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GRANTS PASS, OREGON.

A PARADISE FOR THE PROSPECTOR FROM GRANTS PASS TO JUNEAU, ALASKA.

Southern Oregon Contains Districts as Yet Untouched by the Miner's Pick.

No Place in the West is as Promising as This Section For Mines.

Miners and prospectors in considerable numbers are visiting the district of the big gold find of Sucker creek. There are grand opportunities for prospecting in that field and in the neighboring district of Althouse and the history of these districts is full of lucrative gold finds of greater or less magnitude and importance, though the new find is of such richness as to throw into the background all previous discoveries for many years. When the prospectors in the Sucker creek region get so numerous that they feel circumscribed by lack of space they will find many other districts in Southern Oregon which will furnish them opportunities for substantial and lucrative gold discoveries.

In the Wolf Creek district, H. D. Sluter and Scribner & Henderson have taken out gold by the bucketful, the former from a vein of decomposed quartz and the latter from a porphyry dike which strewed a large area of surface with the yellow metal. Both these finds are permanent and are not "pockets" as the term is understood. Free gold finds in this district have been numerous.

The Grave creek district has probably been prospected longer and harder than any other in the country and the best of its discoveries have been reserved for recent years. In this district is the famous Greenback. Many other good ledges are being developed and new finds are constantly being made. Ledges which show gold standing out in chunks are no rarity in this district.

The neighboring district of Mt. Reuben is a mine producer. Here are located the Gold Bug, the Palmer, the Copper Stain and others of note. The ledges of this district are generally of good strong bodies and continuous values.

The Galice district has two of the biggest gold copper propositions in the west, the Almeida and the Big Yank. A number of excellent copper prospects have been brought to light in this district in recent years, while gold producing ledges are numerous and include such well known properties as the

ties as the Golden Wedge, the Sugar Pine and the Lost Flat all of which have a record for amazingly rich rock.

Mt. Baldy, just south of Grants Pass, is the apex of a rich mineral field which extends south and east from that point, embracing the Murphy, Williams and Missouri Flat districts. This country is prolific in gold bearing ledges, and the rich specimens of quartz gold which occur in many of the gulches give promise of yet greater finds to be made in the future.

The Waldo district is becoming famous for its magnificent veins of copper and here is located the first big squalter of Southern Oregon. This district is rich also in gold bearing rock and though one of the oldest mining districts of the county, it yet offers a most inviting field to the prospector. The same is true of the Josephine and Canyon creek district.

The Dry Diggings, Jones creek and Bloody Run form a district small in area but large in possibility. A great deal of gold has been taken from these mountains and there is more remaining to be found.

The Louse creek district is the location of the Granite Hill, a mine that is rapidly becoming famous as one of the best in the state. Other good ledges have been discovered, are awaiting development to be made into mines.

The neighboring district of Jump-off-Joe embraces among its properties the Lucky Queen, the Baby, the Oro Fino and others. This district has produced specimen gold in quantity and there is plenty of good prospecting within its borders.

The lower Illinois, Briggs creek, Silver creek and Chitico are almost virgin ground to the prospector for quartz, while the still more remote regions of Indigo and Cole Collier creeks are a terra incognita in that respect. On both the latter creeks, native copper has been found while Silver creek has produced pieces of nearly pure native tin of which the source has never been found.

The mild climate and beautiful scenery, with the abundance of water and timber, makes a prospecting trip in any part of Southern Oregon a delightful outing and the chances of success are not surpassed in any mining country of the continent.

MADE OF HISTORICAL WOOD

Gavel to Be Used by Preiding Officer Mining Congress.

With commendable public spirit, Mr. David Linn has undertaken to provide a gavel for the use of the presiding officers of the National Mining Congress that is to be held in Portland, August 30 and 31st, that is to have a historical significance. The wood for the gavel, Mr. Linn secured from a manzanita that grew in Rich gulch, which is located in the south part of Jacksonville, and which is famous in the history of the gold discoveries on the Pacific coast as the place where the first big find of gold was made in Oregon and which caused the rush to Southern Oregon in the winter of 1851-52 and which continued for several years until there were thousands of miners scattered over this section of the state. Mr. Linn sent the wood to Portland Monday to his son Fletcher Linn, who is president of the Oregon Furniture Company, who will have it turned and finished in his factory. The gavel is to be encircled by a gold band on which will be engraved an inscription stating the place from which the wood and the gold of which it is made was obtained. The gold for the band will be from Rich gulch, were mining is yet carried on in a small way, the money to purchase it of the miners being supplied the Jacksonville board of trade.

Mr. Linn is a Jacksonville pioneer of 1852 but never has mined though he has always taken much interest in the development of the industry and he considers the presenting of a historical gavel to the National Mining Congress where will gather leading mining men from all parts of the United States a splendid opportunity to advertise the mineral resources of Southern Oregon.—Jacksonville Sentinel.

Taken With Cramps

Wm. Kirmse, a member of the bridge gang working near Littleport was taken suddenly ill Thursday night with cramps and a kind of cholera. His case was so severe that he had to leave the members of the crew wait upon him and Mr. Gifford was called and consulted. He told them he had a medicine in the form of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy that he thought would help him out and accordingly several doses were administered with the result that the fellow was able to be around next day. The incident speaks quite highly of Mr. Gifford's medicines.—Elkador, Iowa, Argus. This remedy never fails. Keep it in your home, it may save life. For sale by all druggists.

When bilious take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists.

A. M. Keating Writes an Interesting Description of His Trip to the Frozen North.

The Roar of Dropping Stamps Reminds One of Distant Thunder.

A. M. Keating, who left here some time ago in company with W. H. Hampton to take a position with the Jaulpa Mining Company of Juneau, Alaska, has written as follows to friends in this city, concerning his trip:

I arrived in Juneau, after a very pleasant trip. I would like to be able to describe the picturesque beauties of the scenery along the steamboat route, but words fail me when I attempt it and an afraid my vocabulary is inadequate to do it full justice, as from the time you leave Seattle, until your arrival at Juneau, it is a series of panoramic surprises, startling in their varied beauty and grandeur reminding one more of some projective entertainment, than an actual every day sight, changing, as it does, from the fairly like scenery of the Puget Sound Islands to the harsh, almost threatening ruggedness of the Alaskan shores and mountains.

The route with two exceptions (the Straits of Fuca and Queen Charlotte Sound) lies between the mainland and the Islands that parallel it, and it is more like taking a trip on some land locked canal than on the "broad Pacific." At times it becomes so narrow, that one could easily throw a stone from the steamer deck to either shore, and although, to a landsman, it looks perfectly safe for any kind of a boat, I noticed on several occasions that our pilot stopped the steamer and let it drift idly around, waiting for the tide to raise or fall before entering some of the passages as it attains tremendous rapidity as it forces its way through and sad is the fate of the boat that gets caught in any of them, which fact I saw beautifully and vividly exemplified by the skeletons of several lying on the rocks that, through the ignorance or daring of their captains ventured to pass through when the tide was at its most dangerous stage.

After leaving Victoria and skirting along the shores of Vancouver's Island, the scenery changes to a more solid and rugged kind, the earth becomes solidified and everything is rock and rocky, the vegetation assumes a new character, the fir and pine have given place to the more hardy spruce and cedar and instead of soil and grass covering the formation, it now has a blanket of moss and ferns of several colors and varieties.

On both shores are chains of snow capped mountains with here and there a lofty peak which rears its hoary head into the regions of the clouds, as if a sentinel guarding our waterway, and all, strange to say, shaped like the Cow's Horns of the Cascade range in Eastern Oregon.

Every now and then along the route can be seen small villages, principally inhabited by a sturdy class of fishermen, who earn their daily bread by working for some cannery, built in some sequestered nook, among the rocks near the mouth of some river and is only visited occasionally by some small steamer with supplies, which gets in return a load of canned salmon as a cargo.

Here and there tiny Indian villages can be seen nestled in some cove at the foot of some lofty mountain as if imploring its protection from the cold blasts of winter overlooked by their Mission church and other buildings usually all painted a snow white, making a pretty picture with the green of the foliage as a background.

After passing the British possessions and entering Alaska, the towns present a larger and more prosperous appearance and the sparsity of the Englishman has given place to the restless rattle of the Yankee—again we are under the "Stars and Stripes."

Kotlikan is the first Alaskan town of any size we stop at; it is a place of about 1500 inhabitants and has a saw mill, cannery, several stores and residences, the balance of the buildings being saloons. Like all the towns on this coast, it is principally built on piles over the tide flats, and is surrounded by perpendicular cliffs, that threaten to topple over at any time and crush it out of existence. The next place we touched at was Fort Wrangle, near the mouth of the Stikine river; it also is a tide flat town, but of greater area than Kotlikan and of about the same population, made up of whites, halfbreeds and Indians; here we first got a good look at the famous "Totem Poles" of the Alaskan Indians, as there are a great number all around the town. The poles are about 30 feet high, by two in diameter, and are strangely and grotesquely carved, each pole portraying the history of the family it belongs to. The carvings are of ravens, frogs, lizards, bears, fishes, etc. wonderfully and cleverly executed, each figure having some history attached to it, but so far, I have not the interpretation thereof, so cannot give you any of it in this letter.

Near the mouth of the Stikine river is situated a large bank of garnets, which are embedded in a sort of sandstone, some of them being nearly as large as hens eggs, and of a brownish red color, very beautiful when polished, but having very little commercial value as gems, on account of their opaqueness; on the docks were several tons of them, boxed up ready for shipment to the St. Louis exposition.

Juneau is built in a cove and is protected on the north and east by high mountains. The south and west facing on the harbor; it is a cosmopolitan town of about 4000 people and is a very busy port. The streets are very narrow and almost all planked, every Saturday afternoon they have a couple of men flood them with water through a hose attached to the hydrants, and wash the accumulated dirt of the week into the harbor, so they always present a cleanly appearance, at least on Sundays.

Living is high, compared to Oregon. House rent is also elevated, houses of any size renting from \$25 per month up; coal, which is the principal fuel, retails at \$12.50 per ton, ordinary board and room costs \$2.50 per day and other things in proportion. They play every new arrival for a sucker and bleed him to their hearts content, when he, becoming wise, retaliates by getting even on some other and later sucker.

This is, so to speak, the gateway of Southeastern Alaska; all boats for Skagway and northern ports stop here in passing, which leaves considerable money in the place, but the main source of revenue are the mines, which surround us on all sides, and which are working and being developed, some are very rich and on the large order, a lead that won't keep, at least, 40 stamps dropping, is looked upon as insignificant.

Douglas Island, which is separated from the mainland by a narrow channel, lies southeast of Juneau, and the two towns of Douglas and Treadwell, thereon, distant about 15 and two miles respectively, are in full view, likewise the notorious "Glory Hole" commonly called the Slaughter house, on account of the number of men that got killed therein, is also in plain sight, and is more like an immense stone quarry than a mining stop. The roar of the stamps as they fall can be distinctly heard and at this distance, sounds like the continuous rumble of distant thunder. They are at present dropping 900.

We have had several sunny days since arriving here, but Alaskan weather is a subject that it doesn't pay to dwell on.

Mail steamers from Seattle arrive here about every four days, so although the news in the papers is slightly stale, still, considering where we are, and the distance, it might be worse. We also have telegraphic communication with the outside, and the Juneau dailies of which we have two, publish the associated press dispatches.

The Jaulpa Co's placer mining claims that we are opening, are just over a ridge, that divides Juneau from Gold creek, and are only 15 minutes walk from the center of the town. The company have a basin formed by a big mountain side of about 100 acres in area and of unknown depth as far as no one has succeeded in reaching bedrock; it is tapped by a tunnel 1800 feet long, which taps the gavel at 90 feet from the surface, and which is flumed from month to upraise and is the outlet for the basin.

We have commenced cleaning the right of way for a 3500 foot flume, 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep to handle the extra water in the creeks and carry it below the diggings. We are going to put in a dam at the head of the basin 300 feet long and 25 feet high, also numerous other improvements, which will mean the expenditure of a large amount of money as labor and everything else is high in this country. The commonest laborer gets from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day and skilled mechanics from \$5 to \$8. So it will take several yards of gravel to pay for opening up the "Last Chance." Besides the placer property, this company have quartz claims near the head of Gold Creek, that we are going to develop as soon as we get the placers under way.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Examination of Applicants for State and County Papers.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Josephine County will hold the regular examination of applicants for State and county papers at Grants Pass, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, August 10, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 13, at four o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, school-law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, August 10, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 12, at 4 o'clock p. m.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE CERTIFICATES.
Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.
Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

LINCOLN SAVAGE,
County Superintendent

GOLD FROM SILVER CREEK

Henson & Cobel Have a Success

J. A. Cobel of the firm of Henson & Cobel, miners of Silver creek, was in town Friday and Saturday. Mr. Cobel brought in a half pint bottle of Silver creek gold from his placer claims. It is exceptionally handsome gold, the pieces ranging in value from 10 cents to \$2. Besides this Mr. Cobel carried a collection of nuggets, 14 in number, aggregating over \$150 in value. The largest was a \$45 piece and three others weighed over an ounce. The whole amount is a portion of the final cleanup for the season just past.

Henson & Cobel have several claims on Silver creek above the big basin and have a first class small hydraulic equipment. This year they have had a very prosperous run. The gold is of superior quality and nets over \$16 to the ounce. It is very smooth and heavy channel gold.

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County Treasurer's Notice.
There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to J. A. Sary 15, 1899. Interest will cease from this date.

July 28, 1904. J. T. TAYLOR,
Treasurer of Josephine Co., Ore.

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