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SOUTHERN OREGON MINES

Applegate Merchant to Help With Minerals Exhibit.
Opp Mine a Big Gold Producer.

Good Prospects on Coyote Creek.

Of the mining news of Coyote Creek district, F. Keller of Golden, who was in Grants Pass last Thursday, gives the Courier the following:

Mr. Keller is himself mining and has a claim that may prove to be both a copper and a gold mine. He has on his claim a dyke that has a surface indication of from 40 to 60 feet in width. This dyke carries considerable copper assays giving as high as 14 percent and some gold. Adjoining the dyke is a stringer that prospects well carrying both free gold and base ore, a mill test yielding \$8 free gold, \$60 in concentrates per ton. This stringer has a dip of about 60 degrees and evidently intersects the dyke at no great distance from the surface and Mr. Keller is driving a crosscut to see what showing is made at the point of contact. He has his tunnel in 110 feet and thinks that it will require 60 feet more to reach the point he is working for. Mr. Keller will continue his development work until he has demonstrated the value of his property, he having every reason to believe that he has a claim that will be a valuable one.

A mile distant from Mr. Keller's dyke is another one that shows a width of 10 feet. This ledge is being developed by Wm. Thompson and is prospecting well. It contains a number of seams that are rich in free gold and sulphurets.

M. H. Thompson has bonded his claim to Spokane parties at the head of whom is E. C. Stinger. Some 300 feet of tunnel has been put in by Mr. Thompson and the new owners are continuing the development. If by spring the ledge continues its present good showing, the company plans to put in a mill and undertake its permanent working. This ledge is from six to 10 feet wide and appears to be so extensive that though a low-grade proposition it is likely to prove to be one of the big mining properties of Southern Oregon.

There are a number of other promising ledges in this district that are being developed by the owners and Mr. Keller stated that the hills are full of prospectors looking for other ledges.

Opp Mine a Big Producer.

Reports come from the Opp mine that the new 10-stamp mill lately erected and put in operation at that mine is turning out the gold at a rate that is extremely satisfactory to owners. With a force of 20 men an average of 35 tons of ore is milled per day and the gold produced is close to \$200 a day. On a recent clean-up after a 15 days run \$1000 was taken from the plates and concentrates were saved that would yield \$1500 and no clean-up of the mill was made which always holds considerable gold.

This mine which is located 30 miles from Grants Pass and a mile and a half from Jacksonville is owned by J. W. Opp, Dr. J. F. Reddy and F. T. Perry, who have a close corporation known as the Opp Mining Company. No stock of this company is for sale and none was sold to install the mill, the capital being supplied by these gentlemen. The building was erected for 20 stamps and the other 10 stamps are to be put in at no distant day, but the owners prefer to wait until such time as they can meet the expense without involving themselves too heavily for they plan to have the mill pay its way and not have a big lot of stock out with the owners clamoring for dividends before the mine is in perfect working order.

Ashland Men Compliments Exhibit.

D. B. Grant, a leading citizen of Ashland, was in Grants Pass last Wednesday on an important business deal. Mr. Grant was formerly in the hardware business in Ashland and a heavy stockholder in the Ashland Manufacturing Company, but he has sold his interests in those and is now devoting much of his time to mining. Among his mining holdings is a large tract of land on Wagner and on this land a prospector who has been at work for Mr. Grant for some time past has discovered two fine ledges. Both ledges are of large size and on the surface show good values in free gold. So good is the showing that Mr. Grant will have the ledges thoroughly prospected and may, if it is warranted, erect a mill this summer.

While in Grants Pass Mr. Grant visited the minerals exhibit room of the Grants Pass Miners Association and was greatly interested in the display of minerals. Of his impression of the exhibit, Mr. Grant is quoted as follows by the Ashland Tidings:

The Grants Pass Miners Association has installed an attractive and comprehensive mineral display in headquarters which also contain a reference library in that city. D. B. Grant, of this city, returned from a visit to Grants Pass, Tuesday night, and speaks in complimentary terms of the enterprise shown by the mining interests there. The mineral display is not confined to specimens found in Josephine county, but will be gathered from mines from a distance of 100 miles along the Southern Pacific Railroad in Southern Oregon. Mr. Grant will send some specimens from Ashland.

Books Received.

Through the courtesy of Senator John H. Mitchell, 57 volumes have been received from Washington for the reference library of the Grants Pass Miners Association. These books are mostly reports of the United States geological survey and are thus of special value as works of reference to miners. These reports contain description of all the minerals found in the United States, where and how mined and their uses and value. Statistical tables give the mineral productions of the various states.

The Miners Association plan to make their reference library a strong feature of their library and minerals exhibit room. To this end they will add, so far as their means will permit, all the standard works pertaining to the mining industry as well as all the government publications bearing on mineralogy. A number of maps have been secured, among them being maps that give the location of towns, postoffices, mines, railroads and wagon roads, streams, mountains, etc., of Southern Oregon. The use of this reference library is free to the general public and mining men are especially to avail themselves of the use of and to make the room their headquarters when in Grants Pass. Stationery and desks are at their service free of charge for any correspondence they may wish to do and the leading daily papers and mining and other publications are on file for the use of those who wish to spend an hour or more in reading. The library and minerals exhibit room is open daily from 8 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock in the evening, except for a short time at the noon and supper hours.

Change of Publication Day.

This week and henceforth the COURIER will be published on Friday afternoon instead of Thursday as hitherto. The reasons for the change are several, one of them being that the middle of the week is an inconvenient time for the publication day and that better continuity of work and better general results all around can be obtained by having the press day nearer the end of the week, besides enabling us to give more space and attention to the mid-week happenings. But the principal reason for the change is that the COURIER management is weary of furnishing news for so many papers. There are too many second and abridged editions of the COURIER published in Grants Pass each week and given the names of other local papers. The COURIER has better mechanical equipment and a larger working force than any other paper in the city. It is the county official paper and has by far the largest subscription patronage. In the amount of local news published, none of the other papers make even a respectable comparison with the COURIER. Those who are not now taking the COURIER are invited to subscribe and get the local and county news fresh instead of second hand.

The COURIER does not claim or pretend to compete with the city daily in detailing the general news of the world. If our readers wish this variety of news we will, for \$1, furnish 20 to 24 pages of it each week for one year.

Publications Wanted for Reading Room.

A free reading room is one of the urgent needs for Grants Pass. That a city of nearly 5000 inhabitants should not have a place where the men of the town and strangers can spend their leisure time in mental and moral profit to themselves is a matter that gives much concern to the public spirited citizens of Grants Pass. The Grants Pass Miners Association having more space in the large room they have leased than is required for their minerals exhibit have fitted up the rear portions as a reading room to which the public is welcome. All the leading dailies of the Coast are on file and the principal publications are subscribed for by the Association. Even with this amount of reading matter it is no unusual occurrence for 15 to 25 men being in the room at a time enjoying the courtesy of the Miners Association. It would add greatly to the interest in the reading room if there were more general publications. Magazines and trade papers of various kinds as well as books would be very acceptable. In the average house there are received a number of publications that are standard and do not get out of date quickly and when read by the family are thrown aside. It would be doing a practical deed of public good for such persons to donate their surplus reading matter to the reading room. A table has been provided especially for magazines and like publications and Room Manager Green preserves them and keeps them in order for the use of the patrons of the room.

With the active co-operation of the citizens of Grants Pass this city can have at little cost of maintenance a reading room that will be a credit to the city and be the means of affording strangers and residents a place to pass an hour profitably and pleasantly.

A. J. Bennett, who is developing a ledge that is an extension of the Hall property on Graves creek is having fine success. He is operating an arrastre on the ore he takes from the tunnel and the gold he secures pays for the development work and leaves a handsome balance to the credit of the mine. The ledge is from two to three feet in width and while some very rich stringers have been struck, the main body of ore has been steadily growing richer as depth is reached and so it is no vain hope that the mine may prove to be as rich as its neighbor, the famous Stralback, which is but two miles distant.

Work Resumed on Mt. Lion.

J. R. Bailey, superintendent of the Mountain Lion mine in Missouri Flat district was in Grants Pass Tuesday for a load of supplies and to deposit in the bank a gold bar, the product of the mine for January of a size that is exceedingly encouraging for a five stamp mill operating but 10 hours daily and by a force of but five men for the mine, as have been employed for the past month. The Mountain Lion has only been under the control of the owners, who are J. R. Bailey and G. W. Bailey of Missouri Flat and C. E. Harmon, postmaster of Grants Pass, and L. L. Jewell cashier of the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company, since the first of January, when the lease held by Col. Crawford, terminated. On taking charge, Supt. Bailey began a new line of development work that verified his judgment and proved that the old workings were practically on the tail of the ledge for the new work has opened up a larger and better body of ore than has yet been handled in the 12 years since the mine was first opened up. The ledge where now worked is in width from four inches to 3 1/2 feet, and is very rich, largely in free milling ore, and it is steadily gaining in width and value as distance back is reached.

So encouraging is the outlook that it is practically certain within the near future the company will put on a full force of men and operate the mill and mine day and night. The Mountain Lion has had a checkered career in the past, but its days of uncertainties appear to be past and now it is to enter on a period as one of the big, permanent gold producers of Josephine county.

News of Applegate Mines.

John M. Pernoll, who with his mother, Mrs. M. Pernoll, conducts at Applegate one of the largest country stores in Southern Oregon, was in Grants Pass over Friday night to meet drummers from the wholesale houses to place orders for spring goods.

Mr. Pernoll stated that the outlook for a prosperous year in the Applegate Valley was very encouraging. The farmers have made money the past year on their stock, hay, hops, fruit and other farm produce and the outlook is good for profitable prices this year. The mining industry is becoming of considerable importance in the Applegate district and Mr. Pernoll stated that much development work was being done on the claims now located and many prospectors were in the hills and were having good success in finding prospects that gave promise of value.

Of news concerning the miners Mr. Pernoll stated that work on the Maid of the Mist would be resumed this Monday by Ben Thurston who with H. M. White of Portland are the owners, after a shutdown since the holidays. This mine is on the right side of Thompson creek four miles from Applegate and has a fine ledge that shows considerable free gold already with much sulphurets. There is already considerable development work done on this mine and quite a quantity of ore has been taken out. Heretofore the ore has been milled at a little water power mill that Mr. Thurston had on the Applegate river, but it not saving the values close enough, the ore now taken out will be held on the dump until a mill is installed at the mine. Mr. Thurston has two men helping him and he will continue development work until the mine is fully opened, when if it should warrant the expenditure, a mill will be erected and the mine regularly worked.

Mr. Pernoll is a strong believer in the advertising benefits that will come to Southern Oregon by the influence of the minerals exhibit of the Grants Pass Miners Association and he will assist in any way he can to maintain it and make it more complete. He will do his best that every mine in the Applegate district is represented in the minerals exhibit and to that end he will have his team, that comes each week to Grants Pass, haul in free of charge all samples of minerals that may be left at his store. The Miners Association will greatly appreciate Mr. Pernoll's public spirit and enterprise and the Applegate ore will be given a good position in the exhibit room. Mr. Pernoll is shrewd enough to see that the development of the mining industry of his section will add greatly to the general prosperity of the community and thereby increase his own business. Were all the business men of Southern Oregon thus farighted, the development of this section would go on at a most rapid rate.

W. E. Wright and Ed Shaffer are driving a crosscut to open a ledge they have on Packer gulch a tributary of Hamburg creek. They are working in granite and are in 20 feet and expect to go 60 feet more before hitting the ledge. They have done some surface work on the ledge and took out five tons of ore which they had treated at the Opp mill at Jacksonville. The returns were such from this mill test that they feel certain they have a ledge that will justify being developed.

E. R. Hawkins, a civil engineer and H. N. Morse, at the head of a detective agency, both of San Francisco, are having a ledge developed which they have located on the right side of Thompson creek five miles above Applegate. They are greatly encouraged at the surface showing and will do extensive development work this spring.

Another Thompson creek claim that is being developed is that belonging to G. H. Munson, John Whitehead and Harmon Shaffer and is located on Spring gulch two miles from Applegate. The ore taken out is quite rich in free gold and for some time past the owners have operated an arrastre by horsepower. That being a slow, expensive method and having a water power in the gulch that is available for most of the time during the wet season they are now at work building a water wheel and flume and expect to have it in operation in a short time. This ledge is near the old Wells pocket from which was taken over \$8000 some years ago, and it too gives indication of being a rich producer of the yellow metal.

Preparations are being made to operate the Old Steamboat placer now known as the Mixer claim, which has been bonded by J. A. Whitman and others of Medford. Two men are now at work clearing land for piping which is expected to begin early in this month. The Oro Grande and Missouri placers further up Carberry creek and which were opened and equipped last winter with four giants are to be started this month.

The school at Applegate, the fall term of which closed the middle of December, is to begin the spring term February 15, with Josephine Donagan of Jacksonville as teacher. This will be Miss Donagan's third term in that district and she has proven herself a most capable teacher.

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John Ranzau Tells His Reasons for Holding His Crop.

John Ranzau visited Salem last week and in an interview with a Journal reporter, said:

"I cannot see how any grower conversant with the situation can even think of selling his hops at such ridiculous prices as 28 1/2 and 29 cents. Thirty-two or 33 cents would be no temptation to me to sell. I realize that present prices show an enormous profit to the grower on his capital invested, but as prices are regulated by supply and demand, or production and consumption, and the production being insufficient to supply the requisite consumption, I think we growers are justified to hold until values are advanced far beyond the present market. If the bears can manipulate the present market and lower prices at will, in the face of a shortage in the world amounting to several hundred thousand bales, and especially a shortage in the United States of 40,000 bales, then I would like to know what they will do when there is a surplus. In other words, we could not anticipate a stronger statistical situation than the existing one, and we will take advantage of conditions and play the game to a finish. Sooner or later the consumers will seek our product, and they will have to pay the price. The market may not reach the highest point till spring. However that may be, it is bound to come. Time being no object, we will wait for developments. The market will reach better than 40 cents by the time the 1905 crop is ready for shipment. In 1901 there was a large crop all over the world, and the brewers had a large surplus on hand from preceding years. Notwithstanding this in 1902, when the first short crop made its appearance, the market advanced to 27 1/2 cents. The bears shouted that the brewers have adopted a hard to mouth policy and that they are drawing on the hops they had in cold storage, and therefore are buying sparingly. In 1903 another short crop appeared and the brewers used up all the hops they had on hand; in fact, all the surplus disappeared. The exports amounted to only 50,000 bales. The market reached 29 cents. No sane man claimed a surplus at the beginning of the crop of 1904. The crop of 1904 is estimated at 250,000 bales. Subtracting from this the exports of 50,000 bales, and taking it for granted that the additional exports, will be

equivalent to the imports, we have remaining for home consumption 170,000 bales. Statistics show that the United States consumed on an average over 200,000 bales for the past 10 years. In spite of the four cold months in the spring of 1903, there was an increase in the production of beer. Suppose a warm spring appears, which we have every reason to expect, then the production of beer will amount to at least 51,000,000 barrels. Of course there are lots of hops used for yeast and patent medicines in addition."

Mr. Ranzau is the largest hop grower of Southern Oregon, and he holds at the present time several hundred bales for an advance in price, which, he says, will surely come.

Farmer Who Favors Good Roads.
A. Hanseth, a farmer of near Dryden, was in Grants Pass over Friday night. Mr. Hanseth brought in a load of produce and took back with him a load of supplies, but owing to the almost impassable state of the roads he can only haul small loads and take two days for the trip that on a good turnpike road he could make in one and save hotel and livery expenses which take up about all the profit on his load of produce. Mr. Hanseth is a strong advocate of good roads and thinks that a high road tax with the money expended under modern methods of road building would be the best investment that the farmers of Josephine county could make.

Mr. Hanseth is engaged in general farming but is now turning his attention more especially to breeding stock, he finding like other progressive farmers that scrub stock is not profitable. He has been breeding Herefords and has some fine grade animals of that breed, but he has concluded that the milking strain of the Shorthorns are the best general purpose cattle for the farmer and intends to change to that breed. Recently he bought a fine bull of three-quarter Shorthorn and one quarter Hereford to place with his herd.

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