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

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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. 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 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, The Natural Gas, Oil & Mining company. Grants Pass, Ore.

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GREENBACK @ MT. REUBEN. Quartz Mines of Richness Explored and Developed in These Districts.

A correspondent of the Portland Telegram writes as follows to that journal concerning some of southern Oregon's mines: At the present time a greater portion of the hydraulic mines of Josephine's districts are closing down for want of water, and making their annual clean-ups. Nearly every day a miner arrives in Grants Pass with a jar of nuggets and dust, or a gold brick, the result of his season's run. The Rogue River Mining & Milling Co. has just finished cleaning up at its mine on Foot's creek south of Grants Pass. They washed off about an acre and a half of ground during the winter; their mine being equipped with a 15-inch pipe, and a water pressure of 275 feet. The exact results of their clean-up were not given out, but it is known that their run this year has been more profitable than any previous one.

Matters being more quiet among the placer workings, a Telegram correspondent visited the busy quartz mines west of Leland yesterday. Out in the (grave creek district, some seven miles from Leland, is the now noted Greenback quartz mine, owned and operated by the Victor Junior Mining Co. Here was found the busiest most noisy and, without question, the richest quartz mine in Southern Oregon. Fifteen stamps keep up a continual rattle and pound, night and day, while far back in the dark depths of the mountain 500' or more, with pick and drill, remove from the veins the previous metal. Three years ago this mine was thought to be no more than a pocket, and was sold as such by its original owner for a sum far less than the big mine now turns out monthly. The whole mountain is now honeycombed with tunnels and shafts, and still the pay chutes hold up rich. During the past winter nuggets valued as high as \$80 have been found in the Greenback, and, strangely, too, at a depth of 250 or 300 feet. This mine is noted for its free gold at great depths, the varied and alternate values of its quartz veins being the cause for much discussion as to its permanency as a paying mine. The Greenback is equipped with all the best of modern machinery, placed at a cost of many thousands of dollars; but the fact that the mine produces from \$10,000 to \$12,000 each month is sufficient proof that the money was not badly expended.

The Mount Reuben mines, in the Mount Reuben district, were visited next. This district appears to be a continuation of the Galles Creek district, and commences on the north side of Rogue River. Mount Reuben is a high ridge running almost due north from the river. The whole mountain seems to be highly mineralized, and is a continuous network of ledges and veins. After crossing Reuben Creek going west the first mine encountered was the Ajax, owned by Clark & Williams. This mine is opened by a tunnel, tapping a strong gold bearing ledge, four feet wide and running to a depth of 200 feet. This mine shows some ore, milting into the thousands of dollars, and equipped with Hammond improved, triple discolor mills, is proving a source of profit to its owners.

The next mine west is the celebrated Copper Stamp, owned by J. B. Wetherill & Co. It is equipped with a Tremont mill and is operated by tunnel and shaft. The ore is in high grade and holds up well. Other mines visited and found to be busy and prosperous were the Landor, Ramsey and Gold Bug. The first of these has a four-foot vein, running a depth of 100 feet, with an average assay value of \$20 per ton. The Gold Bug mine has the richest pay chute of any mine yet found in the district. In the Mount Reuben district, and, in fact, all over parts of Southern Josephine County, many new mining locations have been recently made, with excellent prospects for nearly all. The district has an abundance of wood and water. There are more prospectors and miners in general in this district now than ever before, and some surprising finds are to be expected during this season.

Board of Regents The board of regents of the Southern Oregon state normal school held their annual meeting on Tuesday of last week at Ashland. H. C. Kinney and C. E. Harmon, members of the board, attended from this city. The board elected the following instructors: W. M. Clerton, president of faculty; T. A. Hayes, vice-president and professor of mathematics; L. E. Vining, literature, education and history; Miss Lucie E. Helm of Oswego, N. Y., critic teacher. The instructors in science, music and drawing were not elected at this meeting, these positions being left subject to the action of the executive committee. H. C. Kinney was elected president of the board of regents. STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Oregon. Demand for Graduates—The demand for graduates of the Normal Schools during the past year has been much beyond the supply. Positions with \$40 to \$75 per month. State Certificates and Diplomas—Students are prepared for the State examinations, and readily take State papers on graduation. Strong Academic and Professional course. Well equipped Trained Department. Expenses range from \$120 to \$175 per year. Fall term opens Sept. 17th. For catalogue containing full announcements, address P. L. Campbell, Pres. Or J. B. V. Butler, Secy.

Wilderville Items.

Mr. Geo. Creed began hauling lumber this week from Draper. Mrs. H. D. Jones made a visit to Grants Pass last Saturday. Mr. Lassie, and family spent Sunday visiting friends in Wilderville and vicinity. Rev. Bouche of Merlin, being sick could not fill his appointment last Sunday. Mr. C. F. Lovelace is in the midst of having this week, assisted by Mr. Lind and Walter Bryan. Mr. Geo. Booth is at work on his farm on Rogue river this week and letting the road work rest. Rev. Jenkins of Grants Pass, preached an eloquent sermon at the church in this city last Sunday afternoon. Supt. Lincoln Savage passed through our city, enroute for the western part of the county, where he goes in interest of the schools of the county. Wilderville was teeming with business during last week, there being two book agents and a picture agent soliciting the town at the same time. Henry Hanking got his little finger cut off and the finger next to it badly cut, Thursday morning while helping his father with a mower. Children's Day was recognized by the people of Wilderville, and a very interesting program was rendered at the church, after which they gave a picnic dinner in the grove near the bridge on Slate creek. Claude and Kirk Robinson were seen on the streets of this city last Sunday. They have finished their course of studies at the Grants Pass High School, and have returned home to spend the summer. Mr. J. E. Burroughs feels quite elated over killing a bear a few days ago. He is also quite boastful over his marksmanship, but it is the common belief of the people of the community that his wife is the best shot of the two.

Mr. J. P. McConnell closed his school last Friday at Wilderville. A short program was rendered by the scholars, after which Mr. McConnell, presented to Pearl Lewis, Opal Booth and Pearl Booth, each a diploma of honor, for not having been late or absent a day during the term of school. These diplomas are very nice, and they should be proud of them not for the intrinsic value but for the honor of winning them.

Mr. Laurence Leonard passed through our town last Thursday with a new wagon, and a new mowing machine, having purchased them at Grants Pass. Mr. Leonard thinks the Shuttler wagon is the wagon, he said he had used one for twenty years, and the wheels all have the original spokes yet, with the exception of a few in one wheel. That speaks well for that make of wagons, and he was so well satisfied with the use of the Shuttler for twenty years, he purchased a new wagon of the same make. Mr. Wm. Ingram had quite an experience last Saturday. He had purchased a demijohn and had it filled with kerosene before leaving the Pass. On his way home near the Rogue River bridge the cork was blown out, by the accumulated gas. Mr. Ingram put the cork back and tied it in secure, and all went well until he was nearing the bridge on Applegate, when all at once he was startled by a loud explosion, and on examination he found that the vessel which contained the kerosene, had blown into a thousand pieces, and had not been wrapped in sacks he might of been seriously injured by the broken glass flying in every direction.

William Linton and G. Erickson went to Grants Pass last Sunday. We are having nice cool weather, good for the laboring man. Crops are doing well. Win. Cox is cutting a big lot of wood and has quite a force of men employed. The Kinney short cut is about half full of wood. We think William has matrimony on the brain. He is tired of bathing with so many marriageable ladies in the country. A person should not bath. We also notice that the Hogs writer is improving in her style. With a little more practice she will make a good item writer. Mrs. Henry was seen on our streets one day last week. She is improving in her sales. We think she has been benefited by meeting Leland people. There is a good deal of prospecting being done in this vicinity, the old belief that there are no paying ledges here having been exploded. We have at present men that are miners and prospectors. The Ajax mine on Mt. Reuben is developing a good ledge. They have a large vein and are milling this rock as it is extracted from the mine. The ledge averages eight feet in width and assays \$12 to the ton. It is richer as they go down. They are doing a good deal of development work. Kinneyville is a lively town and very nicely and tastefully laid out. All noted buildings are painted white. The park is all that could be expected for so young a town. Paddy Nolan was the painter. The way Paddy can handle the paint brush is no bother to him.

Alfred Herzog, a bookkeeper in the office of the Hamburg-American Steamship company and residing at 1615 Scott street, San Francisco, died from injuries received through a fall from a porch in the rear of the Olympic cafe, on Post street, near Taylor. Other people have fallen from this porch, as it is not protected by a railing. Senator Clark of Montana arrived at New York and will go to Bette for the purpose of being present at the marriage of his son to Miss Foster. His wedding present to the bride will be a check for \$1,000,000.

The British Pacific cable which is to connect Australia with Canada will be in operation by January 1, 1903. It will cost \$10,000,000. The new cable is to be 554 1/2 miles in length—the longest ever constructed—and the landing site at the Canadian end will be about seven miles from the entrance to Barclay sound and 100 miles from Victoria.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Death of Hugh Tevis in Yokohama. ...The Quarantine established in Texas against San Francisco, on account of the alleged bubonic plague, has been raised.

The steamship State of California sailed for Nome with 510 passengers and 1,700 tons of freight. The steamship Kimball also sailed from Seattle with 264 passengers for Nome. Thomas Watson, an old rancher near Susanville, Cal., was shot and killed by Ben Weisenberger, a miner. The shooting resulted from a disagreement about mining rights.

Hugh Tevis, second son of the late Lloyd Tevis, who was married in San Francisco on the 10th of last April, died at Yokohama on June 6 after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The widow, who is the daughter of former Governor Baxter of Denver, left Yokohama on the steamer Doris on June 11 with her husband's remains.

Mrs. H. E. Casselman of Sacramento returned home to find that her house had been entered during her absence and several articles stolen. Learning that the thief had been seen to go in a certain direction, she jumped on her bicycle and, after a long chase, overtook him and compelled the restoration of the stolen articles, but the thief got away.

The smokeless powder stored in the magazine at the end of Mars Island exploded and formed a column of white vapor 1,500 feet high. The 600,000 pounds that exploded caused no shock and no noise; no men were killed or injured and very little property was destroyed. The powder is valued at \$880,000.

The town of Willis, 24 miles north of Ukiah, Cal., was practically destroyed by fire. There being no waterworks or fire apparatus, nothing could be done to stop the advance of the flames. The losses are very heavy and the insurance light.

Andrew Ross, an aged citizen of Sacramento, fell from a window at his residence and was killed, his skull being crushed upon a stone pavement. Ross was a paralytic, and it is believed that he became dizzy while opening a window and fell out.

George C. Carson, a mining man and recently employed as superintendent of the Boulder mine in the Echo Lake district, has invented a process for the manufacture of steel. It consists of a carbon blowpipe, through the operation of which pig iron may be converted into steel as it leaves the cupola furnace.

J. Tibbitts, a ship clerk, 55 years old, residing with his wife at 1045 Mission street, San Francisco, committed suicide by asphyxiating himself with the fumes of illuminating gas. Mr. Tibbitts had been in bad health for several years and had threatened frequently to commit suicide. The first ground was broken for the grading of the electric road between Grand Valley and Nevada City, Cal. The ceremony was attended by a large number of the citizens of both towns. Harry Trott, a disolute trader, was tarred and feathered at Truckee, Cal., by the "Six Hundred and One." He was ordered out of town some time since, but returned and defied the vigilantes to make him go away again. He was taken by a large body of masked armed men to the brickyard above the town, tarred and feathered as far up as the mouth and ears, and ordered to travel toward the summit. A man named Torsou attempted to raise the mask of one of the vigilantes, but the masked man knocked him down until he begged for mercy.

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The midnight saloon-closing ordinance, which has been in effect in Monterey, Cal., for the last six months, was repealed by the city council.

War between the sheepsman and cattlemen of the northwest has begun, and promises to have many exciting phases. C. T. Van Allen, a sheep-raiser from Utah, reports that many sheep in Wyoming have already been killed by masked men representing stock owners' interests. He estimates that the ranges of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Montana now contain upward of a million sheep more than the ranges will sustain. They must be sold or starve. This condition results from the big influx of settlers in the states named and increase in sheep.

The naval board appointed to examine into the advantages of Lakes Union and Washington, near Seattle, as fresh-water basins for laying up naval vessels has made an adverse report upon the proposition. The majority felt that a fresh-water basin in this location, separated by some distance from the naval station on Puget sound, would be very expensive to maintain, and in the end one or the other would have to be abandoned. The minority of the board made a strong plea in favor of the proposed naval basin, and discuss at some length the engineering work that would be required to carry out the project.

Miss Alice Wolverson Eyr, a refined, educated and stylish young woman, has arrived at San Jose and proposes to establish there a colony which is to be devoted to a higher spiritual life, and advocates the unrestricted marriage theory lately put into practice by Professor Hermon. "The colony," according to a circular, "shall be governed by the law of love alone. It will be a realm in which there will be neither 'mine' nor 'thine'; a realm beyond the reach of weights and measures, morals and laws, in which there is neither wage nor interest, neither price nor bargain, servant nor master."

Frank D. and Annie L. Crafts traded their girl baby Marguerite and a house and lot at Stockton, Cal., for a span of mules and an camping outfit, the other parties to the trade being Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, who came from Nevada to Stockton with the camping outfit, and who have no children. Crafts had four children, and he explained the apparently inhuman deal by saying that he and his wife were too poor properly to raise four children, and that they would rather part with their youngest than see it grow up in poverty.

Mrs. Phoebe Davis, an aged woman of Los Angeles, walked in her sleep off the rear platform of a fast-moving train near Winnemucca, Nev., and escaped with only superficial injuries. She was taken back to Winnemucca and put on the second section of the train from which she had fallen. Captain John Hansen, who had his license suspended for one year by Captain Bolles and Baiger for losing the steamer Willamette, near Vancouver Island, appealed from their decision, but Captain Berningham, federal inspector of steamships, sustained the decision of the lower court, and censured Captain Hansen for unskillfulness and negligence. The Willamette was a fine vessel, valued at \$200,000.

Three thousand Indians presented the Passion Play at Camille, B. C. The tableaux and all the ceremonies in connection were the most elaborate of the kind ever produced on this continent. The excitement not over. The rush at the drug store still continues and daily scores of people call for a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Kemp's Balsam, the standard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never fails to give entire satisfaction. Price 25c and 50c.

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