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## IN THE MINERAL FIELD

### What the Miners Are Doing.

Robert Sinden has put in operation a small quartz mill at his mine on Kanes creek and is operating the mine and mill day and night and is milling ore that is yielding him good returns.

H. W. Reynolds has the Henry Wines placer mine, on Jump-off-Joe adjoining the Cook & Howland mine, in order and ready for piling as soon as there is water in the creek. He will operate two plants, a No. 2 to work on the bank and No. 1 to handle the tailings.

A night shift was added to the Gold Bug mill on Tuesday, the large body of ore found last week making the increase necessary. Mr. Fish of San Francisco has taken the position of assessor, and Mr. Mortenson of this city will serve as engineer. —Glendale News.

J. C. Mattison, manager of the Copper Eagle mine on Peavine mountain, returned to his mine Saturday after being in Grants Pass for several days on business for his company. Mr. Mattison is now working only a small force of men in the development work of which he has some 400 feet of tunnel, which has opened up a fine, four-foot ledge of chalcopryite copper ore that assays from 10 to 20 per cent copper.

W. C. Kittle, foreman of the Oregon Belle mine, came down from Jacksonville Wednesday and remained over in Grants Pass until Thursday when he returned to the mine. Mr. Kittle reports work moving along satisfactorily at the Oregon Belle with a day and night shift of men in each of the two tunnels that are being driven, and a power drill is employed in each. The upper tunnel is now 180 feet and the lower tunnel 200 feet. Good progress is being made and both ledges are showing up quite promising.

The Gold Hill News reports that the Eagle quartz claim, two miles south of Gold Hill has been sold by the owners, Dr. James Braden and John D. Graham, two New York parties for \$14,000. The new owners have assumed control and have employed E. W. Liljgren, of Gold Hill, as superintendent and will at once begin extensive development work. This property has made a good showing and is thought by mining men familiar with the ledge to have earmarks of becoming a mine that will prove to be one of the rich producers of Southern Oregon.

Report comes from Gold Ray that Dr. Ray has a fine placer prospect opened on the McDonough place near Tola, which contains 300 acres and which he lately purchased of Mrs. E. McDonough of Jacksonville. The prospecting was done under the direction of Thos. Kahler, who had charge of the work and is opened up an ancient channel of Willow creek, a stream that rises in the hills northwest of Jacksonville and which gives the name to the Willow Springs district, a well known mining district for many years past. It is understood that Dr. Ray plans to install a dredger of the kind used on Foote creek by the Champion company, to work the ground. Electric power will be used from the Gold Ray station and during the dry season, when Willow creek is dry, water will be brought by pipe line from Gold Ray, forced the two miles by powerful pumps.

A sample of asbestos taken from the White Swan claim on Cedar

Spring mountain on upper Evans creek has been placed in the minerals exhibit room by Curtis Bros. owners of the ledge. The sample is pure white and has a fibre over four inches in length and is as soft and delicate as silk floss. No extensive development has been done by Curtis Bros., but the deposit has been opened sufficiently to demonstrate that it contains asbestos in quantities and of a quality that will make it a profitable property when the demand on this Coast becomes large enough to justify the expense of developing the mine, erecting a factory for its preparation for commercial use and the transportation charges to market.

James Camp, a prominent mining man of San Francisco, who is a large stock holder in Electric Copper Company, which holds 1300 acres of mineral land adjoining the property of the Bull Hill Smelting Company in Shasta county, Cal., and who has lately acquired a large placer property in the Altitude district, was in Grants Pass last Wednesday and like all mining men visiting the metropolis of Southern Oregon, he called at the Minerals Association minerals exhibit room and examined the fine collection of ores on display. He was well pleased with the showing made of the mineral wealth of Southern Oregon and expressed the opinion that the exhibit would be a most profitable investment to the business men of Grants Pass in the fine advertisement that it would be in drawing the attention of mining men to Southern Oregon, thus being the means of inducing capitalists to invest and thereby add to the industrial activity and prosperity of the territory.

#### Gold Producer for Fifty Years

The Sterling mine is in readiness for piling and work will begin following the first big rain, so reports Will F. Jennings, foreman, and who has held that position for the past 14 years at that mine, who was in Grants Pass Wednesday. Three No. 4 giants are used and the water is brought by a large ditch, 27 miles in length, from the upper course of Little Applegate to the mine, which is located on Sterling creek, nine miles south of Jacksonville. Only two giants will be operated at the main workings this winter, one giant having been moved down the creek one-fourth of a mile and set up at the mouth of Grub gulch, on an old channel, which was passed when the main creek channel was worked. This gulch prospects well and is thought to be rich. The bank in the main workings is from 40 to 60 feet high and in width from 200 to 600 feet. The Sterling mine is in a section of the channel of an ancient river that flowed across this country at a period previous to the beginning of the streams now constituting the Rogue River basin, in a southeasterly and northwesterly directions, gravel bars of which can be traced on various places on the hills from Sterling west of Jacksonville. This channel is a cement gravel much of it so hard that it has to be loosened up with powder before the water will readily cut it away. In the work of blasting, holes are drilled in the bank down near the bedrock eight to 12 feet deep. One stick of giant powder is then inserted and fired to spring the hole, after which from 40 to 30 sticks are placed in the cavity and fired by an electric battery. The report from these heavy discharges is so muffled by the earth that it is heard scarcely half a mile, though the earth about is shaken as by an earthquake, but a report that is deafening in made, and can be heard 10 to 12 miles when the monster boulders which are found in the bank are blown to pieces for removal. In this work the sticks of giant powder are merely laid upon the boulders and covered with earth, enough powder being used to shatter the rock to small pieces and being in the open air, it makes a crashing report like a 10-inch cannon. From three to six tons of powder are used each season, and for 14 years John Park has hauled the powder out from Jacksonville with a mule, and no accident has ever occurred at the mine, other than the loss of a shank, in which the powder was stored and warmed. It caught fire and was in a fair way to burn, when a primer exploded and set off the powder and the house was blown into fragments and strewn for a quarter of a mile around, but no person was hurt. A regular powder house was then built and with a furnace. The room in cold weather is kept warm, for when giant powder is cold, it will not explode. A Chinaman is usually employed by the Sterling company to have charge of the powder house, for the work is both too dangerous and unwholesome for the average American to care to undertake. The action of the chemicals in the powder produces headaches and stomach disorders with those handling it and some men cannot handle it for any length of time, while there are persons who can withstand its effects for a year or two. One Chinaman at the Sterling, held the job for three years, but usually one season is all that a Chinaman will handle the powder.

The Sterling mine is one of the largest and richest in Southern Oregon and has been a steady producer of gold since 1864, when it was discovered by James Sterling, for

whom the mine was named, and Aaron Davis, and it bids fair to yield gold in big quantities for the next 50 years. The mine is owned by Hon. H. E. Ankeny of Eugene and Vin Cook, of Portland and is operated under the management of Frank Ankeny, son of Mr. Ankeny, and from 12 to 15 men are employed.

#### Buckeye Copper Mines.

B. A. Williams returned Thursday from an inspection of the Buckeye group of copper claims that are located on the divide between Slate creek and Chaney creek and which are being developed by W. H. Ramsey, of this county and Dr. W. E. Williams of Williamson, Ohio. These parties hold 17 claims that extend for two miles along the divide between the two creeks and cover a ledge that is from 500 to 1000 feet in width, nearly all of which is highly mineralized. Assays made show ore that goes as high as 23 per cent copper and \$13.43 in gold per ton. If the ledge produces values as the samples show, the Buckeye group will become one of the best paying properties in the West and a copper mine that will rival the famous Calumet and Hecla as a copper producer. Mr. Williams brought in a number of samples that he secured himself from the ledge, and were not picked specimens, that are rich in copper and show that the ledge is all that it is represented to be. Dr. Williams will return in a short time to his home in Ohio, where he will organize a company with sufficient capital to fully develop the property and to put on a smelter. He expects to have all financial matters arranged by early spring, when he will return to Grants Pass and immediately take up the work of installing a smelter. It is possible that the smelter will be of a type recently perfected and which is said to be operated at a much less expense than the kinds now in use at the copper mines. Mr. Williams is the agent for Southern Oregon and feels confident his smelter will solve the problem of the successful working of the many copper properties in Southern Oregon.

#### Rich Undeveloped District.

A portion of Josephine county which is rich in mineral possibilities yet which is almost virgin ground as far as prospecting is concerned is the extreme western and southwestern part lying in the coast mountains. This district embraces the Chetco river and its tributaries and the lower Illinois and its affluents Big Silver, Indigo and Collier creeks. The inaccessibility of the district is the prime cause of its undeveloped and have by hunters inexperienced condition. It is to be reached only by trails nearly all of them of the roughest variety. These trails are primitive and generally follow the line of least resistance with little regard to the distance involved. They will often lead for miles at right angles to the direction of the objective point ascending the spur of some high mountain in order to gain another spur by which a descent is made, perhaps thousands of feet to gain some creek or river point. A very great area of the region is precipitous and there are many places where a man on foot can not make his way across the country without danger to life and limb.

The upper Chetco is rich in gold. Its placers yield heavy nuggets and several magnificent quartz finds have been made in the vicinity of its upper tributaries. The tellurium belt which is giving a wide spread reputation to the Canyon creek district influences the Chetco also, and important finds in this mineral are to be expected. The Chetco region is rich in copper and nickel ore also is found. The extent and value of the mineral deposits are yet to be determined.

Silver creek the largest and most important tributary of the lower Illinois has three branches known as North Silver, Little Silver and Big Silver. On these creeks mining up to the present date has been confined to the branch known as South Silver which has produced in its placers many thousands of dollars in coarse heavy gold and is the scene of important placer operations at the present time. Big Silver creek, by far the largest of the three tributaries, is virtually an unknown region as regards its mineral possibilities. Some attempt has been made to mine it for placer and with a fair measure of success, though the difficulty of working the heavy ground prevented any very great profit in the operations, which were conducted on a small scale and without machinery. The gold secured was coarse and of superior quality. No quartz operations are yet instituted on any of the branches of Silver creek, though the presumption is general that mineral exists there in quantity and only needs to be found.

Indigo creek is a district more remote and less known than Silver creek. It is a tributary of the Illinois, coming in from the north side below Silver Creek and is a stream of some importance. No noteworthy gold finds seem to have been made in this district but native copper in good sized pieces has been picked up in the creek bed.

Collier creek is another tributary of the Illinois, coming in from the south side and lying its source near those of the Chetco tributaries. Collier creek has produced some placer gold and pieces of native copper have been found long its source. All these streams are producers of platinum. Rich deposits of gold exists throughout the district and the

possibilities in nickel are worthy of investigation. But copper is the most promising of the mineral resources. Its indications are prevalent all over the district and large bodies of this mineral are almost certain to be brought to light in the future. This region is offering first class opportunities to the prospector.

#### Success of Minerals Exhibit.

The display of minerals at the exhibit room of the Grants Pass Minerals Association, is steadily increasing and now makes a showing that elicits words of commendation from all visitors. The exhibit now embraces 58 samples of gold ore, 13 of copper, five of asbestos and specimens of cinnabar, josephinite, coal, nickel, jade and gossan. And all this has been brought together in but six weeks time, and now that the exhibit has been given a permanency and has demonstrated its worth as a medium to advertise the mineral wealth of Southern Oregon, the work of securing samples will proceed more rapidly and by spring it is expected to have a sample of ore from each developed ledge in this district of gold, copper, cinnabar and other metals, as well as samples of the other minerals that are of commercial value, that are known to exist in Southern Oregon. It is planned to get sufficient samples from each property to have enough for the local exhibit and for the display that the Association will make for Southern Oregon, at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and it is asked by the officers of the Minerals Association, that parties sending in samples bear this in mind and bring a double quantity.

That the mineral exhibit room is to be a permanent institution in Grants Pass is now an assured fact, for both the mining men of this district and the business men of Grants Pass realize its value as a means of proving to the world the great extent, variety and richness of the mineral resources of Southern Oregon and that as an advertising venture it will be the most profitable of any ever undertaken by Grants Pass. To meet the expenses of maintaining the exhibit room is no small undertaking and it is proving a burden more than the Minerals Association can bear with its present income from fees and dues and it has been determined to ask the citizens of Grants Pass to assist in carrying on the work of the Association, which in reality is of far more benefit to Grants Pass than it is to the miners. Grants Pass has been built up and will continue to prosper by the mining capital brought to this district and by the wealth produced by the mines and it is but just, as well as a most profitable investment, for the people of Grants Pass to stand loyally by the Minerals Association and assist it by liberal contributions. To this end a special committee of the Association consisting of C. L. Mangum, Judge J. O. Booth, and H. C. Kinney will make a thorough canvass of the city within the next week and every business man and property owner in Grants Pass will be asked to become a regular contributor to the fund for the maintenance of the minerals exhibit room. The plan is to have the contribution cover the entire year of 1905, and to be for a specified sum, whatever the contributor feels able to give, per month, to be paid quarterly in advance. This will obviate the annoyance and expense of frequent collections, and produce a steady and assured income to the Minerals Association in its splendid work for the development of the mineral wealth of this district and for the upbuilding of Grants Pass.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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### THE MINERALS EXHIBIT

#### Officers Appeal to the Public for Financial Aid.

At a meeting recently held by the Executive Committee of the Grants Pass Minerals Association, undersigned was instructed to lay before the public, through the papers of this city, the present status and future needs of the Association and I now desire to obey instructions by stating that the Association was organized some three months ago with 13 paying members. The promoters of the enterprise were hopeful that the membership would be large enough to support the permanent exhibit and carry on the business of the Association without calling on the general public for aid, but in this they have been disappointed. The business of the Association is to foster the mining industry of Southern Oregon by maintaining a permanent exhibit in Grants Pass and by keeping open a free reading room for the general public and by disseminating, broad cast throughout the whole country, reliable and trustworthy information concerning the mineral resources of this vicinity. The officers and members of the Association have performed their whole duty in this direction without pay from any source whatsoever. They have given liberally that others might reap bountifully. Many of them have devoted much time and expended a considerable sum of money in order to keep the Association in working condition. I estimate that there are 200 mines in operation in Josephine county and that they employ at least 1000 miners and that the wages of these men, saying nothing of the products of the mines, are not less than \$2500, per day or \$600,000 per annum. Now I estimate that one per cent on the pay roll of these mines for one month would easily support the Grants Pass Minerals Association for a whole year and as the merchants, bankers and other business men are the largest and almost exclusive beneficiaries of the entire mining industry of this county, we feel no compunction of conscience in asking the general public to help us keep the Association in good working order by providing funds for its support. The year 1905 is going to be one of great import to the whole state of Oregon and the counties and districts that fail to be represented at the Lewis and Clark Fair in Portland, will certainly be away behind those who have enterprise enough to make their resources known to the world by having creditable exhibits at the fair. Shall Josephine county be conspicuous by its absence or shall it make such an exhibit as will attract capital that will open up hundreds of mining prospects that are as good as the Granite Hill or the Greenback, but are now dormant for the reason that local capital is not adequate to the task of their development. We do not appeal to you as mendicants, begging for favors, but we present to you a plain, business proposition, and it is up to you to decide whether the Association shall be maintained and work for the good of all the people, or whether its doors shall be closed on January first. The Executive Committee of the Association has appointed H. C. Kinney, J. O. Booth and C. L. Mangum as a special finance committee to solicit funds for the Association and this committee will call on the business men of Grants Pass in a few days and ask them to subscribe to this fund. The requirements from each will be exceedingly small and the subscriptions will not be binding unless the sums subscribed aggregate \$60 per month. Business men and property owners of Grants Pass, you can not afford to allow the association to fail for the lack of funds for its maintenance. C. L. MANGUM, President. Grants Pass, Oregon, Dec. 8, 1904.

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