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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1902.

The commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to arbitrate the anthracite coal strike are still engaged in the investigation of the mines and the conditions which produced the strike. President Mitchell, for the miners, has submitted to the commission a statement of their view of the case.

The Medford Success is a new publication, the first number of which has reached our exchange table. The new paper, small, but expecting to grow, is full of news and seems in all ways to be deserving of its name. We are especially pleased to note the fair mindedness and balance which seem to pervade its editorial columns.

The allegation of extensive frauds under the timber and stone act and the consequent suspension of timber land entries has caused somewhat of a sensation in some circles. There are a number of ways in which the timber act is said to have been abused. According to reports made to the secretary of the interior, locators have been shipped to the forest districts by car loads for the purpose of locating timber land. In other cases it is asserted that lands located as mineral lands have been denuded of their timber under the pretense of assessment work. A result of these allegations the secretary has ordered a suspension of timber land entries until an investigation has been held. Each timber entryman will be served with a notice to show cause why his entry should not be cancelled. It is asserted that the most flagrant violations have occurred in the Roseburg, Lakeview and Dalles land districts.

Commissioner Hermann, in his annual report, favors a repeal or modification of the timber and stone act and recommends an immediate withdrawal of a part or all of the public lands which are more valuable for forest purposes than for other uses. The damage to the water supply by the cutting away of the forests is urged as a reason for immediate action. The commissioner says: "If the timber and stone act is to continue in force, it should be modified to allow the Government to get a fair price for its timber lands. Since the enactment of the present law, 30 years ago, the Government has realized but \$13,000,000 when the lands disposed of were worth \$130,000,000 at the lowest figure. I believe free use of public timber in limited quantities should be allowed settlers and miners for domestic purposes, but all timber taken from the public domain for commercial and manufacturing purposes should be purchased at a fair price. Under the present law timber valued at not less than \$100,000,000 has been destroyed. Under a revised law, properly enforced by an adequate ranger force, this could not continue."

ELECTION RETURNS.
The returns from the election on Tuesday are as yet incomplete. In New York Odell is probably re-elected. Pennsylvania is republican by a large majority. Pardee, republican, is probably elected governor in California. Iowa, Kansas, Michigan and Washington are republican. Republican victories are also announced in Idaho and Montana, while Colorado is in doubt. Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee are strongly democratic. Both parties elect congressmen in Maryland.

WILDERVILLE ITEMS.
Cool, cloudy weather.
Mrs. Rachel McCann is on the sick list.
The mill is again running after having been closed a week.
Mrs. Lewis expects to visit her mother at Cottage Grove.
Miss Pearl Lewis is home again after an absence of three months.
Rev. Rogers preached a good missionary sermon Sunday morning.
If you want a bean thresher or saw mill built go to George McCollum.
We have had a good rain which put the ground in good shape for plowing.
Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Carl made a business trip to Grants Pass Saturday.
Miss Lena Smith is not able to attend school now on account of a fractured arm.
Clara and Kirk Robinson and Misses Ada and Chloe Robinson spent Sunday at home.
The Wilderville school is preparing a program for Thanksgiving day, which will be very interesting.
Zanoni.
FOOT'S CREEK LOOKING UP.
Dr. Ray has let a contract for tunnel 100 feet on one of his many prospects.
Harth and Ryan have over 100 tons of rich ore on the dump ready for shipment.
H. A. Reed is working the Crystal Spring property which is looking better than ever.
The Foot's creek district, always noted as one of the richest in Southern Oregon, is experiencing considerable liveliness in mining enterprises and a number of valuable quartz properties are being developed and are making an excellent showing.

DR. HOLT WILL SPEAK.
Dr. W. S. Holt, of Portland, will be in Grants Pass next Sunday and will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church both morning and evening.

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BOARD OF TRADE DIRECTORS MEET.

Monday night a meeting of the directors of the Grants Pass board of trade was held in the parlors of the First National Bank. The principal business of the meeting consisted in auditing the bills representing the expenses of the board for the past year, or since its organization in February. The following bills were presented and passed upon:

Chambers & Peterson, ice cream—H. B. Miller reception, \$9.30.
P. H. Harth, recording K. R. deeds \$4.00; Surveying R. B. ground, \$5.00.
Geo. Good, ice cream, reception to Harriman representatives, \$10.00.
Oddfellows Hall, rent reception, \$4.00.
R. L. Coe, plans, building, \$5.00; Deeds, R. B. Grounds, \$1.00; Envelopes R. of T., \$8.26; Napkins, Miller reception, 40c; Postage, \$1.65; Expense of cleaning hall, \$1.25; Washing dishes, reception, \$1.00.
D. H. Stovall, secretary books, \$2.00.
Express, pamphlets, \$1.50.
Postal cards, \$1.25.
Stamps, \$4.85.

It was moved and carried that the bills be allowed and orders drawn on treasurer for several amounts.
Communications from various printing houses, giving figures for the publication of descriptive pamphlets, were read.
The matter of the betterment of the Grants Pass-Crescent City stage road was brought up and discussed.

DITCHES BEING SURVEYED.
The Golden Drift Mining Company, which is putting in the big power dam across Rogue river in the Dry Diggings district, three miles above this city, has its surveyors at work surveying the route for the irrigating ditches the company will put in. The company will put in two ditches on this side of the river instead of one, as was formerly announced. This will save the pumping of the whole amount of water for the two ditches at the dam. The upper ditch will start at an altitude of 50 feet above the level of the river at the dam. The water will be pumped into it by a system of large rotary pumps. This ditch will follow the base of the mountains about Grants Pass and will supply water for all of this city and the farms and orchards below here as far out as Louse Creek valley, north of the city several miles. The lower ditch will reach the low lands of the Rogue in the immediate vicinity of the dam and the farms near this city that lie along the river. Manager Ament, of the Golden Drift Company, states that they expect to have the ditches constructed and water flowing through them in time for next season's crops. In the meantime the monster pumps and pipe lines will be laid for the operation of hydraulic giants in the Dry Diggings.

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MINES OF GALICE.

The St. Helens and Galice Mining Company are making a good showing on Galice creek in the way of increasing their facilities for operating several miles of ditches are being enlarged, and an old one that has not been used for years has been practically rebuilt. This company has one of the most magnificent water rights in Oregon for mining purposes, which, with the added improvements and large area under pressure, will make their property one of the leading producers of Southern Oregon.

Superintendent Ed Terry has had a large force at work all summer and has the mine in almost model shape for extension and operation as soon as the fall rains set in.

As the company can operate night and day for eight or nine months in the year, and the ground is extremely rich, and paid from three to five dollars per day to the man when worked by the old ground sluicing process, the company's prospects are indeed bright. A. B. Consin, who brought this mine to its present producing stage, by constant application and the expenditure of a great deal of money, covering a period of ten years, is one of the most energetic young mining men in the state. He has considerable capital in the mines of Josephine county, and has devoted a great deal of time and money to advancing the mining interests of Southern Oregon as a whole. He is now in Chicago, and has turned himself into a regular immigration bureau, giving out information and printed matter, and proposes running an excursion to Grants Pass and vicinity as soon as active mining begins, and is making necessary arrangements with the railroad companies now.

Hydraulic mining has developed itself into a business, engaged in by business men using business sense and principles. There is no excuse for failures in this branch of mining. You have the ground, it runs so much a yard, then the only question is—are the conditions favorable for moving it in paying quantities. With a good water right, plenty of dump and gravel banks averaging as low as 10 cents per yard, no more interesting or profitable occupation could be desired. The material for making many a good mine is lying idle along different streams in Josephine county, and there are hundreds of high benches carrying good values that would add considerably to the gold output of Southern Oregon if energetic men would take hold of them and put on the aid of the modern and powerful hydraulic giants. But under the development that is being given a number of properties there by the Portland companies, Galice will make its mark in the matter of quartz as well as placer mines. In the district are numerous quartz ledges of all widths, which have heretofore been overlooked in the mad rush for the free and easily gotten gold of the placer beds. The country rock of the district is

slate, and in this the ledges of gold, copper, iron and silver are found.

The properties of the Alameda Mining Company are just below the mouth of Galice creek on Rogue river. They consist of four quartz claims and 50 acres of rich placer ground. The quartz workings of the company are situated directly on the famous Big Yank ledge, which has been spoken of.

The company purchased the entire holding from the original owners and locators. The most striking feature of the Galice District is the mammoth ledge which passes through the company's property and known as the Big Yank ledge.

Bonanza and Monte Cristo claims, 600 feet in width by 3,000 feet in length, are a continuation of the Big Yank ledge. This ledge has a slate hanging wall and another of a syenite foot wall. The vein matter, a bluish quartz with iron sulphurets, assaying \$3 to \$30 to the ton, as depth is gained changes to sulphides of copper and retains its gold values. Development on these two claims is by three tunnels and several open cuts. A 30 foot in, a crosscut was run 40 feet each way and neither wall was reached. At the greatest depth from the surface, 125 feet, assays give values of \$10 to \$17 in gold, copper and silver values to the ton. As depth is gained by driving in of the tunnel, the ore increases in value, indicating the approach to a shoot of high grade ore. Other openings farther up the mountain show mineralized quartz.

Live Yankee and Yankee Doodle claims, known as the Rock Gulch mine, are developed by two tunnels, one 130 feet and the other 165 feet. Work so far proves conclusively that this portion of the Alameda Company's property is the same as the Big Yank lead, and further proofs are also found in the assays. This company has just let the contract for the running of a long tunnel to C. B. Mattison, of this county, by which a vast body of the best ore of the claims will be exposed and put in shape for the installation of a mill and machinery for extensive work.—Pacific Miner.

BIG DAM AT TOLDO.

A representative of the Courier made a visit, a few days ago, to the busy workings of the great power and irrigating enterprise of Doctor Ray, near Toldo. The enterprise consists in the damming of Rogue river with the object of deriving power and irrigating a large section of Rogue river valley. The big work is being done by the Conder Water & Power Company, of which Doctor C. R. Ray, the well-known Southern Oregon capitalist and miner, is president and general manager.

Dr. Ray has from 175 to 200 men employed in the day and night shifts. The river and works are brilliantly illuminated by a score of large arc lights suspended high above, making night work a comparatively easy matter. The work of putting in the dam is being rushed with the utmost speed and will be beyond danger of freshet or flood in 30 days time.

LELAND SIFTINGS.

We have no sickness to report; every body is busy.

Died—Claude Webb, a young man, cut off in the prime of life.

Placer is to have a big masquerade ball on Thanksgiving, with a turkey supper.

Mr. Vanbrunt, of the Steam Beer mine has been looking after his property here.

Several stockmen are looking after their stock to get them in readiness to sell as buyers are here.

Mrs. Wilson of the Wilson Mercantile Company has returned from the East where she went to visit her relatives.

The miners are waiting for water. If we get a good rain they will take out more gold than ever before, as they are working on the pay channels.

Miss Nellie Anderson is visiting friends at Greenback. She has been so tied to the kitchen of the Hotel Anderson that it is a relief to get out once more.

The Saint Peter mine in the same vicinity is being worked. A good while ago that mine was worked and discontinued and now it presents a busy scene.

Business is quiet at Tunnel 9. Robert Crockett, the section foreman, has his track in good shape. Robert is a congenial fellow. We need more of that stripe to build up our country.

The Greenback Mining Company is opening another ledge on the south side of the Greenback mountain. They have a good wagon road made to the mine. It is their intention to put on a mill as soon as possible.

Some farmers have commenced plowing, but the ground is most too dry as our light showers have not wet the ground enough for plowing. Last year the grain at this time was a band high as we had early rains.

We are having some cloudy weather with light showers. The grass is growing nicely and the stock are smiling as they have nice green grass again. The range was short of grass so the stock were not doing as well as in other years.

Ex-Judge Crockett got one of his legs hurt quite badly. He was dragging a log on the ground and the log became unruddy and hurt one of his legs. He had to resort to crutches for a while but is now able to go around on his own legs.

CARD OF THANKS.

The members of the Order of Pendo, White Rock Council, No. 108, extend their thanks to the members of American Order of Steam Engineers, Council No. 1, for the use of the A. O. U. W. hall on the evening of Nov. 1.

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MERLIN NOTES.

Milt Reynolds visited Grants Pass Monday.

Charles Crow and wife were visiting Merlin friends Sunday.

Rev. Rogers preached at the M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Law Gibson and Ed Bland made Grants Pass a visit Monday.

Clarence Crow has gone to Grants Pass to enter the high school.

We are glad to learn that Jerome Powers is improving after his long illness.

Mrs. Joseph Carter has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Sam, Abel, at Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McConnell from Murphy spent a few days this week visiting their son Prof. McConnell.

If you want to please your wife, take home a sack of Virgin's best Ashland flour; every sack warranted at Prof. McConnell's store.

The Merlin school has 80 students enrolled and more coming. All are doing good work under the teaching of Prof. McConnell and Miss Chiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colby and daughter Rose, returned home Sunday from Coyote creek where they have been caring for Mr. Colby's mother who has been very ill but is now somewhat improved.

BORN.

WRIGHT—In this city, Saturday, Nov. 1, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wright, a son.

POOL—In this city, Friday, October 31, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pool, a daughter.

ARMSTRONG—In this city, Monday, Nov. 3, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, a daughter.

DIED.

CHAPMAN—In Grants Pass, Oct. 30th, 1902, J. H. Chapman, aged 55 years, six months.

Mr. Chapman's death was the termination of an illness of many months. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church, Rev. J. W. McDougall officiating. The remains were laid to rest at the Old Fellows cemetery.

HAVENS—At 406 Center Ave., Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 15, 1902, Clark T. Havens.

Mr. Havens was a former resident of Grants Pass and is well and favorably remembered here. At one time he held the office of county surveyor for Josephine county. He had been ill for about six months preceding his death.

ROBERTS—At Salem, Oct. 27, 1902, Mrs. Elsie Yantis Roberts, aged 23, formerly of Grants Pass.

Deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Sarah E. Yantis, and a very popular and highly esteemed young lady. About two years ago she was married to J. J. Roberts, a well-known hay buyer, of Salem. She left no children, her infant child having died last Saturday. The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon from the family residence at Salem.

GRANTS PASS WEATHER.

Following is a summary weather observation at Grants Pass during the month of Oct. 1902, as reported by J. B. Paddock, local voluntary observer for the Oregon State Weather Service.

Table with columns: DATE, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Mean Temp., Prevail. Wind, Modes.

SUMMARY: Mean temperature, 52; maximum temperature, 61; date 19; minimum temperature, 29; date, 19. Total precipitation, 1.19. Total snowfall, 0.00. No. of days clear, 12; partly cloudy, 11; th. storm, 0. Prevailing wind, S. W.

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