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Mining Application No. 49.

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 "St. Peter's" 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 of the County Clerk of Josephine county, Oregon, as follows, to-wit:

There being no public survey or established corner 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. cut with a chisel in the rock.

Discovery shaft No. 1 and tunnel bear north 88 degs., west 892 feet. Locating monument bears north 87 degs., west 1148 feet. There are 70 degs. west along south boundary, 1320 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 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.

Mining Application No. 50.

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 "Eskelton" 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 of the County Clerk of Josephine county, Oregon, as follows, to-wit:

Limestone Caves of Josephine County.

(Continued from last week)

The approach to the Caves is extremely picturesque. The numerous detached boulders on the limestone mountain side, under which the caverns, are enveloped in soft, green, velvety moss, and here and there ferns are dotted. There are two entrances, the lower one being at the base of the mountain, and the other about half-way up. Near the lower entrance is a cabin and accommodation for camping, including a fine stream of icy-cold water possessing medicinal qualities said to be of value. This stream, called Logan creek, has its source in the caverns, and was rushing from the lower entrance as we entered the narrow passage, after trimming and lighting our lanterns. This passage is 3 to 4 feet wide and some 60 feet long, at the end of which we ascended two ladders about 30 feet high, leading to a chamber which Mr. Burch has appropriately named the "Chamber of Mystery." This is about 20 by 30 feet. Thence we ascended 40 feet to the "Devil's Backbone"—an extraordinary ridge of hard limestone extending along the middle of a passage way 8 feet wide. Going along this passage we came to "Little Mammoth," a chamber about 80 feet long by 78 feet wide. Here we were 100 feet above the creek level. A rush of cold air met us, leaving the chamber and following up which, we found the end of the long passage blocked by a huge mass of rock. The ceiling here is all cracked and irregular. Thence to what is called "Steamboat Chamber," 80 by 17 feet, and 25 feet high; and after that through the "Devil's Gap," a tortuous passage, to the "Devil's Pit," an embrasure 40 feet deep situated in the center of a large chamber. Following narrow and irregular passages from this point we came to the "Last Chance Chamber," 78x34 feet, in the neighborhood of which are several small chambers which can be entered with some little effort of crawling through narrow passages. It is the "Last Chance" chamber is a wonderful formation of limestone resembling a large and perfect hornets' nest. Now ascending to the right we entered still another chamber of vast dimensions, at the end of which is a shaft or gap through which you can look into the "Little Mammoth," 80 feet below. Leaving this we found ourselves at the upper entrance to the caves, half way up the mountain side, where we rested and lunched.

Mining Application No. 51.

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 now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine county, Oregon, as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post set in a mound of stone 4 feet square for corner No. 1, from which bearing north 18 degs. east, 150 feet, to corner No. 2, from which bearing north 13 degs. east, 404 feet. I run north 20 degs. west on line between claims 37 and 39, (var. 19 degs. 30 min. east, 230 feet, post corner No. 2, from which center line of claim 29, 600 feet, a fir 14 inches in diameter, mark it for corner No. 2, from which (minus 50) a fir 26 inches in diameter bears south 18 degs. east, 25 feet. Thence north 75 degs. 30 min. west on north boundary, 1500 feet. Set post for corner No. 3, from which (minus 250) a fir 14 inches in diameter bears west 14 degs. east, 147 feet. A laurel 6 inches in diameter bears south 62 degs. east, 22 feet. Thence south 20 degs. east on end line parallel with end line of claim No. 37, 435 feet, summit of ridge bears east and west (plus 25) 600 feet, set post corner No. 4, from which (minus 10) a yellow pine, 24 inches in diameter, 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 631. 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 publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the Statute.

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resembling Mt. Hood in form and outline. This brings us to the "Mammoth Chamber," which is perhaps one of the most wonderful of all. It is a dark gray limestone room, 365 feet long, 140 feet in the widest part, and in many places it was impossible to see the roof with the lights we had. The room is very irregularly formed, and contains numerous huge boulders. At either end, and along the sides, are gigantic shafts, through which no doubt these boulders have descended, and in which several, from 5 to 40 tons in weight, still remain suspended by their corners just as they have been projected from above. In this chamber are the openings to several other smaller chambers containing splendid specimens of stalactites, different to anything we had yet seen—huge tulip-like formations as large as pumpkins, and thick clusters of gigantic leaves. Here also is a real waterfall forming the head of Logan creek. Along the route taken by this creek are several other chambers, each possessing its own attractions. But it is impossible, even in a volume, to describe everything, and to do justice to the impressiveness, beauty and interest lying within the aisles and walls of this natural subterranean palace. The visitor realizes more forcibly than almost anything else could teach him, that the great, mysterious processes of Nature produce works in comparison with which the human architect's most beautiful designs are stunted and insignificant.

Garden Spot of Oregon.

There is no denying the fact that the garden spot of the Western Valleys lies south of the Willamette; it is a region blessed with warmer suns and less abundant rains. While this valley has great attractions and has an extent far greater than other valleys contain, it is limited in its production by its northern aspect and occasionally the winter rains come down with a vehemence that is uncomfortable. The Southern valleys—especially that of Rogue river—are partakers of the best qualities and characteristics belonging to both Oregon and California, having the rainy season in less excess than the Willamette valley, and enjoying, by its southern location, the warm sun that heightens the fertility of California. Of the immigration that has come here by the overland route within the year 1886, a great proportion came with the determination to locate in Southern Oregon, and hundreds, if not thousands, must have been added to the population of the counties south of the California mountains.

From the coast to the Cascade range there lies, through what we call Southern Oregon, a wide stretch of territory that is exceedingly diversified. Stock raising will be a great business in the hills and outskirts of the Umpqua valley and the same in Rogue river but there is excellent soil, and locations suitable for much of the fruits grown in California, and time will make fruit growing more profitable than goldmining in Jackson, Josephine and perhaps in Douglas. Years ago Jesse Applegate set out a vineyard at Yoncalla that was abandoned just when it was able to make returns for labor, but it was said to demonstrate the ability to produce excellent grapes in the Umpqua valley. Of the hills in Rogue river valley there can be no doubt that grapes and peaches and apricots will grow there in perfection. With so much of the world east of us ready to purchase the fruit of that section, there can be no question as to the future of production there.

Fruit growing is a concentration of labor on land, for when the wheat grower has to be satisfied if he produces a crop worth \$15 an acre, a fruit-grower can count on returns ten or twenty times as great if he uses judgment in selections. Thus one man will be well off with 40 or 60 acres of land, half in fruit and half for other uses, and to grow his bread and feed. One man can tend 20 acres in fruit and also raise what he actually needs of other things, and by handling his fruit well can secure large returns. The best part of Rogue river valley should be divided into small fruit farms and made to produce very prosperous returns. All the soil is not so suited, and mixed farming will go on largely. There is much more hill land than prairie there, and we may expect when the advantages of that hill land are fully known it will be taken and cleared and converted into many fruit-farms. There is a pleasure in studying the resources of our state, and showing what different sections are capable of.—Willamette Farmer.

The famous Dismal swamp is no longer used as a shelter for runaway negro slaves, of course, but it is believed to be the hiding place of at least 170 white men who for various reasons want or try to evade life for a spell.