always avoided publicity never-the-less we feel interested in the welfare of your enterprising little city, and on that account I would be glad to co-operate with you and your citizens in carrying out the plan you have suggested. From the standpoint of Cottage Grove I know of no better scheme for advertising, cost being considered, than the plan you have suggested. Please command me if at any time I can be of any service in furthering the project.

Yours Very Sincerely,  
W. B. DENNIS.

### Will Appoint Road Supervisors.

It is not generally known that a law passed at the last legislature provides for the appointment of the road supervisors of the county by the county court instead of their election as heretofore.

Judge H. R. Kincaid was asked about the matter of appointing the supervisors. He replied that unless the coming special session of legislature repealed the law passed by the last regular session the court would make the appointments the first of the year. He thought, however, that the law would be repealed as it is considered by many to be unsatisfactory.

In case it falls upon the court to make the appointments Judge Kincaid said he thought nearly all if not all those now holding the office of supervisor would be named to succeed themselves, as all have seemed to give satisfaction since their election.—Guard.

Boy babies are said to be sweetest at four and girl babies at twenty-four.

a wife to mourn her sad loss, and it is her intention, we understand, to return to relatives at her old home in Oklahoma Territory.

### "Buck" Star a Benedict.

Ralph G. Starr, the well known former University student, being prominent in athletics, and Miss Hattie L. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor, were united in marriage by Justice C. A. Wintermeier last Thursday in the presence of only a few friends.

The bride is well known throughout the county as a successful school teacher and for the past four years has been assistant librarian at the University. The groom is an industrious young man and since quitting his studies at the University has clerked in Eugene and during the past few weeks coached the crack Cottage Grove football team.

They will reside in Eugene for the present.

### Eugene Register's Enterprise.

The Eugene Daily Register is hard at work on an elaborate special edition to be issued early in January. It will set forth in an accurate and comprehensive manner the great natural resources of Lane county, and will exploit the advantages presenting themselves to the investor and homeseeker, and all parts of the county will be fully represented in this big edition. It will be handsomely illustrated and ten thousand copies will be printed, a large portion of which will be circulated by the Harriman Immigration Bureau. Wm. Baxter, an expert in preparing special newspaper editions is representing the Register in this city this week, and since that paper is confining this big edition to Lane county exclusively, our merchants, mill and mining men will find it profitable and advantageous to patronize liberally this big, special edition in which Cottage Grove and tributary country should have a full page. We congratulate Messrs. Gilstrap upon their enterprise and energy.

### Land Fraud Case Continued.

Portland Telegram, Dec. 3: Judge Belling announced yesterday that it would be expensive to hold the jury here to await the trials of Horace McKinley, Puter, Mare Ware, et al., the famous land fraud cases, till the witnesses could be secured. Accordingly it was agreed by the counsel on both sides to allow them to be continued until the March term of the United States circuit court.

It was only a question of time when Zion City would fall. Dowie commanded the girls neither to kiss nor be osculated.

The Denver woman whose husband eloped with a hired girl is justly angry. Servant girls are so hard to get these times.

## STAMP MILL IN POSITION

At the Crystal Consolidated Company's Bohemia Property.

## HE FELL 20 FEET

Two Men Badly Injured While Placing the Machinery.

Frank D. Wheeler, secretary of the Crystal Consolidated Mining Company, came down from the mine Wednesday where he has been superintending the installation of his company's new stamp mill. He reports the work progressing very satisfactory. The big stamp mill has been placed in position, the framework of the mill building is completed and the roofing is now being put on. The company's saw mill is being operated every day turning out timbers and lumber for the extensive improvements about the mines. This company has 35 men employed at the present time and about its mines and the work is being pushed in every department.

Mr. Wheeler says his company hopes to have everything in readiness for active mining operations by early spring and a very successful and profitable season's run is anticipated during 1904.

### FELL TWENTY FEET.

Last Friday Thos. Howie, machinist of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, who was sent up to the Crystal mines to install the big new stamp mill, met with quite a severe accident. He lost his footing and fell twenty feet from the mill framework to the solid stone foundation below. Fortunately no bones were broken and while he was considerably bruised and severely shaken up he will be able to resume work again in a few days.

A few days later a Mr. Reagon who recently went to work for the company was severely injured by a pile of lumber falling on him, but he will be able to resume work in a few days.

### Land Clearing Contract.

Wheeler & Owens desire to let a contract for clearing up about 15 acres more or less of bottom land. For prices and particulars inquire of Wheeler & Owens, Cottage Grove, Ore. or at their sawmill 5 1/2 miles west of this city. Grubbing machine already on the ground.

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