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## MONEY TO OPEN LODE

### CLINE BUTTES CLAIMHOLDERS PUT UP NECESSARY CASH.

Ledge to be Thoroughly Tested by Committee Appointed for the Purpose--Future Steps Will Depend on Result of This Prospecting--Work to Go Forward at once.

Development of the Cline buttes lode is to go forward at once. At a meeting of the claimholders held Monday night Joseph F. Taggart, J. N. Hunter and George E. Robbins were appointed a committee to prospect the lode thoroughly and report results. About \$150 was raised, each person desiring to share contributing \$5. The committee is instructed to go to work at once so as to get results within 60 days, within which the claims are to be made of record. It has been ascertained from the state land board that three of the claims located are deeded land, land deeded by the state several years ago. Since there is no authority for going upon deeded land to locate mining claims those will be abandoned. Those who held them, however, will stand with the others and bear their proportion of the prospecting expenses and take their share of the results. A number of outsiders will participate in the same manner. The outlook is so promising that the pressure is from those who want to get in it, not from those who would rather stay out.

The committee has sent for blasting powder and will go out Sunday and set men to work opening up the ledge. Work would have been under way sooner but for the fact that it was impossible to get blasting material. Chief Engineer Kelley, of the Deschutes company, will probably go out with the committee and make some suggestions as to the prospecting. Some experienced miner will also be employed on the work.

L. E. Allingham, who was out from Prineville Tuesday, said that half a dozen years ago gold was discovered on Cline buttes. Assayers then reported that the specimens submitted showed \$3 to \$28 of gold to the ton. But nothing was then done on the lode for the reason that nobody felt disposed to put up the necessary money for opening up the ledge and there were not then several willing to act together as now.

M. C. Awbrey found gold there 20 years ago. He says he always had faith that profitable mines would some day be opened at the buttes and he believes the present movement will be successful, because it is carefully managed and is strong enough to get results. Cheap power for mining operations can be supplied from Cline falls, a mile and a half from the buttes. If the mines pan out a new town is likely to be built in that vicinity.

### Goodly Gift for the Woodmen.

The party given for the benefit of Pilot Butte camp, Modern Woodmen of America, last Saturday night, was a most gratifying success. The gross receipts were \$67.75, of which \$19.50 were taken in at the door and \$48.25 from the auction sale of the attractive lunch baskets. Ora Poindexter was the auctioneer.

The baskets were bid in at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$5 each. Miss Blanche Kever's basket brought the highest price and there is a lurking suspicion that the lucky purchaser, John Elder, had a definite idea whose basket it was he was bidding on. It was a very attractive creation and was filled with a wealth of savory goodies. Her prize was a fine silk parasol.

The auction came just before midnight, when the dancing had been finished. Then came the lunch, which was bountiful for all. The music was excellent and the dance programme very satisfactory. The attendance was large. The committee that arranged the party was composed of J. F. Taggart, Ralph H. Caldwell and Barney Lewis, and they are entitled to great credit for the success of the affair. The money will be used to buy an outfit of paraphernalia for the lode.

## CLEANING PILOT BUTTE CANAL

### Preparatory to Turning Water in first 15-Mile Section.

Another week will probably see 14 1/2 miles of the Pilot Butte canal completed. Of this stretch there remains about 1/2 of a mile to be excavated with scrapers and perhaps 2 1/2 miles of road machine work. But for the fact that it cannot be foretold what the road machine will uncover it could be positively stated that water would be flowing in the canal next week. But it is more than probable that some blasting will remain to be done behind the road machine and it cannot be known in advance just how long that will take.

A large part of the force has been employed this week in cleaning out the canal and giving the banks the finishing touches, preparatory to the introduction of water.

The break that occurred last week in the canal near the foot of the flume has been fully repaired. It was found advisable to flume across the broken section a distance of 215 feet. The descent is quite steep so a box 2x8 feet carries all the water. Water was turned through this section of flume to the wasteway yesterday.

The Deschutes company still wants teams and men. The matter of getting supplies is also quite a problem. The company has something like 100 tons of hay at the Forest ranch on Crooked river, but the high water in that stream makes it impossible to get the hay now.

Telegraph poles are set and wagon roads constructed along the bank of the canal for a distance of 4 1/2 miles from the flume, and poles are distributed along the canal for about 4 1/2 miles farther.

### For Sale.

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## MAKE DESERT BLOOM

### RECLAMATION OPERATIONS CHANGE FACE OF THE COUNTRY.

Transformation of the Region Served by Columbia Southern Canal--Numerous Improvements Under Way--Deschutes Company also Starts Farm Work on Eighty Acres.

A good deal of change is taking place in the country under the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company's ditch. At the old Delaney place the company has an experiment farm under way, about 60 acres now being ready for tilling. Chauncy P. Becker also has a large tract cleared and fenced and has set a lot of fruit trees and planted crops that will test the capacity of the land to produce. The Mutzigs, G. W. Fickel and others are also clearing land and putting up buildings, quite changing the face of the country. The company has begun construction of an eight-room house at its experiment farm, which will be used as headquarters for the company and will also supply accommodations for transients that way.

Colonel Smith, superintendent of construction for the Columbia Southern, put a force of men on ditch work this week. The first work on the line is in the nature of repairs and after that shall be finished the building of laterals and extensions will be taken up. The force will be increased fast as men and teams can be had. Water is already running in the canal, though not in full volume.

Among the purchasers of Columbia Southern irrigated lands in the past week are George L. Simmons, of La Grande, who took 160 acres, Frank Simmons, who bought 80 acres, and A. H. Hoover, an O. R. & N. engineer, who has 40 acres, all in section 1, 17-11, about a mile beyond the ranch of Mrs. Riley. George L. Simmons has arranged with Messrs. Buhler and Doan to have 40 acres cleared up at once and he will move his family out and establish his home there in a few weeks.

The enthusiasm of the Portland men who were up here and took land last week grew upon them as they returned home and they immediately went to the Portland agent of the company and selected additional land. They are convinced that this is the coming country.

### FARM FOR DESCHUTES COMPANY

The Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company is clearing an 80-acre tract northeast of Engineer Wiest's place and will sow it to grain and grasses, possibly putting root crops in small portions of it. It is arranged to have 40 acres under water for a crop this season and the other forty will be cultivated if practicable. Teams are now plowing the land fast as the brush is cleared away.

Work on the proposed automobile line to Bend has been started near Heister's. The surveyors have been in the field more than a week and the graders are now reported to be at work. A road machine has been obtained in the Agency Plains section, but some difficulty is experienced in getting enough teams to run the thing.

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The machinery for the Pilot Butte sawmill has started in from Shaniko and is expected to reach Bend within a week. And in another week the mill is expected to be in operation turning out lumber for all counts. The shingle mill will be a days later.

John L. Bartley, who came in two weeks ago to look over the land situation here, left Wednesday morning for Weston, where his family is located. The attack of measles did not leave him in good condition. He expects to return to Bend later.