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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 a number of wells to the depth of 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.

In order to get the people of Grants Pass and Josephine county interested in Natural Gas, Oil, and Artesian water they will give all of them a chance to subscribe for a few shares of the capital stock of the company on very liberal terms.

Suppose you take a few shares of the capital stock of The Oregon Natural Gas, Oil & Mining Co. of the par value of \$1 per share. You pay 10 per cent. down, 40 per cent. when the machinery is set up and is ready to begin operation and the remaining 50 per cent. when they strike a flow of natural gas, oil or artesian water or have drilled to the depth of 1000 feet. If they strike oil, natural gas or artesian water you have the option of taking ten times as many shares as you subscribe for. They will pay you back all the money received from you if they fail to drill a well as agreed upon.

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 other 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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Has Anyone Seen Him?

Mrs. Emma E. Easton of Dora, Coos Co. Ore., is anxious to learn the whereabouts of her son, Robert W. Easton, who for some unknown reason, left Albany college on March 15. He will be 15 years old in June, has dark hair, brown eyes and bends forward in walking. Mrs. Easton requests that any information, however indefinite, concerning him may be reported to her.

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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. Kramer.

Meeting of Medical Association

The Southern Oregon Medical Association held its annual meeting at Jacksonville Tuesday which was represented from all the towns in Jackson and Josephine counties. The meeting was both an interesting and enjoyable one. The annual address by the outgoing president, Dr. Flanagan, of Grants Pass, his subject being "The Diseases of Alaska." Dr. E. B. Pickel, of this city, performed an operation on the eye of John Mead, of Jacksonville, removing a cataract therefrom. The operation was performed before the Society, which was very successfully accomplished. Dr. J. W. Robinson was elected president for the ensuing year, and Dr. Geo. DeBar was elected secretary and treasurer.

Drs. DeBar, Robinson and Reuter, of Jacksonville, had prepared a fine banquet for the visiting physicians, which was spread in the banquet room of the Old Fellows hall. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Ashland on the second Tuesday in May, 1902. Those present were: Drs. Moore, Kremer, Major, Flanagan, Smith and Van Dyke, of Grants Pass; Drs. Pickel and Stephenson, of Medford; Dr. Brewer, of Ashland; Dr. Hygrave, of Phoenix; Dr. G. B. Cole, of Central Point, and Drs. Robinson, DeBar and Reuter, of Jacksonville.—Medford Mail

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Council Meeting.

The first meeting of the new city council was held on Thursday evening with the mayor and all the council present.

The following bills were allowed:

S. P. D. & L. Co. \$100.00

Hotel Lanyon 3.07

Rogue River Courier 4.00

Western Hotel 2.50

Palace Hotel 5.00

Oregon Mining Journal 3.00

T. F. Judson 8.00

The bond of Col. Johnson as treasurer was presented and accepted by the council.

W. A. Haskins' place in the council having been declared vacant on account of his removal from the city, the council proceeded to the election of a new councilman. Two nominations were presented; Scott Griffin, nominated by Herbert Smith, and J. A. Jennings, nominated by J. H. Williams. The former received three votes while the latter received four and was declared elected.

The mayor appointed the following committees: Finance—Williams, Smith, Kuvkendall.

City Improvement—Lewis, Rehkopf, Smith.

Judiciary—Jennings, Frier, Lewis.

Fire and Water and Health—Hood, Williams, Smith.

Scott Griffin addressed the council in regard to a difference of 15 inches in placing the monuments at G, and Sixth and at H and Sixth streets. This matter was referred to the street committee.

The question of sprinkling the streets was presented and referred to the street committee to report at the next meeting.

In his appointments for city officers, the mayor was accorded the unanimous support of the council. The following appointments were made: Marshal, John Lockhard; day police, Geo. P. Furman; auditor and police judge, R. L. Davis; city attorney, C. E. Maybee; city surveyor, B. O. McCulloch. The appointment of street superintendent was deferred till the next meeting.

Killed Two Cougars.

Sidney and Melvin Andrews, while on a hunting trip recently on the divide between Evans and Pleasant creeks had the good fortune to bag some big game, namely, two cougars who rashly intruded themselves on the observation of the boys. The animals appeared in a small opening in the timber about 40 or 50 feet from Sidney, who immediately and without ceremony shot one of them in the head, hitting the mark with the utmost precision and accuracy and killing the animal instantly. The other was ticed by the dogs and also secured.

The cougar is an animal that is becoming exceedingly rare in this country and those that remain are very shy and seldom allow themselves to be seen.

Notice to Builders.

Bids will be received in school district No. 1, for the construction of a school house 24 x 40, and the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids to be opened June 1, 1901. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For plans and specifications, apply to WILL ANDERSON, clerk, SELMA, Ore.

Leland Sitings.

Robert Crockett is running a hotel in Leland, Bob is a rustler.

We would like our Hugo correspondent to write some more breezy news.

Mackin Bros. are delivering a large amount of wood. They are also cramped for room.

Mr. Wilson, we understand, is going to build some cottages for rent. Wilson is a rustler.

We are filling lots of orders for prospectors that are going into the hills looking for quartz.

We can hear a new whistle blow. We think it must be the dredger coming up Grave creek that Grave-Digger wrote about.

Chapin & Munkers are raising fine stock. They have one colt that bids fair to take the cake as a trotter in Southern Oregon.

This is a lively time for farmers as they are hurrying through with their gardens so as to commence cutting hay as that crop is very heavy.

Kinneyville is a lively place and Kinneyville is hauling lots of wood. The railroad company does not take it away as fast as it is put on the track.

Oar town is growing very fast. We need more dwelling houses. People are coming here looking for homes and looking for mines. Many have to live in tents until they can do better.

We are having a nice getting rain. It will help all kinds of growing crops. The grain and hay crops will be large. The gardens in this vicinity are looking well and a big crop is expected.

We saw J. W. Chapin on our streets last week. He always has a smile and gentle manner for everybody. He is holding his age well. He has been on the creek since 1875. He has seen a good many changes in this vicinity since he came.

The health of the people is good and no sickness is reported. The small pox is gone.

Use Allen's Foot Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. Your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen, weakly feet, ingrowing nails, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package free. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.

Death of M. Volk.

M. Volk, for a number of years general roadmaster for the S. P. Co. in Oregon and an employe of the company for nearly 20 years met a tragic death on Thursday near Upton, Cal., while inspecting the track with a gasoline velocipede. While rounding a sharp curve, he met a work train and was thrown directly under the wheels of the engine. His head was completely severed from his body. One car of the work train was derailed. Mr. Volk was alone on the velocipede, but was closely followed by Roadmaster Burkhalter and F. J. Running.

The Bee.

The social given by the men of the Presbyterian church at the I. O. O. F. hall on last Wednesday evening was a success in every way. The attendance was numerous and appreciative and the financial results were gratifying. All present seemed to enter fully into the spirit of fun which pervaded the atmosphere of the hall and the evening was one of hearty enjoyment.

The following program was presented, Ross Thomas conducting the ceremony:

"See Hums"—male quintette by the following members of the hive; Be-whiskered Cramer, Beem-major Kinney, Bare-headed Cramer, Baritone Voorhies, Bam Summan.

"Allspice"—recitation by Bachelor Mensch. Mensch has been accused of originating the poem in question, but erroneously. He is innocent of that charge.

"Saneer Kraut a la Bas," vocal solo by Bam Summan; a touching appeal in behalf of that delicate, impressively rendered and very affecting.

"Potpourri of Brains" by Ross Thomas bright class was an interesting number. The house was appreciably illuminated by the scintillations of wit that emanated from this aggregation of prodigies of brilliancy.

"Barnyard Breakfast a la Burro" was served by Bowling the fiddle Kurth, with accompaniment by Bertha B. B. Barrie.

"Bright Boy on Business," presented by Boring-your-teeth Jennings in disguise, was a very affecting number and the audience was visibly agitated.

"Chilly sauce," with "brown bees" were served at the conclusion of the program by waiters in uniform. This was the quietest feature of the entertainment but not the least enjoyable.

Eight Grade Examinations.

County Superintendent Lincoln Savage holds eight grade examinations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at the brick school house, in accordance with the state law, which renders this examination necessary in passing from the eight to the ninth grade. The prospective graduates number about 25.

General Mills and Others Inspect the Burlington Carriage—Results Yet Unknown.

Final tests were made at Sandy Hook, N. J., the other day to prove the relative merits of rapid-fire guns mounted, respectively, on the old-fashioned coast-defense armament and the disappearing carriage. These tests were witnessed by the board, comprising Gen. Miles, Gen. Huntington, chief ordnance officer; Gen. Rogers, colonel of the Fifth Artillery; Gen. Wilson, chief engineer, and Mr. Henderson, the civilian officer of the board.

The tests were the outcome of a discussion that had been started by Gen. Miles regarding the use of the Burlington disappearing carriage. Gen. Miles' contention being that a gun mounted on this carriage cannot fire with sufficient rapidity. Gen. Miles, upon the board's return, refused to discuss the result in detail, but said that ten shots each were fired, from the five-inch gun and the six-inch gun on the disappearing carriage. When asked if a report would soon be prepared, Gen. Miles replied:

"A report will be made, but there may be no decision for a year or two."

Belgian Hares.

Riverside Rabbitry Breeder of thoroughbred pedigree Belgian Hares of popular strains, pens herded by superb imported Dash Motor and Princess Beatrice, scores 96. Dash Motor is one of the finest bucks in America. He is the winner of the First Prize at the Yolo county fair, California. Youngsters from these hares for sale, also some heavy weight Belgians, will weigh from 2 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.

BURIED ALIVE.

An Indian Woman Leper Suffered Horribly, Hoping to Save Her Family.

One of those extraordinary cases that police work in India occasionally brings to light came to notice recently almost accidentally, in a district of the North-western provinces. Two constables, Nohbat Singh and Rup Ram, while patrolling on their beat, overheard in conversation that a man named Durba had murdered his wife. They took the man to the police station at once and he there stated before the officer in charge that his wife had been suffering from leprosy; that latterly the complaint had become worse, and that the woman had desired to be buried alive, in order that her children should not inherit the disease. In compliance with her importunities he and his son dug a hole outside the village and buried the woman alive in it, four neighbors assisting them in covering the unhappy creature. The six accused have been arrested and have confessed to the deed before a magistrate. There seems to be no doubt about the truth of the story, that the woman sacrificed herself for the sake of her children, and that her husband and those who had helped him acted in good faith. The superstition, however, that the self-immolation of a leper is a protection against the transmission of the taint would appear to be a very rare one.

You are much more liable to disease when your liver and bowels do not act properly. DeWitt's Little Early Risers remove the cause of disease.—Dr. W. F. Kramer.

SECURES FINE RELICS

American Museum of Natural History Adds to Its Exhibit.

Excavations on Long Island Bring to Light Many Interesting and Valuable Reminders of Prehistoric Days.

When the many relics of prehistoric days which have recently been unearthed at Weir Creek Point, near Throgs Neck, are exhibited in the American Museum of Natural History, that institution will have come into possession of an archaeological collection of great scientific value.

Raymond Harrington, who is in charge of the museum's local field work, has met with unexpected success in his latest investigations at Weir Creek Point. Skeletons, argillite, implements of antique shape, stone cooking utensils, pottery beads and pipes have been found in shell heaps since September 13, the pieces of broken pottery and stone implements discovered at the bottom of the excavations being much more crude than those near the surface. This difference, Mr. Harrington says, tells of the progress made in the handicraft in hundreds of years. All of the relics come from a period of distant antiquity.

Twenty skeletons, which have already arrived at the museum, were found at Port Washington, on Long Island, where excavations were before the scientists began to dig at Weir Creek Point. They were found in pits about four feet deep, which had been filled with dirt, shells and broken pottery.

The skeleton of a dog was found under a stone arrow point between the ribs, tells how the canine died. There were fractures in the skulls of two skeletons, probably warriors, found in a single grave, and the bones of three children were unearthed together.

Mr. Harrington's most important discovery at Weir Creek Point has been soapstone cooking utensils, a rolled copper head, telling of probable contact with Lake Superior Indians, argillite implements, arrow points, stone knives, bone implements and split bones. A stone ball, used in a bow drill in the manufacture of a waxpump, is regarded as a valuable find.

Mr. Harrington expects to find skeletons near the borders of the Weir Creek Point shell heap. He believes the Indians of that village had more respect for their dead than to bury them in the piles of refuse which the shell heaps ultimately became.

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