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An Opportunity FOR Investment

Rogue River valley is full of Oil, Natural Gas, Artesian water and other valuable minerals.

Nature's storehouse is bulging out with wealth and only needs the magic hand of man to unlock and reveal the hidden wealth stored up for the use of the Twentieth Century.

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It is the intention of The Oregon Natural Gas, Oil & Mining Co. to soon begin active operation of drilling 1000 feet to ascertain the presence of Natural Gas, Oil, Artesian water and other valuable minerals.

They are now bonding land in and around Grants Pass. Within the next six months they will be drilling on some of the property they have bonded for that purpose. They intend if it is possible, to supply the city with plenty of pure Artesian water before the coming fall.

The Oregon Natural Gas, Oil & Mining Co. requests all farmers and property holders to give them the privilege of drilling one or more wells on their property. They will give a percentage of the output of the wells to parties granting the privilege.

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You are invited to thoroughly investigate their proposition. You have nothing to lose but every thing to gain. If you are a capitalist it is a safe investment. If you are a farmer or property holder it will pay you to invest as it will enhance the value of your place a hundred fold more than you invest if they should find either oil, gas or water near your property. If you are a working man it will pay you to take shares as this will open up a vast and a new work for you. The merchants and business men should invest in shares in order to start this enterprise. Professional men, in fact all classes of people, should take a few shares in this vast and new enterprise and it will be a help to all in Grants Pass and Josephine county. If you cannot take 100 shares you can take 50 or ten shares. Remember every dollar will be returned to you if the company fails to drill a well as agreed upon. The stocks are non-assessable and fully paid up as they are used. The by-laws of the company do not allow a debt to exceed 1 per cent of the capital.

Scott Griffin of Grants Pass, Oregon, is a stockholder, a director and the secretary of The Natural Gas, Oil & Mining Co., who will take leases on lands and subscription for stocks and will give any information regarding the company. The closer you investigate the more you will help the company by taking stock and leasing your property for the purpose of drilling one or more wells thereupon as you have nothing to lose but all to gain.

For further information call on SCOTT GRIFFIN, Secretary.

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Council Meeting.

The final meeting of the municipal year was held on Thursday evening, all the council present except Smith and Haskins. A large number of visitors were in attendance to witness the inauguration of the new mayor and council. A rumor was afloat that there was going to be a "hot old time" in the council and that the graduating council would attempt to railroad through all sorts of measures before going out of office. As a matter of fact, they left all important measures for the decision of the new council and a very evident spirit of goodwill and harmony prevailed.

The finance committee reported that they had examined the city treasurer's report, checked up the accounts and found the same to be correct. The following bills were allowed:

Slover Drug Co.	\$ 5.85
City Meat Market.	27.96
John Randle, labor and lights for election.	1.00
G. P. S. W. L. & P. Co., water and meters.	76.15
Dr. Flanagan, medical attendance.	115.00
T. B. Cornell, groceries.	44.70
Win Knobel, board.	3.25
W. J. Rogers, rent.	2.00
Roote River Courier, printing.	2.00
Mrs. H. Thornton, board.	35.00
Englewood Dairy.	13.60
S. P. D. & L. Co., blocks.	1.00
John Niday, rent.	2.00
T. P. Judson, stamps and stationery.	4.85
M. Mott, extra police.	5.85
Cramer Bros., hardware.	3.55
W. H. Fallon, special police.	14.00
Judge and clerks of election.	40.00

In the matter of publishing the city ordinances it was moved that the compilation be certified and laid on the table for consideration by the new council. Bids for the sewer extensions were presented, but their reading was deferred till the next meeting.

A request from the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co. for the use of a position of Sixth street in the construction of their new building was granted.

Mayor Kinney addressed a few remarks to the council, thanking them for their attention, punctuality and courtesy during the year and congratulating them on the ability and dispatch with which they had handled the business of the term. He also gave a welcome cordial to the mayor elect, who was present. The council then adjourned.

Mayor-elect Kremer and the new councilmen, Frier, Williams, Lewis and Smith, took their respective oaths of office before the auditor and police judge. Dr. Kremer did not call a meeting, but requested the appointees and committees to continue in their various offices until the next regular meeting on Thursday evening, May 16.

School Notes.

School in district No. 14, at Murphy, under the management of Miss Stella Paddock, is progressing nicely with 28 scholars enrolled and an average attendance of 24.

In district No. 10, Miss Grace Barrett is teaching a school of 18 scholars with an average attendance of 17. This school is made up of classes in the primary and intermediate divisions, and Miss Barrett is complete mistress of the situation.

In district No. 9, P. W. Corum is teaching a school of 20 scholars. This being a joint district Mr. Corum has scholars from both Jackson and Josephine counties and is troubled by two county superintendents. Mr. Corum is an up to date teacher and every thing about his school shows it.

Mr. Jasper Miller is teaching in district No. 8. This is another joint district, with 25 scholars enrolled from Josephine and 12 scholars from Jackson county. Mr. Miller is a teacher of a good many years experience most of which was taught several years ago before our present course of study was introduced.

Miss Daisy Stites is teaching in district No. 16. This school is progressing nicely. Miss Stites is truly a successful teacher and the school board of No. 16, know the value of a good teacher. They have employed Miss Stites as teacher for the school year.

In district No. 13, Miss Lillian Pence is teaching a school of 18 scholars. Good work is being done and Miss Pence has thoroughly confirmed her former record of successful teaching.

Mr. John Moriarty is teaching in district No. 31. This school has 28 scholars enrolled with an average attendance of 22. This is John's first attempt at teaching school and notwithstanding the many reports throughout the district, I found nothing to justify any parent for taking his or children out of school.

There is a Class of People. Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and it will tell you in coffee. It does not cost over 1¢ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it Ask for GRAIN-O.

Belgian Hares. Riverside Rabbitry Breeder of thoroughbred pedigree Belgian Hares of popular Strains, pens herded by superb imported Dash Meteor and Princess Beatrice, scores 96. Dash Meteor is one of the finest bucks in America. He is the winner of the First Prize at the Yo county fair, California. Young ones from these hares for sale, also some heavy weight Belgians, will weigh from 12 to 14 pounds each when matured—the only heavy weights in Southern Oregon. Write for prices or call and see my Hares before buying. Visitors always welcome. Address HARRY MARSH, Riverside Rabbitry, Grants Pass, Oregon, box 164.

Hugo Items.

Miss McRay arrived home this week. Ripe straw-berries at Hugo Postoffice. Mrs. Henry was seen on the streets of Tunnel 9 Friday.

The gardens look fine and lettuce and radishes are in the market.

Mr. Hannon is daily hauling rail road wood to Hugo wood yard.

Mr. Lorenz, our section boss, moved to Wolfcreek. Mr. Tolson took his place.

Mr. Claud Williams and Robert and George Trimble are guests of Mr. Crockett.

Those wishing a good meal, will do well to stop at Yancey Hotel at Mr. Helling's mill. The lumber is first class, and the mill too.

Young Mr. Peterson is well again we are glad to say. There is no one ill around Hugo, of Tunnel 9.

Sunday school every Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M. Preaching after Sunday school every second Sunday. We are glad to see a good attendance.

The first month of the Hugo school, closed May 2 with an enrollment of 34, and an average attendance of 22, visitors 7. We had quite an exciting reading match last Friday, Ralph Cox with his assistants were the victors. Those on the roll of honor for the month of April are: Helen Henry, Lucile Henry, Mattie Mann, Elijah Willeie, Wiley McCormick, Hattie Martin, Ada Sexton and Irvin Yancey.

QUEER AFRICAN CHIEF. Ducky Monarch Who Takes All The Lion Skins and Has a Hundred Ducky Wives.

Mpsen's hut is built in the usual circular shape, only much larger than the other ones around it. When entering the outer inclosure the people shout out "Byeti" (the royal salute), and when crawling into the hut, the entrance to which is only some two and a half feet high, the same salutation is repeated. When I entered the hut first I could not distinguish anything until my eyes got used to the darkness. Then I discovered that there were some 15 people sitting on the ground, while in the center, on a little heap of cloth, was seated an old man clad in a dirty flannel shirt, and with some cheap print around his loins. This, says a writer in the British Central African Gazette, was the great Mpseni!

I sat down on the cushion I had brought with me for that purpose, and, according to the usual custom, waited until he should address me with the usual "Ndiona Inu" (I see you). For fully five minutes nobody spoke a word: all the while he was staring at me with his big glaring eyes—a stare which I returned, and then, at last, he addressed me with the above mentioned words, whereupon I replied: "Ndiona bambu" (I see you, father). Anyhow, it had taken him a long time to discover me in spite of my six feet six inches, but I was told that this is his usual way: to stare at his visitors for a long time before he speaks out. I then brought forth my "milk-dud," telling him that Chouala, whom his men had raided, was a friend of mine, and I wanted to ask him to release the prisoners. This he promised to do, and messengers were dispatched at once to call the induna who had sent the party raiding. Also messengers were sent to call in the other chief, who was raiding party to Chibundo I had intercepted.

Mpseni speaks, or, at any rate, understands, Chikunda and Chinyanja very well, and I could converse with him without an interpreter. The day of my arrival a lion had been killed by his men, and the skin had been brought to him, as the law prescribes. In his hut I noticed at least a dozen lion skins, and was told that nobody in the country except himself is allowed to keep one. At night they are spread out and form his bed. Though Mpseni is between 60 and 70 years old he is still hale and hearty. On the second day he made me a present in the shape of a cow, and I then sent him some cloth. In my tent I was always molested by his people, who came to beg, but they were not very successful. Mpseni has been spoiled by lavish giving of presents.

A white man in Mpseni's country is little respected. They will enter your tent, sit down, get hold of anything they fancy and say: "Make me a present of it, my friend," and not until I had treated one of my "friends" somewhat cavalierly and sent him flying out of my tent in spite of his crown (which signified him as an induna) was I left in peace. If one were to attempt to satisfy all the wants of Mpseni's wives one would soon become bankrupt, as he has 100 or more, and they all come to beg. The "king" (as I have heard him called) is the worst of the lot as regards begging. During my stay at least twice every day he sent and asked me to make him a present of one of my guns, and as other people have given him a gun and revolver he was rather disappointed to find me so obstinate.

When, after four days' waiting, the two above-mentioned indunas did not turn up, although Mpseni had sent repeatedly for them, I went myself. Mpseni is really a dummy, and his indunas do whatever they like. "Chikunda country," he said, "I have conquered long before the white men ever came to the lake. What right had they? What right had you?" I asked "In Asengia, Uhalis, Bisa and Achewa country?" "Oh, I was the stronger. Does not a lion kill the game?" he said. "And does not the white man kill the lion when provoked?" was my reply, with silence on his part.

Truly royal manners prevail at Mpseni's court. In his hut the people do not spit on the ground, but carefully rub it out with the hand. Only Mpseni himself enjoys the privilege of using a kind of brush for the delicate ceremony. The walls of his hut, but through the long usage of years are perfectly glazed now and polished.

Skin affections will readily disappear by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Look out for counterfeits. If you get DeWitt's you will get good results. It is the quick and positive cure for piles. —Dr. W. F. Kremer.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Grants Pass post-office, Saturday, May 11, 1901:

LADIES
Curtis, Mrs. F. C. Smith, Katherine, Benson, Mrs. F. C.
GENTLEMEN
Alderson, Joshua, Adams, Lester, Baine, Richard, Darby, Bliss L. Greene, Oliver P., Kise, J. A., Parker, Osker, Patten, W. F. U. F. HARMON, Postmaster.

It is always wise to add a word of explanation unless you are certain you are understood. A warning with professor of zoology, wishing to procure some trichine pork for purpose of experiment, went to the butcher and asked him if he ever got any spoiled pork. "Sometimes, but I always throw it away," answered the butcher, with a great show of virtue. "Well," said the professor, "the next time you have any, I wish you'd send me some," meaning, of course, to his laboratory. The butcher was inwardly very much surprised, but knowing the professor to be an eccentric man, made no reply except to say that he would. Three weeks passed, when the professor, growing impatient, again visited the shop, and asked: "Haven't you found any spoiled pork yet?" "Yes," said the butcher, promptly. "I sent you two pounds a week ago." A ghastly look came over the professor's face; as he stammered: "Where did you send it?" "To your home, of course," said the butcher. The professor and his family had eaten the pork, but, as no after ill effects were noticed, he consoled himself with the thought that trichine was not so dangerous as he imagined.

Among vegetables Lima beans have the highest food value, containing 32 per cent. of nutrients, says the Saturday Evening Post. Sweet potatoes come next, with 29 per cent., green peas next with 22 per cent., white potatoes next with 21 per cent., and string beans next with 13 per cent. Green sweet corn has 19 per cent. of nutrients, beans 12 per cent., turnips 11 per cent., cabbage, cauliflower and spinach eight per cent., turnips, eggplant and lettuce seven per cent., tomatoes and asparagus six per cent., and cucumbers four per cent. Dry beans or rice are about the most economical foods one can buy, containing as they do 88 per cent. of solid nutrient. Fish has very high food value, in fact, is very nearly as nutritious as chicken or turkey. A pound of eggs, on the other hand, yields only half as much nourishment as a pound of lean beef, notwithstanding a well-known popular theory.

The woman of 45 who owns to her age and could therefore presume to give advice to others was talking seriously to the comparatively young woman of 30, says an exchange. "Don't ever allow yourself to reach that stage of affability," she was saying, "at which people will call you a good fellow. I know that many a girl likes to have that reputation and men are likely to be attentive to the sort of girl who is called a good fellow. She is generally sure of having a good time. Men will take her over, always be glad to have her in a party, be very attentive to her at dances and make her seem like a belle. All these rewards come to the girl who is a good fellow. But I have rarely heard of a man who wanted to marry her."

Taking in view the northern states, including all from Ohio to the Dakotas, together with Missouri and Kansas, the rate of increase of population has fallen from 28 per cent. in the decade 1890-1899 to 18 per cent. in the last decade. The rate at present is accordingly below the average rate of increase for the entire union instead of above it as formerly. The agricultural prizes of the west have been won and population no longer flows to virgin lands to any large extent, whereas the manufacturing cities of the east still attract population. The central west yields the pace to the older sections of the east.

The census enumerators in many cases failed to realize the importance of mortality statistics. In one of the eastern states an enumerator had only two deaths in a population of more than 1,000 for the entire year, which the supervisor thought was not sufficient, so he sent back the returns. The enumerator responded with the following explanation: "Dear Sir: There were four more people that died, but they was widows."

A Washington man complained bitterly to the district commissioners of the pasting of advertising labels on loaves of bread, and wanted them to stop the practice, but the commissioners assured him that the official chemist's opinion was that the use of these labels on bread is in no way detrimental to health.

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RAIL AND TIE.

A project is on foot to connect the railways of Greece with those of Turkey, so as to connect Athens with Europe by rail.

Official figures recently compiled show the main line mileage of rail roads in Missouri to be nearly 7,000. This total is likely to be considerably increased this year.

The Southern Railroad company of Italy is expected to have built its locomotives, 121 passenger cars, 32 baggage cars, and 1,000 freight cars. Foreign concerns will be allowed to compete.

It is considered very doubtful if the Pennsylvania railroad will adopt nickel-steel rails for the points of severe service. At the famous Horseshoe curve the nickel steel rails have been replaced by those of the ordinary steel type, for it was found that the rails diminished the tractive power of the engines on account of their hardness.

A special car for invalids is being built for the Saxon state railroads for the transportation of those who can afford the expense of a whole car. It consists of three apartments, with a corridor on one side. One is for the sick person, and one of the others for the physicians, and the third for attendants. Cooking apparatus and refrigerators are provided. It may be hired for use on any railroad in Europe provided it is not needed at home.

A curious railway accident occurred in India lately. While a train was in Luxau station a terrific storm commenced, and although the brake was applied in the van and the engine, the force of the wind was such that the train was driven along the track. The engine dashed through the buffer stop at the end of the line, and traveled along about six lengths of rail laid end to end without flinching fastenings. After leaving these rails the engine plowed along the embankment and was detained by a standstill, no great damage having been done.

AMERICAN COAL IN LEAD.

Col. W. P. Bend Says Countries of Europe Must Look to the United States for Future Supplies.

Col. W. P. Bend has returned to Chicago from a two months' visit to Europe, confident that the nations of the old world will have to look to this country more and more for their coal supplies, and with a firm belief that the great natural resources of this country are certain to give it a steadily increasing prominence in the markets of the world.

"There is no doubt that American coal is to be in steadily increasing demand in Europe," he said. "The demand is there now, and there is a ready market for every pound of our coal. The English coal fields are becoming so difficult and expensive to work that it is impossible for that country successfully to compete with our coal much longer. Prices of coal there have doubled within the last 18 months, and so alarmed have the English people become at this condition, which carries with it a most serious menace to their steel and iron manufacturers, that leading English papers are advocating an export tax on coal in order to prevent the exhaustion of the supply and to protect their iron and steel makers from the further encroachments of the American makers."

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