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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.

Our arid lands will produce wonders if we once can procure Artesian water to supply abundance of water with which to irrigate.

Oil and Natural Gas are the greatest economical fuel of this generation. Shall we let it be dormant here in Rogue River valley, while other sections of the country are using nature's storehouses?

Oregon cannot be beaten anywhere in the world, for natural Gas, Oil or Artesian water. Rogue River valley is truly the Italy of America. Here we have the finest climate, the best apples, the largest peaches and the prettiest girls.

Shall the people of Grants Pass forever continue to drink the slime and slush and sewage that pours into the Rogue river while we can have the best of Artesian mountain water by the very simple process of drilling a few hundred feet?

What a beautiful city Grants Pass would be if there were a stream of pure Artesian water flowing along each side of her streets.

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. for the par value of \$1. per share. You pay to 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 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 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 too many 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.

The Natural Gas, Oil & Mining company.

Grants Pass, Ore.

...YOUR SPRING SUIT...

Have you neglected ordering that spring suit? Don't you see it is getting pretty late if you want to be in the early spring fashionable procession? We would like to furnish that suit for you.

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ACTIVITY IN BUILDING

Dwellings and Business Blocks.
Higher Class of
Buildings.

The healthful progress of this city is well evidenced by the quiet activity in construction with which a number of creditable edifices are being brought into existence.

The Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co. are erecting one of the most substantial brick buildings in this portion of the state. The foundation is entirely of the solid granite. The whole interior of the foundation is solidly filled up with river gravel and on this the cement floor will be laid. Not a timber of any kind enters into the construction of the floor or foundation and the whole is solid as the everlasting hills.

Work is being rushed on Tuff, new brick, on Sixth and H streets, which will be occupied by the Josephine county bank, and the walls are well under way. This is to be a two-story brick, 30 x 90 feet in dimensions. Its situation is such as to fill out the solid business portion of Sixth street in a most satisfactory manner and it will add greatly in appearance to that portion of the town.

The first story is divided into two rooms, one of which will be occupied by the bank and the other as a store building. Quite a number of dwellings are in course of construction and it is very noticeable that these, like nearly all that have been erected in the last two years, are of the better class of structures, built for respectability and permanence. There has been hardly a time in the past two years when there has not been a number of dwellings in construction and the present conditions in that regard are only customary.

J. D. Fry is building a handsome, modern and very complete dwelling on street on the site of his former residence which has been removed to make room for the new edifice.

J. Knapp is building a commodious and handsome dwelling on Second and A streets, which will be one of the finest houses in that portion of the city.

J. E. Weidman is building a very attractive residence on Eighth and A streets, on the "dead line".

T. F. Croxton is building a neat two-story house on Third and C streets. The building is of modest dimensions but attractive appearance.

J. B. Eberle is just completing a handsome dwelling on A street just east of Gilbert creek. J. N. Voorhies is erecting a house on B street near the school house.

Others of more or less importance are being constructed and the vacant spaces in the town site are becoming appreciably fewer as time goes on.

Leland Sitings.

Robert Virtue took a trip to Grants Pass this week.

Business is good here. Our sales are large for we have a large community to sell to.

We have been having cool, cloudy weather, with a little Oregon rain. Grass and grain is an assured crop.

Geo. Bear is about to leave for California. He came here for his health and as he is now in good health, he will return.

Haying will be in order in a short time and there will be a big crop of hay to reward the farmers so we will not have to send away for it.

We understand Mr. Henry has been canvassing in our vicinity for several useful articles and that she has met with good success. She is quite a fluent talker.

Mr. A. A. Porter, our efficient road supervisor, is getting our roads into good shape. That will encourage people who live at a distance to come and trade with us.

We see our Hugo correspondent is brightening up a little. She gives us quite a puzzle to work, but as we are so busy in the store, we haven't time and will leave it for others to solve.

We see by the Courier that E. E. Redfield reported that we had a severe wind and rain storm here. Mr. Redfield should live in Canada for awhile, then he would know a gentle rain from a big storm.

We have no sickness to report and no trouble among our neighbors. We are a quiet and peaceable community. We also have a number of amiable widows. Young men where looking for widows can be suited on Grave creek.

Kinneyville is growing at a lively rate. People are obliged to live in tents till houses can be built for the growing population. Kinneyville is to have a barber shop in the near future and a portion of the stock is on hand. Mr. Kinney has removed his family here from Portland.

We have good news to write concerning the mines. Two new quartz mines have been found in the vicinity of the Greenback. The rock assays high.

Fatal Accident.

H. H. Davis, a well known young man of Medford, accidentally shot himself at Klamath Falls on Wednesday.

In company with his wife, he had been taking a boating trip on the lake and on landing attempted to draw toward him a shot gun which he had taken with him on the boat.

The weapon was discharged, the contents entering the young man's body directly under the lower left ribs. He lived about an hour and a half after being shot.

Full of Variety and Interest.

Farm and Home is remarkable for the variety and interest of its contents. Illustrated articles, with live stock, poultry, fruit, young folks, household and other departments make a strong collection for a journal of this class.

The high standard of Farm and Home is known to almost every farmer in the country. Its subscription list, containing over 300,000 names, is in itself a telling testimonial of its great value. A copy of Home-made Contrivances, a most useful book, containing 650 pages and 700 illustrations, is included with each subscription.

Bids for Street Sprinkling.

Bids will be received by the Street Committee of the Common Council, H. L. Lewis chairman, J. A. Reikopf and J. L. Prier, for sprinkling streets as follows:

Sixth street from J street to D street. G street from Sixth to Fourth. H street from Sixth to Fifth. I street from block west from Sixth. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids will be opened on Thursday evening, June 6, 1901.

DECORATION DAY.

Observed With Appropriate Exercises. Oration by R. A. Booth.

Decoration day was accorded an appropriate observance in this city and the exercises were of a very entertaining nature and were carried out in the most successful manner. As usual, the business houses were closed for several hours during the afternoon and the city took a brief and enjoyable vacation from business and labor.

The program was carried out under the direction and conduct of the G. A. R. and W. B. C. who were out in force and made a most commendable display in point of number as in imposing appearance. The Boy's Brigade and the Fire company participated in the parade and the several organizations, headed by the band, met at the A. O. U. W. hall and marched thence to the opera house. The parade was of quite imposing length. Major Abe Axtell, as drum major, headed the march, followed by the band, who received many compliments for their exquisite rendering of their beautiful selections. After the band marched the veterans, with their old army guns, under the command of John Patrick. The wide awake Boy's Brigade, under the conduct of Lieutenant E. B. Brown presented their usual brisk and lively appearance and the Fire company in their resplendent red uniforms added much to the scenic appearance of the parade.

Before two-thirds of the assembled people reached the top of the opera house stairs, the hall was reported full to overflowing. Every available chair and seat was secured and standing room was at a premium.

Adjutant Abe Axtell read the orders for the G. A. R. from headquarters and Mrs. T. B. Cornell read the orders for the W. B. C. Then followed the ritualistic exercises of the G. A. R., conducted by Commander John Patrick. Mrs. Denton sang a solo very beautifully, assisted in the chorus by the choir.

Misses Maud Haber and Marian Haynes gave two very pleasant recitations, then followed the address of the day by Hon. R. A. Booth. Mr. Booth delivered a very fine address, full of good sentiment and poetic expression. At the close of the address, choir and congregation joined in singing "America." The companies then reformed and marched to the bicycle park, where the exercises were completed. A centenary was decorated for the unknown dead, volleys were fired by the veterans and the company dispersed.

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Dropped Dead.

Word reached this city Thursday that Dr. P. A. Harris, the well known physician of Glendale, had dropped dead from heart disease.

Dr. Harris was dressed and in readiness to take part in the Memorial Day exercises, when he was summoned to attend the sick child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marsters, three-fourths of a mile south of Glendale. He started down the track on foot, about 7:30 o'clock, and when nearly to the home of Mr. Marsters, suddenly dropped dead. Efforts immediately exerted disclosed the fact that his death was due to heart failure.

His remains will be taken to Oakland, where interment will take place Saturday, the hour not yet being set.—Plain Dealer.

Progressive Foreigners.

There has been trouble with the Jap railroad laborers over the Siskiyou, says the Ashland Tidings. The Japs are rapidly acquiring civilization and their methods of procedure are along the line of organized unionism. They have even brought the railroad company to concede a point, if reports are true. Twice there have been attempts to run them out, but each time they have returned to work, the last time in the protection of detectives hired by the company. One day last week the little brown men were detained over the time required for a day's work. This was an infringement on their rights as American citizens and they promptly went on a strike. They were out several days and only returned to work after an objectionable foreman had been replaced by a new man.

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New Goods This Week

New Patterns in Iron Beds, Ladies Desks, Book Cases, Wall Paper, Crockery, Glassware, Parlor Tables, Hammocks, Children's High Chairs, Picture Frames, Cots.



Foot Cut Off.

While attempting to board an incoming freight train at Ashland last Friday, Archie Palmer, the ten-year-old son of Brakeman E. C. Palmer, missed his hold and was thrown under the cars, which passed over his left instep, completely severing his foot. He was in company with Henry Carter, who succeeded in boarding the train, and did not see his companion fall. His groans were heard by a man working near by, who at once called for medical aid, and the little fellow was taken to his home, where his leg was amputated just below the knee.—Mail.

Don't forget that pecuniary charity is often a curse to humanity. Don't bet that the dog with the hand-some collar will win the fight. Don't submit to the inevitable until you are sure it is the inevitable. Don't place too much confidence in your companion when you are beside yourself. Don't think for a minute that a man ever bows to fate as a matter of courtesy. Don't forget the criticisms when giving thanks for the blessings you have received.

ANGORA CAT KILLS A SNAKE.

Possum Upon the Reptile and Finally Succumbs in Struggling Its Neck.

A large Angora cat, belonging to Dr. J. Hammond Bradshaw, of Orange, N. J., killed a snake the other afternoon that measured five inches around the body and was three feet two and a half inches long. The combat was witnessed by Mrs. Margaret Haighwood, Dr. Bradshaw's sister-in-law. Mrs. Haighwood says that the cat crouched and sprang upon the snake, which was coiled in the roadway in front of Dr. Bradshaw's residence. The cat bit the snake in the back and jumped away before the snake could strike. At this point Mrs. Haighwood stepped in and picked the cat up, thinking it would be hurt. The cat resisted, and Mrs. Haighwood decided to let him go again. The cat then made another attack upon the serpent, which succeeded in coiling itself about its antagonist's neck. Tom was nearly strangled, but managed to seize the snake by the neck and succeeded in killing it in a few minutes. The snake was said to be of the variety known as the house adder.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Gopher Gold Mining Company. Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Josephine county, Oregon.

Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 20th day of April, 1901, an assessment (No. 1) of two (2) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States Gold Coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, 630 Market street, San Francisco, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 29th day of May, 1901 will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday the 17th day of June, 1901 to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors. T. R. DEAN JR., Secretary.

Office 630 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

POSTPONEMENT.

The date of delinquency of the foregoing assessment No. 1, has been postponed to Friday, June 14, 1901, and the day of sale from Monday, June 17, 1901, to Monday, July 8, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors. T. R. DEAN JR., Secretary.

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