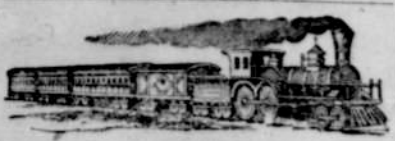


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Mining Application No. 49. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roseburg, Or., May 4, 1887.

NOTICE is hereby given that Willard Young, whose post office address is Cascade Locks, Wasco County, Oregon, has this day filed his application for a patent for 1500 linear feet of the "Summit" mine or vein bearing gold, with surface ground 600 feet in width, situated in Grave Creek Mining District, County of Josephine, and State of Oregon, and designated by the field notes, and official plat on file in this office as lot No. 37, in the description as follows, to-wit:

There being no public survey or established corners within the required limits, I therefore establish a locating monument, or initial point, with which to connect said survey. Said monument consists of a trap rock in place, 8 by 10 feet at the base and 8 feet high, and marked on the south side thereof with the letters "S. P. C." cut with a chisel in the rock. From the top of said monument, Section corner bears S 36 deg. 23 min. W. about 6 miles. Dyer's hydraulic mine on Ten East creek bears S 12 deg. 15 min. W. distance house on grave creek bears S 39 deg. 20 min. W. Said monument is located on the summit of Mt. St. Peter, on the divide between Grave and Coyote creeks, and in the center of the "Summit" mine, as mentioned said survey at the S W corner at post No. 1, from which the locating monument bears N 33 deg. E, 225 feet, and a white oak 10 inches in diameter bears N 58 deg. W, 13 feet, and black oak 12 inches in diameter bears N 10 deg. W 14 feet. Thence I run N 29 deg. W on boundary of claim, var. 19 degs. 31 min. E. Instrument used is an improved solar compass, 30 feet long, bearing No. 4, from plus 35, 600 feet - set post for corner No. 2, on divide between Grave and Coyote creeks, from which a fir 36 inches in diameter bears N 35 deg. E, 41 feet, a fir 40 inches in diameter bears S 70 deg. E, 85 feet. Summit shaft bears S 70 deg. E, 240 feet. Thence N 70 deg. E on N boundary, along hill-side facing north, 1500 feet. Set a post at corner No. 3, from which - 150 a fir 12 inches in diameter bears S 28 deg. W, 15 feet. Cut No. 3 bears S 13 deg. W, 260 feet. Thence S 20 min. east on east side line 265 feet - summit of ridge, course east and west plus 35, 600 feet set post for corner No. 4 from which - 35 a pine 24 inches in diameter, bears N 42 degs. east, 17 feet. A pine 8 inches in diameter bears north 22 degs. west 23 feet. A cabin and spring and blacksmith shop bears south 34 degs. west 250 feet. Discovery shaft No. 1 and tunnel bear north 88 degs. west 802 feet. Locating monument bears south 87 degs. 10 min. west, 114 feet. Thence south 70 degs. west along south boundary, 1329 feet - summit on line plus 125, 1500 feet - place of beginning, and containing 29. 65 acres.

The location of this mine is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine county, Oregon, in Vol. 4, Mining Records, page 628. The adjoining claimants are Edward Sanderson Smith and Willard Young. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said "St. Peter's" mine or surface ground, are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, in the county of Douglas, and State of Oregon, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the Statute.

CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 5-6-60ds]

Mining Application No. 50. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roseburg, Or., May 4, 1887.

NOTICE is hereby given that Willard Young whose Post Office address is Cascade Locks, Wasco County, Oregon, has this day filed his application for a patent for 1500 linear feet of the "Evident" mine or vein, bearing gold, with surface ground 600 feet in width, situated in Grave Creek Mining District, County of Josephine, and State of Oregon, and designated by the field notes and official plat now on file in the office as lot No. 38 in unsurveyed lands. Said lot No. 38 being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at post for south-east corner of claim 37, for corner No. 1, and from

which a pine 24 inches in diameter, bears north 42 degs. east, 17 feet. A pine 8 inches in diameter bears north 22 degs. west, 33 feet, and dis. cut on claim 38 bears north 330 feet, and locating monument bears south 87 degs. 10 min. west, 1148 feet. Thence north 70 degs. east, by improved solar compass, var. 19 degs. east, 200 feet summit of ridge bearing east and west (minus 15), 625 feet, dry gulch course north (minus 35) 825 feet, spur bears north (plus 15), 925 feet. Gulch course north-west (minus 15) 1025 feet, spur bears north-west (plus 10) 1530 feet, set post for corner No. 2, from which (minus 35), a fir 15 inches in diameter bears west 133 1/2 feet. Thence north 20 degs. west on east boundary 300 feet, center line of claim (plus 20) 600 feet, set post for corner No. 3, from which (minus 20) a laurel 10 inches in diameter, bears north 40 degs. west, 8 feet. A fir 12 inches in diameter, bears south 31 degs. west, 10 feet. Thence south 70 degs. W on north boundary 675 feet, gulch course north (minus 130) 1300 feet, post corner No. 4, being the same as corner No. 3 to claim 37, (plus 175), from which a fir 12 inches in diameter, bears south 28 degs. west, 15 feet. Thence south 20 degs. east on line between claims 37 and 38, 285 feet; summit of ridge bears east and west (plus 35) 600 feet, post corner No. 1, the place of beginning, and containing 29. 65 acres.

The location of this mine is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine county, State of Oregon, in Vol. 4, Mining Records, page 686. The adjoining claimants are Willard Young and Edward Sanderson Smith. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said said Dividend mine or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, in the county of Douglas, and State of Oregon, within the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the Statute.

CHAS. W. JOHNSON, Register. 5-6-60ds]

Mining Application No. 51. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roseburg, Or., May 4, 1887.

NOTICE is hereby given that Willard Young, whose post office address is Cascade Locks, Wasco County, Oregon, has this day filed his application for a patent for 1500 linear feet of the "Summit" mine or vein bearing gold, with surface ground 600 feet in width, situated in Grave Creek Mining District, County of Josephine, and State of Oregon, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as lot No. 39, in unsurveyed lands. Said lot being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a post set in a mound of stone 4 feet square for corner No. 1, from which the locating monument bears north 15 degs. 15 min. east, 434 feet. I run north 20 degs. west on line between claims 37 and 39, var. 19 degs. 31 min. east 330 feet, post corner No. 2, of claim 37, and center line of claim, bears south 85 degs. west, 14 feet. Discovery shaft and cut bear north 13 degs. east, 250 feet. Thence south 75 degs. 30 min. east on south boundary 1500 feet, post corner at place of beginning (plus 255), containing 17. 04 acres.

The location of this mine is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine County, Oregon, in Vol. 4, Mining Records, on page 621. The adjoining claimants are Edward Sanderson Smith and Willard Young. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Summit mine, or surface ground, are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, in the county of Douglas, and State of Oregon, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the Statute.

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But who is mixing the fatal draught That palsies heart and brain, And loads the tier of each passing year With ten hundred thousand slain? Who blights the bloom of the Land to-day With his fiery breath of hell? If the devil isn't and never was, Won't somebody rise and tell?

Who digs the steps of the tolling saints And digs the pits for his feet? Who sows the tares in the fields of time Whom ever God sows his wheat? The devil is voted not to be And of course the thing is true; But who is doing the kind of work That the devil alone should do?

We are told that he does not go about As a roaring lion now; But whom shall we hold responsible For the everlasting row To be heard in home, in church, and state, To the earth's remotest bound, If the devil by a unanimous vote Is nowhere to be found.

Won't somebody step to the front forthly And make their bow, and show (with How the frauds and crime of a single day "Spring up") We want to know, The devil was fairly voted out. And of course the devil's gone; But simple people would like to know Who carries his business on.

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The business which was chiefly monopolized by North Carolina in the days when our "down-easter," was getting his "book larnin'" is now carried on very extensively in Alabama, many of the owners of turpentine orchards in this state having spent their early lives among the pine trees of the Carolinas, where they thoroughly learned the business they now prosecute so successfully.

The "piney woods" section of Alabama embraces that portion bordering on Florida and the gulf of Mexico, extending northward from the Florida line about twenty-five miles, and from the gulf, from twenty-five to one hundred and twenty-five miles. Before the completion of the Louisville & Nashville road, the forests accessible to water transportation were about the only ones "boxed;" these, however, were used to the limit of profit and abandoned, as the railroad made available the extensive forests along its line. One of the most successful "turpentine men" in the state is William B. Carney, of Escambia county, a genial, hearty, live man. Travelers on the L. & N. pass one of his distilleries a little above, and the other a half mile below Williams' station. On both sides the track, for miles, the tall, straight, long leaf yellow pines are standing. Mr. Carney owning a nice little patch, extending one mile from north to south and eleven from east to west.

Of course, not all of this large domain is operated at one time. The custom is to divide one section of the forest into "crops," ten thousand "boxes" constituting a crop. This will not include more than five thousand trees, as they will average two "boxes" to the tree.

To "box" a tree is to cut away the bark and wood to a depth the width of a man's hand - about six inches - from a strip extending around the trunk a distance of twelve or fourteen inches, stopping it so as to form a "box," into which the crude turpentine drops as it exudes from the tree. Above the "box" the bark is cleaned away, and with it a little of the woody fiber, leaving the blazing much in the form of a broad letter V with its bottom lost out, thus making an incline, down which the turpentine finds its way to the "box" below.

There are no holidays for the turpentine workers save those which the severe rainy days bring; the business has no special season like sugar, cotton, rice and corn. It might truthfully be said of it, "Thou hast all seasons for thine own."

For once the trees are "boxed" they require continuous care. "Eternal vigilance" is the price of profit in the business, but vigilance reaps a rich reward.

The "crops" are distinctly separated from each other by blazed trees, and one man detailed to work each one. After the boxing is completed, the "chipping" begins. This is done with a sharp iron implement something like that used by mechanics for grooving. It cuts away a strip of the wood and bark about three-fourths of an inch in width. Both sides of the angle are "chipped," and every tree is subjected to this process once a week, from the time it is "boxed" until it is abandoned, ranging from two to four years.

If this were not done the flow of turpentine would cease, as it gums up its own pathway so completely that a drop can escape - furnishes its own plaster for its wounds, as it were. One can readily see that a man who

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is not "overly pert" has to get around "right smart" lively to go from tree to tree and strike the 20,000 blows required to "chip" the sides of 10,000 boxes, to say nothing of the mishits he will make, requiring another strike to complete the job. Neither can there be any shirking done, for foremen who superintend the "croppers" are constantly riding through the orchard, keeping an eye on every man's work and knowing the condition of every "crop."

In appearance, crude turpentine resembles white wax, after melting, has only partly solidified; it looks very tempting but one taste is as satisfactory as a whole meal would be. There is no special need of a sign warning intruders to "taste not, touch not and handle not."

Only a part of the turpentine finds its way into the box, the rest adhering to the surface of the tree. That in the box is known as the "dip," that removed from the tree as the "scrape," the first being taken out with a "dipper," the latter scraped off the blazed tree. The turpentine "dipper" might lie around in a conspicuous place for a long time without any persons mistrusting either its name or its use. It is of iron, and looks quite like an enlarged and flattened Indian arrow head, with its point rounded by long use.

An average tree, in a fair year, will yield about twenty-four gallons of the crude "dip" and "scrape," waggons go about through the forest gathering from each tree four or five times a year, delivering it at the distillery in barrels. Each foreman and each wagoner report to Mr. Carney every night, showing which crops have been visited, which gathered, how much brought in, and its quality; and accurate record of all this work is kept, enabling him to tell at any time the condition of his entire "orchard," which, this year, comprises sixty-two "crops," or 310,000 trees.

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Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 15th, 1887.

J. K. PIGNEY - DEAR COMRADE: - The enclosed press notices will explain to your Post, who I am. I have received so many invitations from G. A. R. Posts, W. R. Corps, W. C. T. U., and other societies to take part in their home entertainments, that I have decided to make Portland, Oregon, my headquarters until Aug. 25th, when I shall return east preparatory to move to this country where I shall make it my future home. Read the enclosed press notices. I have a number of engagements at present in your section of the country, and if you desire me to come to your town and take part in any entertainment, you must let me know a few days in advance so that we can arrange dates that will not conflict with the engagements I have made. I bring with me the Original Silver Drum presented to me by Horace Greeley through the hands of General Winfield Scott in 1862; and the drum presented to me by the W. R. Corps of Bangor, Maine, April 22d, 1885. Also the gold mounted Garfield and Arthur drum sticks of 1880, and the silver tipped sticks that were presented to me by Geo. W. De Long Post, G. A. R., of Honolulu, during my visit to the Sandwich Islands, April 12th 1887. Within the last year, we have taken part in over two hundred entertainments, and none of them has been a failure; they making from fifty to two thousand dollars in two nights. My son, who is one of the best fifers in this country accompanies me and plays for me. I would advise those getting up entertainments to have it two nights as the second night will pay as well as the first, if not better; such has been my experience. I carry every endorsement mentioned in the enclosed circular, also two honorable discharges. There is as much music in a fife and drum as there is in any other instrument, if it is only brought out. If we do not surprise and please your people as they have never been before, I shall not expect anything for coming there; all you want is some good home talent to fill in the programme, so we can rest. Advertise it well and success is sure. The enclosed press notices can be furnished for \$10 per thousand. I have some large lithograph pictures that can be had for 25 cts. a piece. I have no agent, and any further information desired, address me at Portland Oregon.

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