

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

MINING NEAR GOLD HILL.

Considerable Activity Shown on Old and New Properties.

Gold Hill—The Condor Power & Mining company is placing a new steel wagon bridge across Rouge river just below the Ray dam at Gold Hill.

L. T. Pockman, representing San Francisco capital, has bought the Hawkeye American Mining claim in the Willow Springs mining district, and has moved a complete mining outfit out to camp with a small force to commence development on the property.

In near vicinity to this property Robert Allison and associates have taken a lease and bond on the Schump mine and are cleaning out and retimbering the old tunnel, from which, the owners, a few years ago, took out several thousand dollars in free milling ore.

The Lucky Bart mine, on Sardine creek, has been leased to J. W. Hays and partners, who are now doing considerable development work.

J. M. Patrick has taken a year's lease on the Braden mine, two miles east of town, and is working quite a force of men on same. While repairing and fitting up the ten-stamp mill now on the property he has leased the Bowden mill at Gold Hill, through which he will run some 200 or 300 tons of Braden ore. This mine has produced large quantities of pay ore in the past; and as Dr. Ray has been steadily exploiting and blocking out ore in this property for the past five years it now has immense ore reserves in sight, sufficient to keep the present ten-stamp mill running a number of years.

The large ore bodies in this mine, in places from 1 to 20 feet in width, are found and opened to a depth of between 400 and 500 feet, thus adding another case to refute the old and well-established theory that there are no "pocket mines" in Southern Oregon.

Messrs. Simons and Hawley are prospecting E. E. Miners' placer ground on Kams creek with a view of demonstrating its adaptability for dredging purposes, and are meeting with very flattering results.

Monster Royal Anne Tree.

Monroe—On the ranch of James E. Edwards, a pioneer residing near here, stands a mammoth Royal Anne cherry tree, which has been for many years an object of wonder to visitors and to strangers passing along the road near which it stands.

The tree is 9 feet 3 inches in circumference at the butt. Four feet above the ground it divides into three branches, one of which is four feet in circumference, another 4 feet 6 inches, another 6 feet 4 inches. The branch measuring 6 feet 4 inches divides into two branches, one being 4 feet 4 inches in circumference, another 3 feet, the smallest branch mentioned being as large as an ordinary tree at the butt.

The tree is 50 feet high and its widest branches cover a space 45 feet in diameter. It is 60 years old, and for several years has yielded a fruitage of 200 gallons per annum.

Soon to Be County Seat.

La Grande—At the regular session of the Union county court, held last week, it was decided to remove the county seat from Union to La Grande September 3. La Grande business men furnished a bond agreeing to build the courthouse at La Grande free of cost to the county for \$25,000. A certified transcript of the result of the vote on the county seat location has also been forwarded under the seal of the clerk to the secretary of state, and the removal will be made within the next 60 days.

Eastern Oregon Mills Busy.

La Grande—All lumber companies in Eastern Oregon are running their mills on full time, and orders are piling up for fruit boxes. Heavy shipments of lumber are being made to Chicago, Illinois and Missouri river points, Nebraska, Colorado and Utah. The Oregon pine comes the nearest taking the place in the East of the Wisconsin pines now about extinct. Prices are excellent and things were never brighter for the lumber business.

Praise for Oregon Station.

Corvallis—The Oregon Experiment station at Corvallis is announced by a Washington official to be ahead of other stations of its class and financial resources in the other states of the union. The official is Dr. Allen, chief assistant to Dr. True, the latter of whom is head of all the stations in the country, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Gold From Blue River District.

Engene—Gold to the amount of \$1,200 was exhibited here recently as the result of a few days' work with the two stamp mills at the Great Northern mine in the Blue river district. This is the latest addition to the producing list in this district and promises well.

CRUDE OIL FOUND IN WELL.

Marion County People are Much Excited by the Discovery.

Salem—There is yet a remote possibility that oil may be struck in Marion county, as the most recent discoveries would seem to indicate. At the town of Pratuna, about 10 miles from Salem, there is an old well in the rear of the home and blacksmith shop owned by the Rice Bros.

This well has been abandoned for several months because it "roared," that is, made a noise like the sound heard in a seashell, and because the water did not taste good. A few days ago one of the Rice brothers let a bucket down into the well, and when he pulled it up he was surprised to find that there was about half an inch of crude petroleum floating upon the top of the water.

The incident has created quite a stir in the neighborhood, and it is quite probable that steps will be taken in the near future toward the sinking of a well for the purpose of securing oil in paying quantities.

Drouth in Clackamas County.

Oregon City—Unless there is a good rain in Clackamas county within the ensuing few days, fall sown crops will be largely a failure. In some sections rain would not be beneficial at this time, the prolonged drouth having already done its work. Late sown oats and potatoes, which constitute two of the principal crops produced in Clackamas county, have already suffered extensive damage, while it is estimated that not more than 50 per cent of a hop crop can be expected unless there is rain during the coming week.

Brief in Review of Klamath Case.

Salem—William B. Matthews, attorney for the state of Oregon, has filed in the department of the interior a motion for a review of the Klamath swamp land case, which was recently decided against the state. An extended brief has also been filed in support of the motion, in which Matthews tries to show that the department was in error in its decision. The motion will probably not be heard for some time.

Cannery Outfit for the Siuslaw.

Astoria—The Astoria Iron works has completed the manufacture of a boiler and complete cannery outfit for the Prosper Canning company's new plant on the Siuslaw river. They will be shipped on the schooner Rio Rey.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 67c; bluestem, 75c; Valley, 77@78c.

Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.20; gray, \$1.15 per cental.

Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$4@4.25; cears, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour, \$4.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$8@9; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19@20c. Cheese—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12@12½c; old stock, 7@8c; Young America, 13@14c.

Poultry—Fancy hens, 12½@13c per pound; old hens, 12½@13c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10c; young roosters, 12@13c; springs, 1½ to 2-pound, 18@19c; broilers, 1 to 1½-pound, 19@20c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; do dressed, 15@16c; do choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 7@8c; do dressed, 9½@10c; ducks, old, \$6@7 per doz; do young, as to size, \$2.50@4.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.50; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, 1½@1¾c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz; parsley, 25c per doz; tomatoes, \$1.75@2; cauliflower, \$1.75@2; celery, 75@90c per doz; asparagus, 50c; peas, 4@6c per pound; beans, green, 4@5c; wax, 4@5c; squash, 25c per box; green corn, 60c per doz; melons, new red, \$1.80 per doz; yellow, \$1.57.

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Fancy, 75c@81c per cental; new potatoes, \$2.25@2.50 per cental.

Fruits—Cherries, 4@5c per pound; gooseberries, 6c per pound; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; apples, new, \$1@1.75; apricots, 80c@1.25 per box; plums, 80c@1 per box; peaches, \$1@1.10 per box; canteloupes, \$2.25 per crate; watermelons, 2c per lb; prunes, \$1.25 per box.

Hops—1903 crop, 21@24c per pound. Wool—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.

Beef—Dressed, 5@6½c per lb.

Mutton—Dressed, 4@5c per lb; lambs, 6c.

Veal—Dressed, 100 to 125, 6@7c per pound; 215 to 200, 5@5½c; 200 and up, 3½@4c.

Pork—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@7c.



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