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Mrs. Tingley of Point Loma, the "purple mother," has won her libel suit against the Los Angeles Times and has been awarded damages in the sum of \$7500.

Ashland has a few cases of smallpox. In all probability we will soon hear that Medford has the "Chicken-pox". That's the name it goes by in the middle valley.

The death of Representative Tongue is a misfortune deeply felt by the people of Oregon. He was, and had been doing a great work in congress for his state. Mr. Tongue's talents were solid and forceful. He was above all, a worker and knew how to get things done. Oregon has never had a representative that has done more effective work than Mr. Tongue.

The incident of the closing of the postoffice at Indianapolis, Miss., on account of having a negro post mistress has been made to create disfavor to Roosevelt on account of his refusal to yield to the demands of some of the people to appoint a white postmaster. The impression has been given that it was a new appointment while the fact is that she has occupied the office since 1897 and was endorsed by the better element of the white people.

After being a dry town for two years, Ashland has voted to license saloons. This policy was advised by the retiring mayor in the recommendations submitted by him to the council. The council was evenly divided, three of the council voting for and three against the license. Mayor Provost cast the deciding vote in its favor. The town of Ashland is just about as evenly divided on the question as its council and it is a very difficult matter to enforce prohibition where there is so strong an element in its disfavor. The authorities were able to stop the open traffic but did not greatly lessen the consumption of liquor.

A special election will be necessary to elect a representative to congress, to succeed the late Mr. Tongue. This election will be called by the governor. A new representative being needed, this becomes a new and important feature in the senatorial fight now confronting the legislature, and with the congressional nomination in view, combinations are possible which might upset the best laid plans of the shrewdest schemer. This is the second vacancy for Oregon caused by death. The first was in 1875, when Joseph G. Wilson died before taking his seat in congress. In that case, James W. NeSmith, a democrat, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of a republican.

The work which has been taken up and is now being carried on by the Women's club of this city is one of importance and deserving of the support of all. Though organized only recently, much has been already accomplished and work is planned that will be of great benefit to our town and all of its people. One of the most important projects that the club has in view is the establishment and maintenance of a free reading room and library. They are also planning to have Booker T. Washington deliver an address in this city. In the club they have classified departments, each with its superintendent. Addresses are given on papers read on the several topics by able instructors. Their aim and effort is all toward intellectual and social improvement. They are doing a good work and are planning greater things for the future.

Some time ago it was announced that a new formula for producing gold had been discovered. A man named Wynn had discovered a process by which gold might be grown, that is, low grade ore could be brought to produce high values. In the opinion of many the mining industry was to be revolutionized and some even thought that gold would become as cheap as iron. A company was formed, a plant was to be constructed and an immense fortune was imminent for the owners of the patent. The quartz mills all over the country kept on steadily dropping their stamps and the matter was forgotten in a few months, except in the immediate vicinity of the plant which was installed at Denver to work ore by the Wynn process. Now comes the news that the company has abandoned the operations in disgust and has shut down the plant and made the formula public. The process has gone the way of the old alchemical methods and now, as always, the only way to produce gold is to find where it is and dig it out.

DIAMOND CREEK MINES

Immense Copper Properties of Del Norte County. The copper mines of Diamond creek, Del Norte county, Cal., owned by Col. J. S. Crawford and associates are being steadily developed and a crew of 10 men are kept constantly at work. The development is being carried on and the mine is being opened under the management of Col. Crawford, who has had large experience in mining. The ore deposit of these mines is of great magnitude and it is expected that they will be among the greatest copper producers of the west when properly opened and equipped.

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KNOW IT WAS PLATINUM. KILLED IN THE CLEOPATRA

But Until Recently There has Been no Market. Editor Courier—In your last issue speaking of platinum in the mines of this portion of the country you say: "For a number of years past the placer miners of the western Josephine districts have been finding a quantity of an unknown metal in their sluices at clean-up time. The metal was mixed with the black sand and the miners being ignorant of its identity and value threw it from their sluices." For 22 years we have been finding considerable quantities of platinum in our annual clean-ups and that without making any special effort to catch it; and all of that time we knew that it was platinum. Until recent years there was no market for it. About 15 years ago we sent about nine ounces of it to San Francisco, never receiving a cent for it. They did not consider the matter of sufficient importance to report to us what they did with it. Twenty years ago the Joe Smith gulch yielded nice lots of it, but as you say, we threw it away. We knew what it was, however. Very respectfully, W. J. Wimer. The Tidings says that Herbert McCarty, son of Engineer McCarty who has entered the Pullman dining-car service on the S. P. railroad, and made his initial student trip last week.

..SPECIAL SALE..

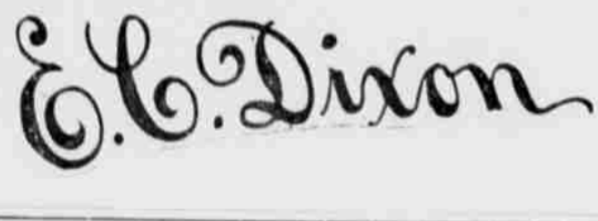
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THE GRANITE HILL MINES

Quartz and Placers Purchased by American Gold Fields Co.

The Granite Hill mines, situated on Louisa creek about eight miles north of Grants Pass, were purchased last week by the American Gold Fields Co. of Chicago. The consideration and terms are not yet made public but it is understood that the sale involves the largest payment ever made for a mining property in Southern Oregon. This property was owned by Senator R. A. Booth of Eugene, A. J. Hechtman, F. H. Buck and H. Fleischacker of San Francisco and C. L. Mangum of Grants Pass. It embraces both quartz and placer property and consists of seven quartz claims and about 600 acres of placer property. Deposits of remarkable richness are features both of the placer and the quartz. Only recently a vein of very rich quartz was opened. This vein has a width of two and a half feet and its values run from \$100 to \$300 per ton.

The Granite Hill placers are a continuation of the two large mines formerly known as the Hall & Beck and the Junction. The latter property has never been operated to any great extent on account of the difficulty of getting to bedrock. It lies in a basin formed by an immense slide and the ground is some 40 feet deep. A tunnel 800 feet long was at one time driven to open this basin, but on completion was found some six feet too high to bottom the ground, having been run on a too superficial examination. The ground is very rich. Five shafts were sunk to bedrock in the basin and it is estimated that at least 100 acres of an O'Garra free. Address Smith Bros., Grants Pass, Cal.

This mine will be opened by a 1400 foot tunnel. The Granite Hill placers, formerly the Hall & Beck, has long been known as one of the best placers of this region and has been in profitable operation for a number of years. Singular to state, its discovery was in comparatively recent years, so that the richest gold fields of the creek lay untouched through all the earlier mining days. The property is equipped with a five-stamp mill with concentrator and two hydraulic plants. The new owners now have a force of 12 men at work on the quartz mine and will have a large crew of men employed before long. As soon as the roads are fit for hauling, a large amount of new machinery will be added. A five-stamp mill will be erected, with crusher, belt and all machinery necessary to the mine's successful working. The improvements immediately contemplated involve the expenditure of some \$75,000 and will make it one of the richest mines of Oregon. Walter de Narva is the company's consulting engineer and is directing the mining operations. The mine has been developed and brought to its present favorable showing largely by the efforts and under the management of C. L. Mangum.

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WORKING MINE TAILINGS.

Cyaniding Plant in Successful Operation at Ashland.

The cyanide plant established at the plant of Ashland quartz mill damped by Richard Bros. began making the first run Dec. 15, last and a clean-up was made last week with results quite satisfactory to the owners. The firm is composed of C. Pond and H. J. Richards, who have followed the business of cyaniding in Montana and Nevada for several years. This plant in Ashland is of 15 tons daily capacity and well equipped to do good work. They shipped it here from Indian Creek, Siskiyou county, where they operated all summer on the tailings of the Franklin mill.

The Franklin mill run on rock from the Bonanza and Grizzly mines and also milled a good deal of custom rock in the district. There were no more dry tailings available and the weather was unsuited over there for further cyaniding operations, so Richard Bros. decided to move to Ashland where they had purchased the mill tailings of the Oregon and Montreal Gold Mining Co., who have been operating the Ashland mine. The pile of tailings is estimated at about 1600 tons and will afford the plant about a five months' run. The first tailings from the Ashland mine which were reduced by a cyanide plant a few years ago were rich and made some money for the operators. The tailings of recent years have not been thought to be especially valuable as it was understood the milling was very close but Richard Bros. find good values in gold as far as their investigations have gone. The best tailings are understood to be the product of the milling preceding the era of the Oregon and Montreal Company.

Clean-ups will be made about every two weeks. The gentlemen are their own operators, chemists and workmen, and can make the enterprise pay if there is any pay to be had from the dump.—Valley Record.

NEW HYDRAULIC DERRICK.

Galice Miner's Contrivance for Moving Boulders.

The Pacific Miner of recent date contains the following description of hydraulic derrick invented and operated by Ed F. Terry, superintendent of the St. Helens & Galice placer at Galice:

One of the most unique devices for handling boulders, stumps, etc., in placer mines that has come to my notice is the hydraulic derrick, designed and constructed by Ed F. Terry, superintendent of the St. Helens & Galice Mining Company, Cal., at Galice creek, Josephine county. Mr. Terry is an expert as well as a practical hydraulic miner, and having had a great deal of experience with large derricks in eastern quarries operated by steam, submitted plans to the company for a derrick that would lift two tons by the application of water power used in the mine.

Several eastern men who have recently been at the scene of operations, say it is the greatest labor saving contrivance they ever saw, and that boulder dumping at this mine is a thing of the past.

At the company's office, in the McKay building, Mr. Consin, the man in charge, gave the desired information in regard to the mechanism. The power is distinctly separate from the derrick, and consists of a three-foot Pelton wheel, 8-inch drum, a three and a half-inch gearing, the large wheel being on the drum and the small one on the wheel shaft, which works in a clutch and can be thrown in and out of gear. The whole is set in a solid frame about 2 1/2 feet, and a king bolt through the bottom enables it to be turned in any direction. The derrick proper can be moved anywhere in the mine within a radius of 100 feet without the necessity of moving the power.

A four-inch hose, engine leads from the main pipe near the plant and the power and is discharged through a 1 1/2-inch nozzle under a 175 feet lead to the wheel. A 1/2-inch wire cable leads from the drum to the top of the standard of the derrick and through a pulley working on a swivel which brings it always in a line with the power. This allows the bottom to swing under the cable. The cable runs through one double and one single block from the end of the boom, raises the platform loaded with rock so that it will clear obstructions, is swung around, and a handy arrangement makes it self-dumping.

When the load is at the proper height the water is turned off, and a level staff looks, applied to the large gear wheel, and the bucket or platform is lowered as desired. It is not only a saving of several minutes in the "dumps," but greatly facilitates the work. When the crew are filling one platform, the other is being made out and dumped, and a few minutes suffices to clear the mine of large boulders and stumps that formerly took four men hours to clear.

This is the only successfully operated water power derrick in Oregon, and will revolutionize placer mining in that county.

Hundreds of acres of gravel bars that could not be handled by the individual miner with the old methods, can now be worked with profit. George Waggoner, for years chief clerk of the surveyor-general's office recently visited the mines of Southern Oregon, and reports greater activity on Galice creek, than any other district he visited. He says the improvements put on the property of the St. Helens & Galice Mining Company enables this company to handle a tremendous amount of ground in 24 hours. He saw gold enough to satisfy the most skeptical as to the value contained therein.

John D. Bush, a prominent real estate man of Dubuque, Iowa, gave the ground a thorough prospecting and, having considerable knowledge of hydraulic mining is able to make a very profitable report. He says: "It is wonderful, the riches lying un-



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A. A. DAVIS.

touching in the hills and valley of the Galice region. If you better prospects to the past than I have seen in extensively operated camps in California. The equipment of the company owning this ground is a model one, and the boulders and dirt are going through the boxes at a surprising rate. The ground is of a fine nature in quality, and the ground running as high as 75 to 75 cents to the yard." Mr. A. A. Davis has interested a number of men in Southern Oregon mines, and several companies organized for the purpose of developing good properties will be the immediate outcome.

A PROMISING PROPOSITION

Half Mines on Grave Creek Make Excellent Showing.

The quartz claims in the Grave creek district owned by John and George Hall of Grants Pass, though little developed, are among the most promising of the Josephine county properties. The property consists of five claims, on which an option to purchase for \$25,000 is held by Philadelphia parties. One of the ledges shows a width of several feet and gives good values throughout. Some of the rock obtained is enormously rich. The property lies in the head of Jordan gulch, which has been placer mined since the early days and has produced a large amount of gold. Old time placer miners tell of the finding of a quartz boulder near the head of the gulch which produced \$5000 from five sacks of ore. Efforts to find the boulder from which it had apparently broken, were fruitless. This property is in the same district as the famous Greenback mine. It is situated on the east side of Grave creek, near the Jump-off-Joe divide.

Concentrates

Mining and Scientific Press. An association of eight owners may jointly take up 150 acres of placer ground, in which event the assessment may all be done at one place.

The deepest hole drilled in the United States is the oil well of the Forest Oil Company, West Elizabeth, Albany county, P. M., 5375 feet. At the Kohliwal colliery, in the Saar district, Germany, in a crosscut, where the ground was bad, and a great great pressure, the workings were lined with concrete to a distance of 200 meters, and it has proven a success.

Where a vein having a gauge accompanying it, in hard rock, dips out of a shaft being sunk on it, but which does not depart a great distance from the line of the shaft, it will usually be found to be economy to remove all the rocks between the vein and the shaft, as the speed made in sinking will more than pay for increased expense of timbering and removing ground.

The introduction of an erode petroleum as fuel in a reverberatory furnace at the Sutor Creek, Cal., reduction works has been found to be advantageous, as it permits a largely increased capacity of furnace, and the flame is so completely under control that a more thorough roasting is accomplished than when wood was used. The tailings are also of a lower grade than formerly.

Basket Ball

Members of the Roseburg militia company have organized a basket ball team and are arranging for a tour of southern Oregon in March. They are anxious to meet the basket ball teams of the other southern Oregon towns.

FINIS WAY TO LIVE LONG.

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by Dr. H. B. Downey, of Chatsworth, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine in my mind dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." W. F. Kremer guarantees every six and \$1.00 bottle, and gives trial bottles free.

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CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET.

Josephine County Docket for the January Term

Chas. Niekell vs Libby H Randall. Action for money. Jas Carter and C W Bonliware vs J P and J T Tuffs. Action for money.

M M Harzness, Estate. Appeal from county court. Chas. Sanders vs Sam Call. Appeal from justice court. Phillip Wolfe & Co., vs Alberta G Lincoln and M Johnson. Replevin. Phillip Wolfe & Co., vs John Hanau, Executor. Replevin.

W P Wright vs F H Osgood and J S Crawford. Action for money. T B Cornell vs Florence Ranzan. Action for money. A C Hough vs English-Canadian Co. Action for money.

Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co., vs School Dist. No. 18. Action for money. L Carleton vs Jacob Steiner and J J Roberts. Action for money. J A Tate and R S Bratton vs Oscar Beer. Action for money. Alice H Culver vs Ernest Lister, R G Smith, et al. Action for damages.

H C McIntosh vs R G Smith and Chas. Sanders. Action for money.

SUITS IN EQUITY.

H M Gorham vs J C Dyrest. Chas. T. Tatt vs Jane Chadwick, et al. James Little vs F H Osgood. S W Smith vs Nellie Smith. Divorce. The Illinois & Josephine Gravel Mining Co., vs Harry Bailey. J A Lindsay vs A H and L W Carson, and H B Miller. Henry Booth vs May Booth. A C Hough vs A W Fox and James O B Gunn.

C A Troethen vs T F Reurke. W S Weiland vs Grants Pass New Water, Light & Power Co. P A Smith vs A J Shurwood. W J Matthews vs Eureka Mining Co. Jans H Aden, by C C Taylor, guardian vs T O Naucek. Mary Askew vs George Askew. Divorce.

Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co., vs Thomas Butts. W J Harris vs English-Canadian Co. Elin J Cope vs Big Yank Mining & Milling Co. Lizzie Isham vs George M Isiam. Divorce. Jonathan L Williams vs Indiana V Williams. Divorce. F Petch vs Lucy Verren. C W Knowles vs A W Fox. Ellen St. Louis vs Henry E Booth, et al.

Fred Geyer vs H S and Hattie Wyant. Elizabeth Grove vs F F Grove. Divorce. Eleta J Anderson vs John P Anderson. Divorce. J O Booth vs H L White. Lee Yokum vs James Yokum. Divorce. F F Blanton vs Florence V Blanton. Divorce. Lillie V Frater vs James W Frater. Divorce.

Provolt Items.

John Bohkopf is putting in a new hop yard on the Jeter place. Frank Bryan has leased his ranch on Williams creek to Sam Hayden and departed for California last week. Clarence Messenger has purchased a De Laval cream separator and is sending cream twice a week to the Roseburg creamery.

B. W. Eastman has contracted to supply poles to rattle the hop yard of Lewis Luesch. Everett Lawson has the contract for delivering them. The weather continues fine; clear nights and sunny days. Roads are considerably improved, permitting heavy hauling again. Reports of blasting, shows that the miners are still very busy.

Considerable excitement has been occasioned in this district by reports of a small pox case at Williams. The precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the contagion and there is but little alarm felt in general.

Hop growers of the Applegate and Williams valleys are interested in the proposition to establish a state hop yard inspector's office. Disagreements between the growers and dealers as to the quality of hops would thus find easy settlement.

Nipper and Johnson are working energetically at the erection of their new saw mill at Murphy, and at procuring timber for next summer's cut. Timbers and lumber are on the mill site and Louie Custer commenced the building on Monday. Men are at work digging a race for a mill pond to hold logs. Bank houses and barns are already up. Many hundreds of logs are on the bank of Applegate ready for rafting. Such an enterprise as this is a great help to any community and we wish this one an especial success.

Last Sunday, Provolt's young men left the Provolt Sunday school to the charge of the weaker sex, while they accompanied the Provolt base ball nine to Missouli. Flat, where they were victorious by the score of 17 to 5. The Sunday school did not suffer from their absence, however. XYZ.

Wilderville Items. Miss Goble Lewis is on the sick list. It has been very cool the last few days. Burton Burrough made a trip to Grants Pass one day this week. J C K. McCann made a business trip to Grants Pass the first of the week.

Miss Pearl Lewis is now convalescent, after having been sick for several days. We expect our school to start up next Monday, with Mr. Lincoln Savage as teacher. Della Bessie and Clarence McCollum spent a few days of last week at their uncle's, J. W. McCollum.

Rev. Rogers preached a fine sermon at Wilderville, Sunday morning and

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WOOD WANTED. Bids will be received for 1500 cu ft of two foot fir and oak wood for house building, for school district No. 1, Grants Pass, Oregon, wood to be about the same dimensions as railroad wood. Bids to be sealed and addressed to J. A. Jennings, District Clerk. Bids will close January 19th, 1903. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Roseburg, Ore. January 8, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that a proof will be made before B. Bartlett, county clerk, at Grants Pass, Oregon, on February 23, 1903, viz: WILLIAM HOWLEY on H. E. No. 3540 for the S 1/4, N 1/4 of sec. 4, township 35, S. R. 6, W. 4. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence on and cultivation of said land: F. M. Bryant, of Merlin, Ore; J. Anderson, of Hugo, Oregon; and E. Emery, of Merlin, Oregon. J. T. Bridges, Register.

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