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## "BLUE BUCKET" GOLD MINES HOLD INTEREST

### Quest For Fabulously Rich Find Of Early Days Continues; Local Man Will Search

Although many years have gone by since the emigrant train came through this part of the state and found gold nuggets so plentiful that a blue bucket was filled with rich chunks as the wagon train was crossing a small stream, the quest for that particular place continues.

Scott Catterson was in town Monday and spent an hour visiting with the newspaper man. He believes the "Blue Bucket" is not far from this vicinity and is inclined to make a trip out into the hills when the weather gets good to see what he can find. He recalls meeting with a woman and two men several years ago when he was but a boy, who were here looking for the location of that rich mine. Scott was at Crow Camp at the time of this visit and they described the locality; it was the following year or the one following that, that another expedition was made into this territory by some prospectors who were on a similar hunt; they too, described the location of the find which coincided with the description given by the former visitors. Scott says he believes he can find that place. All are agreed that it was the second day's journey after the burial of Mrs. Chambers, and that lady was buried at Agency, according to the best of authority.

The "Blue Bucket" has been exploited for years, some claiming it a myth, but it isn't a myth to some who have had it from members of the party who found the wonderful rich gold nuggets. Mr. Catterson says he is told that a woman in Boise has a map of the region where this gold was found; this indicates that the quest for this fabulous wealth is still holding the attention of people.

There is little question but that it is in this part of the country and it may some day be found. Mr. Catterson thinks it is possible that the actual locality has been more or less changed by the natural washing and change that weather condition would make. Therefore it is hardly to be expected that the same stream and surroundings would be the same today as back 65 or more years ago.

### GOLD DISCOVERY REVIVES LEGEND

(Lakeview Examiner)  
The thrill of the search for gold at the Paisley strike has somewhat cooled so that now only those hardy believers who are sure that rich ledges are to be found remain on the scene of the strike. At the discovery claim of Taylor and Picklesimer prospecting operations have continued and additional samples have been secured and shipped to laboratories for assay. The prospectors in their work of exploring the ledge believe that the character of ore looks more encouraging than the first samples taken and the returns of the assay are awaited with much interest.

With the news of the strike at Paisley, much reminiscence is heard regarding the old "Blue Bucket" and "Wagonstons" mines of early days when the trains of immigrants were making their way across the great Oregon country reported fabulously rich finds which have never since been located. Evidence of the early passage of wagon trains through the area where the strike is located have been numerous and pieces of wagons and equipment discarded by the early travelers have been found on past occasions.

The Klamath Falls Herald indicates the interest with which the discovery is being received there:

More fuel for the fire of gold seekers lies in tale told by a local physician. A cow puncher, cantering over range country near Paisley, several years ago, was attracted by a certain black rock. The cow puncher clipped off a piece of the rock and was amazed at its weight. He shoved the piece of rock into his pocket and promptly forgot about it. Some time later he rediscovered the piece of rock in his pocket and bethinking himself of Dr. C. P. Mason, local dentist whose hobby is metallurgy, took it to him. Several weeks later Dr. Mason called the cow puncher up to his office and

told him that the piece of rock assayed gold over \$5000 to the ton. But by that time the cow puncher could not remember where he had run onto the rock except that it was some where in Lake county and probably in the northern part.

Apropos of the Paisley gold strike, is an incident related by J. A. Gordon, president of the First National Bank, of Klamath Falls. About a year ago a man came into the bank with a small bottle full of what appeared to be light colored sand. "What is it?" asked Mr. Gordon. The man, whose name was withheld, answered: "Gold. Will you send it away to be assayed? In a day's walk from here, I can arrive at a place where I can get some more." To make a long story short, the alleged gold was sent away to be assayed. The government assaying office found the small bottle of sand to be practically pure gold. In fact, it was found that it was 847 and a half thousandths pure. Now the government wants to locate the man who sent the gold and make inquiries as to where the metal was located, but according to last reports their efforts have been unsuccessful.

### RESPECTED PIONEER WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. W. B. Johnson passed away at the home of her son in this city on last Tuesday morning following an illness covering many months. Mrs. Johnson's health had not been good for several years and she spent one winter in California in the hope of it benefitting her but she preferred being at the family home on Silver creek and surrounded by her children. Her late illness was not of long duration. She came over from Silver creek just a short time before her death.

Mrs. Johnson's maiden name was Street. She was born in Putnam County, Tennessee, February 17, 1853 and came to California in 1869. She was married to W. B. Johnson in 1873 and was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive her, four dead. She came to Harney county with the family in 1892 but had lived in Crook county just over the border of this county for a few years previous. Her long residence on Silver creek and the active interest of the family in the life of that section brought her in touch with many people and she was widely known and highly respected.

The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Edward of the Baptist church at the Cemetery on Silver creek where she was laid to rest by her children who had passed to the beyond before her. She is mourned by her aged husband and the four children, all of whom are well known in this section. The many friends of the family also mourn the loss of noble and true friend.

### MISSIONARY CIRCLE MEETS

(Contributed)  
The Mission Circle of the Baptist Church met at the home of Miss Lela McGee, with Mrs. Luckey and Mrs. Brittingham assisting. This being our annual election meeting, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Ella Luckey, president of Missions, Mrs. R. E. Drake, secretary, Mrs. Dave Craddock, treasurer and Mrs. Roy Stahl as president of the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Gray as vice-president, with Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. E. B. Reed and Mrs. Graves as assistants. The program for the day as arranged by the committee was something to be long remembered. Mrs. Homer Reed and Mrs. Fred Williams gave us a real treat with their song "Dreamer of Dreams" and Miss Ethel McGee favored us also with a song "Pass It On." Then another one of those Biblical contests had been arranged for our confusion, this time in the form of questions as to who's who and where's where in the Bible. With only fifteen minutes allowed in which to answer them, the writer didn't have much chance and Mrs. Hibbard won the contest. Miss Lela McGee had arranged a portion of the poem "His-watha" for four of her small pupils and the little fellows were a credit to their teacher.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and assistants after which we departed for home, feeling that we had enjoyed a most delightful afternoon. The next meeting will be on the eighth of April, at the home of Mrs. N. T. Smith with Mrs. R. E. Drake as joint hostess.

## FOREST OFFICERS MEET WITH LOCAL STOCKMEN

### Grazing Permit Holders Assured of Co-operation of Forest Service; Range to Rest

Assistant Supervisor P. A. Thompson, of the Malheur forest accompanied Forest Ranger Blake back when he arrived from the Baker conference Wednesday night. Mr. Thompson is stationed at John Day with Supervisor Reid and came over with Mr. Blake to confer with local stockmen and permit holders in connection with the grazing situation in the forest as it affects the local man.

It was found that old permit holders were not asking for as much range as they had in former years and that there was a surplus. The object of the meeting was to explain the policy of the forest officers in allowing them to amend their applications if they so desired. However, it is the intention of the forest officers to allow such range as is not applied for rest for the present. In fact that is what the forest would like—give the range a chance to improve. However, this will not be done to the exclusion of home stockmen.

Another matter that Assistant Supervisor Thompson brought to the attention of the permit holders was the fact that they will be protected in the future should they desire to increase the number of stock. While this range might be allotted to a new permittee this season, it would be only temporary in so far as it applied to the range formerly used by an older applicant who has resident preference, therefore when the old permittee asked for the former range privileges he will be granted it.

The gathering was quite well attended and the stockmen expressed satisfaction of the results. They now have a better understanding of the situation and are on a more intimate relation with the forest service.

### GOODMAN MEMORIAL FUND

The members of the committee in charge of collecting the funds for the Arthur Goodman Memorial fund are getting to hold a number of the "Times-Herald" office on next Tuesday evening, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock to arrange for the completion of the canvass and open the money up. At that time it is hoped to have a full attendance of those interested and definite arrangements made toward the erection of a suitable memorial to the memory of the fearless officer who gave up his life in the discharge of his duty.

## BURNS LAND OFFICE TO BE ABOLISHED APRIL 30

### Executive Order Signed By The President On Last Tuesday; La Grande Loses Also

An associated press dispatch dated at Washington on Wednesday, announced that the land office at Burns was abolished by executive order signed by President Coolidge on Tuesday. The order is effective April 30.

This move was under consideration before and was stopped. However, now it is settled. La Grande also lost its land office.

There isn't much use to comment upon this order at this time as it will do no good, but it does seem a pity that the settlers in this big territory should have had more consideration. The government will sink a battle ship that cost millions and consider it proper, but to use just a little money as a service to the home builder seems a waste. Such is justice. They'll be wanting to cut our mail service down to three times a week yet, in fact it has been suggested, yet the man in the crowded city has several mail deliveries each day on his desk.

### GARAGE BURNS AT NARROWS

The Ed Anderson garage at Narrows was burned last Sunday morning and we are informed several cars were destroyed. No particulars have been learned at this office as to how the fire started. There was some insurance but not sufficient to cover near the loss.

### PIONEER STOCKMAN DIES

Walter Cross died at the Valley View hospital on last Sunday morning. He was the victim of heart disease and had been seriously ill for some time at his home and had but a couple of days before been taken to the hospital.

Walter Cross was born in Henderson county, Illinois, August 12, 1851. His mother died when he was but a small boy, leaving two children and the husband who moved to Missouri shortly after and there Walter grew to manhood. In 1877 he was married and had his wife and four of the six children born to him survive to this day. He came to Harney county in 1885 and settled on the ranch where his home has been ever since on Trout creek. His father came to this section with him and is remembered by many of the pioneer people of Burns and vicinity.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church on Monday after-

noon, Rev. Eugene Howd conducting the scriptural service while John M. Biggs, an old time friend of the deceased and his family, pronounced the eulogy, giving some facts concerning the life of Mr. Cross and spoke of the high esteem in which he was held by his wide acquaintance in this part of the state. Mr. Cross had never affiliated with any church or secret fraternal organization. He had believed that one was judged by his own conduct and acts and was content to let his personal life stand for what it might mean to his neighbors. His life was a success, said Mr. Biggs, in that he gave his family every consideration within his means and treated his neighbors in such a manner that he was held in the highest esteem. He was a true father, brother, a good neighbor. His life was pronounced one of fullness.

His wife, four children, Archie Cross, Albert Cross, Mrs. Kemp Hardisty, and Mrs. H. A. Dillard, all of this vicinity, survive him and were present at the funeral service. Many citizens from all parts of the county were present at the service to show their esteem of the departed neighbor.

### POPULAR YOUNG LADY'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Jeane Cook to Mr. Frank Klobucher was made at an afternoon affair given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith last Saturday afternoon. A large gathering of the ladies of Burns were present and the program was of a very interesting character, according to those present, also very unique. The decorations were very attractive and the refreshments were served most attractively. The announcement of the engagement was through favors in heart shape upon which the names of the principals were written.

The desert was served in small flower pots in which ice cream was placed, covered by ground chocolate with a daffodil thrust into it, resembling a growing flower.

Miss Cook is one of our popular young ladies and is at present engaged in teaching in the high school. The date of the wedding was not made but it is understood it will take place during the spring, perhaps soon after the close of high school.

This social affair was planned and given by Mrs. J. B. Cook and Mrs. W. M. Sutton. It was intended to have this afternoon at the Station home but owing to Mrs. Sutton's indisposition Mrs. Smith graciously tendered the use of her spacious home for the occasion.

### LEGION AUXILIARY

(Contributed)

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Ben Brown on March 12. In addition to the regular business five new members were taken into the Unit as follows: Miss Grant, Miss Eley Walker, Mrs. Melvin Clay, Mrs. Frank Thompson and Mrs. Lee Miller. The committee in charge of the card party given by the unit reported that \$63.24 had been cleared. It was voted to send \$5.00 to the Children's home at Otter Lake and a like amount to Portland for Child welfare work. \$50 was placed in the Auxiliary savings account to meet current calls for aid to veterans. The Auxiliary also plans to start a fund to be added to from time to time and when sufficient in amount use it for something especially useful to the Ex-Service men.

It was announced that the next regular meeting is to be held April 16th at the home of Mrs. C. H. Leonard with Miss Leonard as joint hostess.

### ENGINEERING CREW STILL IN THE HILLS

The Fred Herriek Lumber Co. engineering force is still busy in the hills in the Plimon creek district. Both James Girard and Frank Klobucher are constantly in the field with the crew and progress is reported in the way of ascertaining conditions relative to what may be expected from flood waters and the elements.

Nothing is given out from the office as to what is contemplated but there is every evidence of activity and it is said that contractors are now in the field looking over ground with a view of placing bids in the very near future.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION REPRESENTED AT MEET

### Harney and Deschutes County Delegation Confer tomorrow on Road Improvement

Archie McGowan, president of the Harney County Good Roads Club, is in receipt of a telegram from headquarters of the state highway commission announcing that a representative of that commission would be present at the conference to be held at Brookings tomorrow between delegations from Bend and Burns in discussing the improvement of the Central Oregon Highway.

This meeting was arranged by Mr. McGowan and the secretary of the Bend commercial club and will include quite a delegation from both towns, including members of the county courts of both Harney and Deschutes counties. Several of the executive committee of the Good Roads Club of this county will make the trip to Brookings to join in the conference.

It is expected that this meeting will result in something concrete in the way of improving the Central Oregon Highway, especially on the strip in the Glass Butte section.

### ROAD MEETING TO BE SUNDAY

Information was this morning received by the Bend Commercial club that District Road Engineer C. W. Wanser of The Dalles would attend the meeting of Deschutes and Harney county delegates to be held next Sunday at Brookings. The meeting is being called to determine what should and what can be done to improve the highway between Bend and Burns, affecting a district of about 15 miles between Brookings and the Gap ranch.

This section of the road, it is said, while belonging in Lake county, is not looked upon with enough significance by officials of that county to favor improvements. The result is that residents of Deschutes and Harney counties interested have taken the matter up.

Information that the district road engineer would attend the meeting was sent by Archie McGowan, president of the Good Roads association of Burns to the local Commercial club.—Bend Press.

### SAYS TOO LONG CLOSED SEASON

The Lakeview Examiner in commenting upon the recent legislation in regard to closing the season on sagehens for five years, says it is too long. The fact is pointed out that the game reserve formed in Warner gives the birds further protection and that it is likely within the next few years the sagehen will again take its place as the leading upland game bird of this part of the state. Five years is a long closed season, but as is stated in the same article in our Lake county exchange, the game commission has the right to change seasons and possibly will open the sagehen shooting again before the expiration of the five years, provided their increase would justify. At any rate, sportsmen of this county and Lake have the advantage of the Warner reserve to aid in keeping these fine birds well stocked in this part of the state.

### GEO. W. HAYES DIED

Telegraphic advice received yesterday morning from Vale announced that Geo. W. Hayes had died from leakage of the heart. He had been seriously ill for several days and his two brothers, Ted and Bailey, had gone out. The remains will be brought to Burns for interment and it was Mr. Hayes' request that the Masonic Order conduct his funeral. Deceased was well known in this vicinity where he resided for many years prior to removing to Vale. He practiced law here and also held the position of register of the land office. He was a member of one of the pioneer families of this section and had lived in Lake county before coming to Harney. He is survived by his wife also two sons.

The funeral service will be held at the Masonic Lodge rooms tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.



President and Mrs. Coolidge, photographed as they ascended the capitol steps for the inauguration, March 4th. Mrs. Coolidge's gown of Moonstone gray Joseana and hat of unusually deep crown brought forth exclamations of admiration from all women spectators. Both hat and gown were from American fabrics and by American designers.