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PORTLAND MONEY IN MINES

Residents of That City Interested in Large Properties.

Despite the fact that Portland people have been accused of being lukewarm in the matter of encouragement and investment in mining properties, it is known that the money put into ventures by them during the past 25 years has amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many of them, too, have been caught in wildcat ventures, and made to believe that a well-developed mine existed, whereas there was only a prospect hole. Portland people have invested much capital in mining stocks, grub-staked hundreds of prospectors, and some of the largest enterprises in Southern Oregon were developed and are owned and operated by residents of this city. Portland capital has been taken in more than once, and money has been risked in legitimate mining enterprises, that brought in no returns. Men cannot be expected to invest their capital in enterprises unless there is a probability of getting some returns, for mining must be conducted on a legitimate basis, the same as in any other line.

Portland capitalists were among the first to develop and put in expensive equipments to work the highland gravel deposits in Southern Oregon. Up to less than 30 years ago, all the placer mining of Oregon was done along the creek and river beds in a more or less primitive way—ground

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sluicing or picking and shoveling into the sluice boxes. The deep gravel beds high up on the ridges above the beds of the streams had never been touched. An English company, of London, was the first to install a plant for working the upland placers in the Galice district in Josephine county. Before its long ditches were completed and its powerful giants for washing the gravel were in position, Captain A. P. Ankey, of Portland, had the Blue Gravel Company organized and began operations on a ridge across the creek from the English company. Associated with Captain Ankey were J. W. and Vincent Cook, M. S. Burrell, D. P. Thompson and others. It was the beginning of hydraulic placer mining in Southern Oregon, and it cost many thousands of dollars to dig the long ditches and to equip the mine with pipe, giants, bedrock flume, etc. There were no roads into the Galice Creek district in those days, and the supplies were all taken in on pack animals. The heavy giants were transported to the mines by being loaded on a lizard, a sort of sled made from the forks of an oak tree. It was dragged along the mountain trail with horses, where an accidental slip would have precipitated the load into the bottom of the Rogue river canyon. The lumber for the flumes and building purposes was all whipsawed by hand—a big log was felled and propped up over a pit, and one man stood on the top of the log holding one end of the saw, and the other was held by another workman who stood on the ground below. The log was lined and marked, and had to be cut to search to produce even-sized boards. Roseburg was then the terminus of the railroad, where the passengers boarded a six horse stage coach and paid 15 cents per mile to ride to Grants Pass, with the privilege of walking over the bad stretches of roads. In spite of these difficulties, Captain Ankey spent much of his time at the mine, and Vincent Cook often remained for two or three months at a time. The other interested parties made occasional visits to the scene of operations. These parties later sold the Blue Gravel, and the Ankeys and Cooks became owners of the famous Sterling mine, near Jacksonville. The development of the Blue Gravel gave hydraulic placer mining a start in Southern Oregon and a number of these upland placers are the best paying.

For several years past, L. A. Lewis, of Allen & Lewis, has operated an extensive placer mine on Grave Creek, in Josephine county. It cost thousands of dollars to dig miles of ditches and bring water on the ground and equip the mine. Where operations were begun on the low ground there was no dump, but this difficulty was obviated by building an expensive elevator that carried the water, gravel and rock to an elevated flume-way. The ground has been washed away for a half mile further up the creek, but the elevating apparatus is not now needed.

A few miles further down Grave Creek, John W. Lewis, a brother of L. A., operates another extensive placer proposition that cost a small fortune to equip—Telegram.

LEWIS AND CLARK MUSIC

Roseburg Orchestra Nucleus for Big Orchestra.

A movement is on foot to organize an orchestra of Southern Oregon musicians to play at the Lewis and Clark fair in Portland next year. Prof. F. H. Applinoff, director of the Roseburg Orchestra, is at the head of the movement. He is now in correspondence with a number of musicians living in Oregon towns south of Roseburg with a view to interesting them in the proposition. It is proposed to limit the instrumentation to 20 pieces, using the Roseburg Orchestra of 11 pieces as a nucleus. Collective practice will begin in Roseburg as soon as the required number of musicians enter into the project.—Review.

Reduced Rates to St. Louis Exposition.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates to St. Louis and Chicago, en route to the St. Louis Exposition, on the following dates:

October 3, 4, 5.
Going trip must be completed within 10 days from date of sale and passengers will be permitted to start on any day that will enable them to reach destination within the 10 days limit. Return limit 90 days, but not later than December 31, 1904. For full information as to rates and routes call on Agent Southern Pac., at Grants Pass. W. E. Coman, G. P. A.

Indian War Veteran Dead.

Scott Gall, an Indian war veteran of 1833, died at the Roseburg Soldiers' Home on September 12. Mr. Gall was 68 years old and was admitted to the Soldiers' Home from Jackson county on July 29, 1904. He served in Capt. J. K. Lamerick's company and lived in the country for the 30 years preceding his going to the Oregon Soldiers' Home and was a miner and worked for several years in the Willow Springs district. He was a single man. Justice of the Peace G. C. Gall of Sams Valley is his only living brother.

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OREGON MAN DIDN'T BITE

Look Out for European Schemers You May Be the Next Victim.

The Spanish prisoner, that ancient brother to the gold brick and European relative of the American banknote man, having grown a little stale on the other side of the water has taken to working on the cupidity of people on the Pacific Slope. W. J. Wimer, President and Manager of the Deep Gravel Mining Company of Wadsworth, Ore., was selected as a possibly easy victim, who was besides possessed of sufficient money to make him easy. But Mr. Wimer was not so easily worked.

The usual programme was carried out according to precedent of the people on the other side. The prisoner was dying in a Spanish dungeon. He had \$39,000 deposited in a London bank, but the portmanteau in which the certificate of deposit was hidden in a secret pocket had been seized by the Spanish authorities. This money he would bequeath to Mr. Wimer along with his daughter if only it could be recovered. By the next mail came a letter from a confidential friend announcing the death of the prisoner and inclosing his will under which Mr. Wimer was made guardian of the derelict daughter and he was bequeathed \$39,000 if he could get it.

The process of getting the money was simple. All that was necessary was to prove the will and get possession of the prisoner's effects, including the portmanteau. The confidential friend knew where to find the secret pocket, and would take from it the certificate of deposit to be forwarded to Mr. Wimer.

But—and here comes the snare—it was necessary to send \$394 to pay the costs of court. In the following letter the dying prisoner wrote to Mr. Wimer, whom he claimed as an unexpected relative, and described the process by which he became possessed of the \$39,000:

"Castle Fort of Valencia, September 3, 1904.—Mr. T. Wimer—My dear Relative: Having not the honor to know you but for the references which my dear wife, Mary Wimer, your relative, gave me, who, mentioning the individuals of our family, praised the honesty and good qualities that distinguish you, I address myself to you for the first time (and perhaps the last one, considering the grave state of my health), explaining to you my sad position and requesting your protection for my only daughter, your niece, 15 years old, whom I keep as a pensioner in the college of Santa Elena.

"As I am strictly watched by my enemies, I hope you will reveal to nobody the most insignificant detail of this letter. Being a secretary and treasurer of Mr. Martinez Campos in the late war of Cuba, and deserving the conditions of such an illustrious gentleman, placing my capital in public funds transactions so that I might make a brilliant position for my daughter, whom I ever loved with passion since when her mother died. Now my fortune increased fast, and I would have been happy had my protector continued to the end of the campaign. No sooner was he replaced by General Weyler than my misfortune presented itself, as I could not succeed in making him comply to Spain, and, not being in my power to see Cuba ruled by an adversary, I joined the rebellion in behalf of the republic; but as we were victims of the greatest treason, I was obliged to emigrate to English ground, taking along with me my money, valued at \$39,000. After having resided some time in London, I received the sad news that my wife had died, leaving my dear daughter in despair and without help in this sad situation. I found myself in the necessity of coming to Spain to help my daughter and bring her in my company to your country.

"Before starting, considering it imprudent to take along with me this respectable sum of money, I decided to place it in the London bank against a special contract and only as a deposit, as it appears in the security document payable to the bearer that the bank gave me as a guarantee, which document I hid in the hollow of my portmanteau."

After the decease of the aforesaid prisoner, the daughter wrote to Mr. Wimer, enclosing her photograph and consenting to come to his home in Oregon. Mr. Wimer, finding himself heir to an unexpected daughter and a fat sum of money, enclosed the whole correspondence to "The Examiner." The game is as old as the gold brick, but it still works among people whose cupidity is stronger than their sense.

PLACE OF MINING ROMANCE

Denver Paper Speaks Well of Southern Oregon Writer.

When the literary history of America is written a hundred years hence, the commentator will point with emphasis to the many volumes upon his shelves that have drawn their inspiration from life and events of the mining regions of the West at a time when the Rocky Mountains represented the extreme frontier of civilization. Those who seek to get in touch with the manners and feelings of the people who then inhabited the wilds and first brought their commanding resources into the commercial channels of the older commonwealths will find themselves directed to the works of the imaginative writers who pictured the condi-

tions existing during this important period in the nation's progress. The hallowed memory of those who filled this niche in the country's gallery of lettered men will lend impetus to the aspirations of others who have found new books to write and new civilizations to paint.

To be able to set forth in romance the regional story of men and women, whether they be nature's rough product or the more polished social gems of cultured surroundings, one must dwell among them and drink of the same dreams and emotions. They must be portrayed at first hand. Bret Harte, the laureate of mining camp fiction and verse, taught school among the subjects of his muse. Mark Twain spent years in the mining regions, and it is said that the world nearly lost him in the vicinity of Virginia City, when he barely escaped becoming a millionaire along with Fair, Mackay and others.

Deniss H. Stovall, one of The Record's special correspondents, is typical of that charming class of men who settle down in a province and imbibe the sentiments and interests of its citizens in order to translate them into language for the entertainment and profit of others. The Record has published many of his short stories sent out from his literary seat in Southern Oregon, and doubtless its subscribers have felt the same enjoyment in reading them that its editors have in setting them in print. We therefore take pleasure in calling attention to a new book from his pen, which comes in the same delightful strain as his "Tales of Old; Tales of Gold." The story is entitled "Susanne of Kerbyville," and deals with imagined events in the old mining town of Kerbyville, "fifty years ago—Kerbyville" at the foot of the pine-clad hills, with its one long street, and overlooking the winding river and the valley of the Illinois." Sometime within a year The Record has reproduced a picture of the old town hall, with its weather boarding partly gone, for the town, though practically deserted, is still there as a reminder of the time when Kerbyville "exchanged more dust than any other mining camp north of San Francisco."

Mr. Stovall's story deals largely with the Indian war of 1856, wherein we find the prospector with his bag of nuggets, the district sheriff and the proprietor of the inevitable gambling house and saloon, and there is a pretty romance in the foreground to give the picture perspective and proper dimensions.

The author has done a great deal toward advancing the mining interests of Southern Oregon by means of his ever-ready account of the latest "strike" and "clean-up." It will not be surprising if he does just that wonderful for the social history of that wonderful region, resourceful not only in lode and placer gold, but interesting traditions as well.—Denver Mining Record.

It begins to look a if the Underwood Visible Typewriter had a claim on the highest award at the St. Louis Exposition, and it is well placed if so awarded. This same machine took highest honors at the Pan-American Exposition and the grand prizes in the Vienna Exposition of 1901. Agency for Oregon at 65 Front St., Portland.

IN THE GALICE DISTRICT

E. R. Crouch Says New Town Will Be Built on the Rogue.

E. R. Crouch, son of President O. M. Crouch, of the Alameda mines, in the Galice mining district, is in Portland for a few days on business and for recreation. He reports 12 men being employed on the Alameda, working a ledge showing up some 200 feet wide, and which will probably average about \$10 per ton. Preparations are under way for the installation of a smelting plant at the mine, starting with a 300-ton plant and increasing the capacity as requirements demand.

"We are figuring on building a road in from Leland to the mine this winter," Mr. Crouch said, "and that will shorten the distance to the nearest distributing point. Heretofore all business has been transacted through Merlin, the first station this side of Grants Pass. The Rand Mining Company, working the same ledge as the Alameda is interested in the putting in of the new road.

"The Golden Wedge has been shut down for a short period while waiting for machinery the intention being to increase the capacity of the mill. The Galice Consolidated is working about a dozen men on its placer properties.

"A new town is to be located at a point two miles farther down the Rogue River than Galice. The post office at the old town of Galice may be moved to this new location and the place will be known as Galice; otherwise it will possibly be known as Rand being on the Rand Mining Company's property. Surveyors laid out and platted the town a few days ago and some lots have already been sold. They are now waiting for the new road to come in from Leland."

The latest gossip has it that the Corvallis & Eastern, a railroad that has had the most checkered career of all Oregon roads, is the subject of negotiations between its present head, A. B. Hammond, and California capitalists. The Californians have a plan to extend the road to Haystack Pass in the Cascades, and through the country watered by the Deschutes river, then make a long curve southerly through the Harney county lake country, their ultimate goal being a connection with the O. R. & N. at Ontario.

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W. C. T. U. Column

Session of Development League to Be a Good One.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the League room of the M. E. church on Friday, September 23, at 2:30 p. m. Annual reports of officers and superintendents will be submitted and a short programme rendered. Please be prompt, as meeting must close at 4.

And when the victory shall be complete—when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on the earth—how proud the title of that land which may truly claim to be the birthplace of both these revolutions that shall have ended in that victory.—Abraham Lincoln, February 22, 1824.

The Natural Influence of the Open Saloon.

Present day psychology and medicine are full of notices and treatises upon the power of suggestion. Has it never occurred to the observer that this power of suggestion to the drinker's appetite is one of the chief evils of the open saloon? The drinking man says: "I cannot pass an open saloon, as soon as I see it, I must go in."

A philosopher has said: "We do not so much possess our ideas as they possess us." There is a large measure of truth in this assertion. A little child bumps its head. But its mother says: "That did not hurt," and the baby refrains from crying. Suggestion has, in many cases, almost, if not quite, a hypnotic power. Surgeons tell a patient the operation will not be painful, and he endures it without an anaesthetic. Wise physicians often cure disease by suggestion. Many a modern miracle of healing is explained by its potency. It is powerful to overcome cold, heat, thirst—all bodily affections.

Now, remembering the basic susceptibility of human nature to suggestion, think of the power upon the diseased nerves of the inebriate of a row of saloons on the street side by which he passes. A confirmed tobacco user, in many cases of temporary deprivation of his narcotic, cannot pass a cigar store—how much greater the temptation when every fiber of the poor drunkard's being cries for strong drink with the cry of the vampire, "give, give."

We owe it, as lovers of our kind, to banish saloons, so that our diseased brothers may be saved, if possible, from the power of drink—suggestion.

Last Excursion to the World's Fair.

The demand for sleeping car space in the Denver & Rio Grande's popular through tourist excursions to the St. Louis Fair having been so great, three such excursions will be run on the next and last selling dates—October 3, 4 and 5. On each of these days special tourist excursions will be run from Portland without change of cars over the "Scenic Line of the World." October 3 there will also be run a special Pullman excursion. These cars will make stops en route at Salt Lake City and Denver, affording excursionists an opportunity of viewing the various points of interest about those cities. The daylight ride through the heart of the Rockies—God's art gallery of nature—is the grandest across the American continent.

Write W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, Or., at once for particulars and sleeping car reservations. These being the last days upon which tickets will be sold at reduced rates, travel will be particularly heavy.

BIG TIME AT GRANTS PASS

Session of Development League to Be a Good One.

Leaders of the Oregon Development League, says the Telegram, are looking forward to a rousing meeting at Grants Pass on the occasion of the Southern Oregon session of the league to be held there the afternoon and evening of Friday, September 23. Among those who will go from Portland and vicinity, are Ezra L. Smith, president of the league; Tom Richardson, secretary of the league; Harry M. Calk, president of the Commercial Club; B. B. Beckman, W. E. Coman, general passenger and ticket agent of the Southern Pacific, and others interested in the work of the league.

Secretary Richardson has received a special invitation for the Portland delegation to stop at Eugene while en route to Grants Pass and there hold a session of the league in connection with the annual fair of the Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society, which holds forth from September 30 to 24, inclusive. Mr. Richardson has accepted the invitation, and will leave here Thursday morning, September 22, accompanied by the rest of the delegation for that purpose. A Bennett, one of the vice-presidents of the league, is in the city, and says he will attend the Southern Oregon session, if it is possible for him to do so.

Invitations signed by H. L. Gilkey, of the City Council; R. Thomas, of the Board of Trade, and H. E. Foster, of the Mining Association, are being sent out to all the towns and districts of Southern Oregon from Roseburg to Astland. It is desired that a large attendance be present from all sections of the country, and an effort is being made to have such an attendance, as well as to make the meetings both entertaining and instructive. Aside from the speeches there will be music, and, above all, good will and enthusiasm. Those who are interested in the movement—and there are many—want to see the same good work done down here as is being done in Eastern Oregon, and many realize that this can only be done through co-operation with the Oregon Development League.

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