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LEDGES DON'T PINCH OUT

And Mining Is Surest Business on Earth, Says Mr. Keizer.

The following letter by M. L. Keizer of Baker City, appears in a recent number of the Oregonian. The remarks of Mr. Keizer concerning the "pinching out" of ledges are particularly in point and apply with equal force to the mines of Southern Oregon as to the districts which he mentions:

"Gold is the only product of the earth having a stable value. Mining for this metal is no more a gamble than any other business, with honors all on the side of mining. Speaking of mining, the well-known newspaper correspondent, Frank G. Carpenter, says he believes it to be more profitable than four-fifths of all the other businesses of the United States.

"Statistics show," he goes on to say, "that 95 per cent of the merchants and manufacturers fail at some time in their careers, while fully 75 per cent of those engaged in mining succeed when the enterprise is conducted on strict business principles." In other words, we find that but one person in 20 succeeds in business, at least in their earlier attempts, while 15 in 20 of those who stick to the bush make a complete success of mining.

It is a well known fact, however, that the few who fail in mining, either through ignorance or ill-advised speculation, complain more loudly than the entire 19 in 20 who suffer through business failure. But does the man who once fails in business, and, by the way, his name is legion, give up all further effort, and sit himself to warn everyone he sees that there is nothing in it? On the contrary, we think you will find that sensible people really profit by temporary failure, and as a consequence of business reverses are in a position to proceed with more certainty of success in their later efforts. Tell me, if you can, why this rule should not apply as well to the business of mining, particularly mining for gold, as to any other business.

It is really strange that so much prejudice exists against mining, when so many of the greatest fortunes of the earth were made by this means. During the past 60 years the world's production of gold has been fully \$10,000,000,000, which was presumably mined out by men of at least average intelligence. Would it then, be even passing fair to assume that any appreciable part of all this enormous mass of wealth was mined at a dead loss? I take the position that in a business sense gold is the only real wealth and it appears to me that the reason of this is very plain:

It was a part of the grand design in the beginning, and there is no getting around it. Dreamers may suggest all sorts of ephemeral substitutes, but gold is reality. Its value is fixed and immovable without regard for the law of any land. The value of real estate and city property is, in a certain measure, fictitious and imaginary, while the value of all products except gold, is subject to the ever-varying law of supply and demand, but the value of gold is beyond the power of legislation.

Hence, the government stamp on the \$20-piece is of no consequence whatever except as a convenient and trustworthy guarantee that the piece is full weight and genuine. There is one great difference, however, between "business" and mining for gold, which is all on the side of mining; you must first secure commensurate funds to establish yourself in any business that is worthy the name; you must then diligently and persistently solicit the co-operation (patronage if you like) of the public in order to dispose of your wares. It is also, of course, absolutely necessary to secure commensurate funds for successful gold mining, but then, is not the product "funds" itself?

Fortune has many votaries, many devotees, requires much courting, and is not going to run after you solely on your good looks. To make a long story short, in order to gain the favors of Fortune, she must be courted persistently, and it goes without argument that mining for gold is the most direct road to that end.

The assertion that mining is any more a gamble than any other business is rarely made by a fair-minded man, never by a well-informed one. But taking up with a mining proposition one should use care that it is the real thing, and not merely an imitation. The first essential requisite in a mine is permanence; the next is value. Wall movement, which is essential to the life of any permanent true fissure vein, brings about selva, or the so-called decomposed matter, which, occurring between the walls of the ledge and the ledge proper, tells its own story. The next thing to consider is: have the values of the entire ledge, or at least all contiguous portions, become concentrated in some certain chute, or zone, or streak, where they may be got at with the least possible expense. In other words, has Nature performed her full share in providing a paying proposition? If this is the case, then all that is required is to mine and mill the ore on up-to-date lines.

All this talk about a "ledge" pinching out is rankest nonsense. There never was a ledge, that ever was a ledge from a miner's point of view, that ever pinched out. True, an occasional richly mineralized "frack" may be found which is supposed to have pinched out, but these fracks are not ledges in the proper sense. The copper mines of Lake Superior, with more than a mile of depth, show

the same permanence as at the outcrop. Also, the great Comstock mine, in Nevada, from which has been taken more than \$100,000,000 in gold, is said to show as much evidence of permanence, if not fully as great values, as in its best days, this mine being simply drowned out by an excess of water. Those who have had close personal acquaintance with all the great mines of the United States, including the two above mentioned, report the same "oar marks" of permanence in the great gold producers of Baker and Grant counties. Several of the most prominent mines of this district have reached depths ranging variously from 800 to 1300 feet, with more marked evidence of permanence than ever before, as well as richer ore as depth is attained. With the veritable multitude of mines fast merging into producing class in the Blue Mountain District of Baker, Grant and Malheur counties, I should not be at all surprised if within 10 years the great State of Colorado, with its \$20,000,000 per year, should be wholly outclassed in point of gold product by the mines of this state.

I will freely admit the corporation laws in regard to mining are severely lame, but I trust that at no distant day some able man, with the good of his state in view, rather than a "bee" in his bonnet, will take them up. Then we may confidently expect the business of gold mining in this state to flourish as it never has before.

THE APPLIGATE COPPER

English Company Takes Property Abandoned by Clark

Once more the Appligate copper district is at the forefront and there is every certainty that it will be developed and made into one of the great copper producing regions of the United States. No sooner did Mr. Clark show signs of weakening than Dr. Reddy began bestirring himself to find other capitalists who would take up the proposition. The very day Mr. Clark gave up his bond on the Blue Ledge, Dr. Reddy had the representative of an English syndicate on the ground ready with their experts to look over the property with a view of taking it up. After making a thorough examination of those ledges and the surrounding country, Mr. C. H. Bennett who represented the English capitalists, decided to take an option on the Blue Ledge claims for his people.

Englishmen, the world over are noted for being stayers and there will be no "cold feet" on their part in handling this Appligate undertaking and having capital up into the millions at their command they will be able to demonstrate by thorough prospecting, which will be by tunnels and shafts and not by diamond drill, the value of the property and then when that is proven to their satisfaction, to go ahead and put in a smelting plant as large and complete as any in the United States.

There is every reason to believe that there will be no cessation of work at the copper mines, for all who have visited that section and who are experienced in copper mining declare that the showings in the development work are as good as were ever found at the opening of other great copper mines. The miners employed by Mr. Clark at the time, two weeks ago, who came to Jacksonville to pack for their return to Spokane, declared that they were certain that there were rich copper indications in the Appligate district, quite sufficient to justify extensive prospecting. Several of the men associated with Mr. Clark, among them being Jas. P. Harvey, Mr. Clark's superintendent, have taken up claims in this district, which is proof that they think the district is all right.

In the way of extensive developing the English syndicate will not be the only big company operating on the Appligate for the Sweeney's, millionaire mining men of Spokane, have secured several claims and are now having a lot of tunnel work done to open them up. There are several other claim holders who are doing extensive development work this summer, some, like George Nether of this town, expanding several thousand dollars on work on their claims.

There are now over 300 claims located in the Appligate copper district and the holders have great hopes as to the value of their properties. Mining men who have had experience in other copper districts in the West, claim that the surface indications are as good as were those of any of the great mines of Montana, Arizona or California and declare that it is not at all improbable that a second Butte may be built up on the Appligate.—Jacksonville Sentinel.

Not Over Wise. There is an old allegorical picture of a girl scared at a grass-hopper, but in the act of heedlessly treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money building a cyclone cellar, but neglects to provide his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints, whose victims outnumber those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale by all druggists.

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GOOD ROCK AT ORO FINO

Substantial Development Done at Jump-off-Joe Property.

The Oro Fino mine, situated in the Jump-off-Joe district, on the opposite slope of Elk mountain from the Granite Hill mine, is being systematically developed by J. T. Chase of Portland.

Mr. Chase has had a crew of men at work for the last 12 months, to prove whether it was a proposition of deep or surface mining. The property is under bond and lease to Mr. Chase, but he wished to satisfy himself before he took up the bond. This he has done, and he has proved to his own satisfaction, at least, that the vein is a true fissure. The property was worked several years ago, and good quantities of shipping ore taken out, but had lain idle for two years, prior to Mr. Chase taking it up. There has been over 1200 feet of work done, mostly by tunnels, but shafts have been run to get air circulation. The deepest working is 235 feet from the surface, which is at the bottom of the winze, 70 feet below the lower tunnel, which is 600 feet long. This tunnel has followed the ledge for over 300 feet, and the lowest assay yet received from across 4 1/2 feet has been \$10.55. There is a large amount of shipping ore on the dump, and it is the intention to ship this to the smelter shortly. In all probability a mill will be an acquisition in the near future. The property has all the appliances for mining, and will no doubt be heard from favorably in a short time.

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A COLORADO HAIL STORM

Former Grants Pass People Are Among the Losers.

R. W. Person, formerly of this city, now of Greeley, Colo., lost heavily in the terrific hail storm which swept over Colorado on the evening of August 5. R. H. Gillilan and family were at the Person home at the time. Mrs. Gillilan writes that the storm came up in a few minutes. They had barely time to get the children into the house while the men did what they could to save the livestock. The storm was heralded by terrific wind and accompanied by thunder and lightning of a sort that Oregonians cannot realize. Mrs. Gillilan says, "then it sounded as though some one had thrown a brick bat on the roof, then another and another, and we knew that we were in the midst of another terrific hail. It was over in less than 10 minutes. The horses that were out were all bruised up. The cows had broken loose and runaway. The neighbor across the road had been to town and got caught about a hundred yards from home. A stone struck him on the head and he knew scarcely anything more. He is conscious that the horse whirled about and broke a buggy shaft and that he finally started on before the storm was fairly over, but his head was cut open in two places and he was so badly bruised about the head and shoulders that he has been under the doctors care ever since. The roofs in the track of the storm are all in pieces; some, they say, would allow a man's body to pass through. Sheep, horses, and two men are killed. The people on the next farm measured a hail stone 13 hours after the storm. It measured 1 1/2 inches in circumference. The holes where they embedded themselves are all over the potato fields and show what fearful chunks of ice they were."

Before the storm Mr. Person estimated his crop as worth \$5000. After the storm it appeared utterly ruined, but later it was thought that half the crop might be saved. This is the fourth hail storm that section has experienced in three years and is far more severe than those which occurred before.

GAMBLER TESTS THE LAW

Complains Against Himself and Goes to Penitentiary.

A gambler at Spokane complained against himself for permitting gambling in his place, to test the validity of the law. Now the court has astonished Mr. Gambler by declaring the law valid and has sent him to the penitentiary for one year. The other gamblers have promised to give him \$6 a day for the time he is in the pen.

Dewey Joshes Miles.

Admiral Dewey and General Miles, though the best of friends, like to "josh" one another. Recently they visited Mount Vernon together and the general was much impressed by the sight of Washington's grave. As they were leaving the place Miles said: "I wonder what Washington would say if he were suddenly to appear here in the flesh?" Dewey glanced quizzically at his old friend and answered: "I really don't know, Nelson, unless he asked how the devil you ever succeeded in getting the job he once held."

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PRUNE CROP OF OREGON

Late Returns Result in Increased Estimate.

The Oregon prune crop will yield big money this year. The French crop, although slightly increased over that of last year, is short and there is a small overcrop on hand. The State Board of Horticulture is revising its estimates of the Oregon output and, according to reports which are coming in, the yield will average up to 45,000,000 pounds.

The June estimates of 30,000,000 have been added to very materially by the recent growth and the generally excellent condition in which progressive orchardists keep their fields. There has been little blight threatening the prunes, George Lamberson, secretary of the board, says, and prospects were never better. The Willamette Valley Prune Association formed prices on a basis of 5 1/2 cents to 5 1/4 and 6 cents for the highest grades. Buyers are already in the field from New York City, figuring on the crop, and consequently the orchardists smile.

The Oregon product stands pre-eminently the best of all for its size is larger and there is more meat, making it in great demand. California's product will not run up to more than 100,000,000 pounds, although the banner crop of that state a few years ago was 100,000,000 pounds. This year's crop, according to reports of horticultural experts, is better than in former years.

Members of the state board who have received reports that in some places there is a heavy fall of prunes, which are not more than half-grown by this time. The sudden hot, dry weather, even for a short period, has affected orchards that are not in a high state of cultivation. Secretary Lamberson has sent out for specific reports upon this subject and expects to hear within a few days. In Clark county, Washington, the prunes are falling, but this will not affect the excellent prospects for the crop. A certain percentage of fall is counted upon and is rendered necessary in order that the overloaded trees may mature the remainder of the fruit.

Oregon Historical Society.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society for June, 1903, has been received. As usual every article is a gem of Oregon history, as the following table of contents indicates: "Oregon and Its Share in the Civil War," by Robert T. Platt; "The Great West and the Two Easts," by Henry E. Reed; "Social and Economic History of Astoria," by Alfred A. Cleveland; "A Pioneer Captain of Industry in Oregon," by Prof. James R. Robertson. In addition a number of documents relating to Dr. Marcus Whitman, the emigration of 1842-3 and the earlier conditions of the Oregon country. Copies of the quarterly may be secured by applying at the Society rooms, City Hall, Portland, Oregon.

A Woman Killer

J. A. J. Montgomery, Pacific, Wayne Co., Mo., writes: "I have little twin girls, who have been bothered with worms all their lives. I have tried everything to relieve them which failed until I used White's Cream Vermifuge; the first two doses brought four worms from one of them, the next two doses, twelve, one of them measuring twelve inches; the other child was only relieved of four worms. It is most excellent medicine. White's Cream Vermifuge is good for children. It not only destroys worms, it helps the child to perfect growth, wards off sickness, etc. at Slover's Drug Store.

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