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## SOUTHERN OREGON MINES

New Mines Developing on Grave Creek and Chetco. Jones Creek Yields Rich Ore.

Books for Library.

The reference library of the Grants Pass Miners Association in the minerals exhibit room, is shortly to receive another invoice of consular and scientific reports from the government. Senator Fulton having written to President Mangum that he had secured a fine list of valuable documents for the Miners Association. It is the plan of the Association to make the reference library of value to all classes of readers and especially to miners, machinists and business men.

Big Ore Body at Oak.

A new property, which is making a fine showing through prospecting which is being done, is the Oak mine, situated in the Jump-off-Joe district, near the Lucky Queen. It is being quietly developed by the owners, C. W. Birum and T. B. Rowntree and is showing a large ore body, carrying good values. The ore carries a large percentage of iron and is rusty and red at the surface, while at a little depth, it turns to a smooth bluish shade. It is unusually heavy and is undeniably full of metal. This is a mine of fine promise, though its value remains to be demonstrated.

A Rich Mining District.

W. J. Smith of Selma was in town this week. Mr. Smith states that the mineral industries of that section are awakening and that there are prospects for considerable enterprise in that line during the coming year as there are several new and important properties which are very likely to be opened up in the near future. Selma is the distributing point for the entire lower Illinois river district and for the lower part of Briggs and Silver creeks. The territory is rich in gold and copper, embracing such important properties as the Eureka mine, the Siskiyou copper mines and the Albright copper properties. A very great portion of this district is virtually unprospected. Though the district contains many good gold mines, it would not be surprising to see copper take first place in mineral importance as the prospects in that metal show an abundance and quality of ore that makes it practically certain that the district will become a copper producer of magnitude when the properties are more thoroughly opened up and their value demonstrated.

The Josephine County Real Estate Co. has reorganized under the name and title of OREGON TIMBER, MINING and INVESTMENT CO. (Incorporated) E. V. Smith, William R. Nipper and Eugene Pearson, Incorporated. The offices of the company, rooms 1 & 3 Courier building, formerly occupied by the Josephine County Real Estate Co.

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No. 222—10 room house, 6 acres good land, good out-buildings, good well, big tank, good fence, for the small sum of \$3000.

No. 224—9 acres good bottom land, all in choice bearing, fruit trees.

No. 227—One lot on Sixth street, new 5-room house at \$400.

No. 227—10 acres good rich river bottom land, 300 bearing fruit trees all varieties. New 5-room house, hard finish, 3 wells, tank and windmill, small barn, 2 chicken houses. Price \$2100.

Two Ledges That Show Up Well.

E. G. Patton, was in Grants Pass Monday from Placer. Mr. Patton, in partnership with J. H. Mills, is operating a placer mine on Grave creek, eight miles above Leland. They are also developing a quartz property on Jordan gulch, a tributary of upper Grave creek, and one on the head of Chetco, just over the line in Curry county. Mr. Patton spent the fall and winter up to Christmas in charge of the development of work on the Chetco claim, but having his foot severely injured by a falling rock, he came out and so soon as he was able to resume work, he took charge of their Grave creek properties and Mr. Mills went to Chetco, where he now is, and will remain until spring. Mr. Mills has two men helping him and he is opening up the ledge, which shows to be very high grade copper ore.

Mr. Patton, with two men assisting in the work, operates their placer claim, when there is water, the remainder of the time is put in on their quartz claims of which there are five. He is now driving a tunnel on the lower ledge and has it in 60 feet. The width of the ledge has not been ascertained yet as he has not caught either wall with the tunnel. The ore looks well and is uniform in values of about \$3 per ton. Development work will be continued for some time yet to more fully open up the ledge and learn its extent and value.

Of a property that is being opened by A. J. Bennett and Thos. Makin on the opposite side of the hill from their claims, Mr. Patton stated that a crosscut was being run by Messrs. Bennett & Makin to hit the ledge on a lower level from their present surface workings. Some rich stringers had been found but the main ore body had not been reached but it was thought not over 40 feet of tunnel would be required to reach the ledge. Work on this tunnel is only carried on when, during the dry spells, there is no water to operate an arrastra that they have on the property for milling ore taken from the surface of the ledge that they are developing. The ore is so rich that they are able to pay their developing expenses with the proceeds from the arrastra. If the showing continues so well it is the plan of Messrs. Bennett & Makin to put in a stamp mill this fall.

Columbia Hydraulic Placer.

The Columbia placer mine on Grave creek is working steadily with three and four giants, the number dependent upon the flow of the water. Though this mine has one of the best water rights in Southern Oregon, so light this water in Grave creek is so flow that the mine cannot be operated to its full capacity. The equipment of this mine includes six giants and in ordinary years there is plenty of water for their operation for six to eight months in the year. The present winter is of the freak variety in the matter of dryness and there are few of the placers that are not handicapped by lack of water.

The Columbia is one of the largest placers of Southern Oregon and has a superb equipment including a hydraulic elevator which was the first appliance of its character installed in this district. This elevator is not now in operation as under the present conditions the dump can be kept open by means of a giant which is kept at work piping away the debris. When the full number of six giants is in operation, five of them are kept busy cutting and driving the dirt and gravel to the sluices while the sixth is used on the dump, keeping it clear for the discharge of the tailings.

Rich Strike on Carberry.

J. N. Hall, of Williams, was in Grants Pass Friday. Mr. Hall reports that C. A. Hoxie, a miner of Williams Creek, who has been prospecting on the headwaters of Carberry creek, has discovered a ledge of free milling ore that shows up 12 inches wide between the contact walls, which are of serpentine and porphyry. The quartz is so friable as to be readily mortared and when panned, the colors show up in a manner that is a most excellent eye-tonic to the miner and an encouraging owner of a fat purse.

Mr. Hoxie's find is on the east slope of Grayback mountain, the slopes of which are all rich in gold, the famous Briggs gold mine being on the south slope of this mountain, and it is quite likely to prove a big paying property. In this same district, some of the richest placers in Southern Oregon have been found. The Carberry section being especially rich in auriferous ground and some big placer miners are operated on it.

The Bennett-Makin Mine.

C. L. Mangum made a trip this week to the Grave creek mining district and visited a number of the mineral properties of that locality. In regard to the reported strike at the Bennett-Makin mine, Mr. Mangum said that the report that the ledge had been reached in the lower tunnel was somewhat premature, as about 10 feet of tunnel yet remained to be run before the operators expected to encounter the ledge. A number of quartz stringers, however, had been cut in the tunnel and some of these carry very rich ore with plenty of free gold in sight.

The ledge lies on a contact of diorite and serpentine and is a well defined vein, prospecting richly wherever it has been exposed. The Hall group of mines is located on the same ledge which lies above an area which was found extremely rich in placer gold many years ago. The definite character of the vein and the richness of the ore make it certain that immensely valuable and productive properties will be shown with more extended developments.

Samples for Exhibit Wanted.

The convention to be held in Grants Pass by the Oregon Good Roads Association on March 20 and 21, will bring to this city a large number of prominent men of the state, as well as a large gathering of people from all sections of Southern Oregon. The minerals exhibit room will be one of the attractions of the city that many of them will visit. In order to give these visitors a good knowledge of the mineral wealth of Southern Oregon, the exhibit should be made more complete than it now is and the Grants Pass Miners Association is making a strong effort to secure ore samples from all the gold, copper, tin, nickel and asbestos mines not represented and to secure samples of coal, iron, marble, limestone, cement rock, the different kinds of building stone, mineral paint, fire and tiling clays. In fact samples are wanted of every mineral found in Southern Oregon, and that embraces about all the minerals found on the Pacific Coast and some found in no other section of Oregon but in this district.

To have a fine minerals exhibit to show the members of the Oregon Good Roads Association is not the only incentive that is actuating the Miners Association for the plan is to have this exhibit one of the permanent features of Grants Pass and to be made more complete year by year until it shall rank with the great mineral exhibits of Spokane, Denver and the other great mining centers of the United States. This exhibit has already become one of the attractions to all visitors to Grants Pass and it will attract hundreds to this city this summer when the big rush of travel is on to the Lewis and Clark fair. Among these visitors will be many of the prominent mining men of the country, as well as other capitalists, who will take advantage of the low fair rates to visit Southern Oregon and investigate its resources with a view of investing. If the showing, such as can be made for this district, is presented to these capitalists, many of them will be led to invest in mines and other property to the great financial good of this section. Southern Oregon has the resources but the lack of capital has prevented their development except to a limited extent, and to induce capitalists to investigate these varied and rich resources is the object of the work of the Grants Pass Miners Association in getting up its minerals exhibit and other advertising features.

## MAKE BIG PROFIT ONLY IN EARLY MELONS

Likewise in Early Vegetables, Corn and Squashes by Starting Plants in Cans Placed in Coldframes.

This Method Hastens the Growing Season a Full Month.

The Rogue River Valley truck gardeners are finding their home market as well as the Portland market seriously cut into by the California growers, who, having the advantage of an earlier spring get their vegetables, melons, etc., into the markets of Grants Pass and other Oregon towns before the local growers have marketable products. The fancy prices are thus paid by the time the Rogue River gardeners are ready to begin marketing and their profits are thereby greatly reduced and sometimes when the spring here is late, there are no profits at all to them.

The truck gardeners of New Jersey found themselves a few years ago cut out of the New York markets by the earlier products from the Carolinas and Florida. The likelihood of losing the most profitable part of their business caused them to devise means to successfully meet the Southern competition. They did it by starting beans, cabbage, corn, melons, etc., in old cans and then when the weather was warm and the plants large, they were planted in the garden. Their method was to get old tomato and other cans from the restaurants, melt them apart in a brush or other fire, tie a string around the can side to hold it together. Then fill those cans with very rich earth and plant in them such seeds as wanted to produce early products. Set these cans in a coldframe, that is located on the south side of some building to protect it from north winds and place over the frame a thin white cotton cover. This cover is fastened to the rear of the coldframe and has on its front edge, a wooden roller on which it

can be rolled up when the coldframe is to be uncovered. This cover will keep off the frosts and cold rains yet let in sufficient light for the growth of the plants. On warm days this cover is rolled back and in the last period that the plants are in the coldframe it is left off entirely to harden the plants to outdoor life. Tepid water is used for watering. When the weather has become settled and the ground warm, the plants are placed in the field, where they are grown, by this time the plants being strong, vigorous and hardy and from six to eight inches high. The method of planting is to first make holes of the size to readily hold the can and its plant. If a large number of plants, they can be hauled out on a sled, but a few can be carried on a board. As the cans have no bottom, take a bricklayer's trowel or a shingle to slip under each can when lifting out of the coldframe and when transferring to the ground. Set the can with its plant in the hole, press the earth well about the can, then cut the string about the can and carefully pull it up and lay it up for another year. If the job is done properly, the roots of the plant in the soil of the cans have not been disturbed at all and the plant proceeds with its growth as though no transplanting had been done.

Rich Ore at Horseshoe.

A rich ore body was recently uncovered at the Horseshoe mine, the property of Meade & Cass, on Jones creek in the vicinity of the Dry Diggings. About two years ago T. B. Meade and Sidney Andrew discovered a stringer of quartz and porphyry which yielded handsome returns in free gold. The ore was hauled to the Wright quartz mill at this place and crushed, giving returns of about \$30 to the ton. Six tons of the ore was hauled to Gold Hill also where it was milled, netting six ounces of gold. As they sank on the vein, however, it became narrower in width, finally "pinching" down to a few inches and the work on it was for the time abandoned.

Recently N. B. Meade determined to sink deeper on this vein to determine its further value or to see whether or not it "pinched" out altogether. As the ore stringer was followed downward, it widened until at a depth of about 25 feet, it had a width of some two feet with every indication of being a permanent vein. Ore was taken out and sacked. Samples were taken from each of 25 sacks and a mill test was made by W. G. Wright and the returns showed values of \$210 to the ton. Assay tests of the ore made at different times show values varying from \$105 to \$435 to the ton. The ore will be milled at W. G. Wright's mill in this city.

The Horseshoe is one of a group of mines including the Gold King and the Sun Dance. The Gold King has been under development for some time and has about 185 feet of tunnel work. The Sun Dance was worked many years ago with an arrastra by Ball, Wiley & Parnell and yielded first class returns, much of the ore milling at the rate of \$50 or more to the ton. The convenient ore near the surface was worked out and the claim was finally abandoned at the time of a new gold excitement. The present showing in this group of mines is exceptionally good. The location is extremely favorable for the existence of a rich gold property and it seems probable that only a more thorough development and demonstration of the quantity and value of the ore is necessary to make this mine take rank among the producing properties of Southern Oregon.

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lard so early, enables the gardener to grow a second crop of late stuff, thus securing an increased productivity to his land. The consequent profits to be had from the high prices and double crops far more than reimburse the gardener for the extra expense of the coldframe and cans.

It would be a good plan for the gardeners and melon growers of Rogue River Valley to try the can method of starting plants. The can method would entirely eliminate the lottery feature of melon raising in this valley, for some years the raisers secure barely half a crop and these so late that the prices are so low that there is no profit in the business. This was the case last season when, owing to the lateness of the spring and the ravages of outcrops, many of these were shipped, less than half the number of cars that are usually sent north from Rogue River Valley each year. Some of the growers had to replace their fields as high as three times to replace the plants killed by outcrops. These worms are seldom so numerous as last spring, but there are a few each year and they are early death to a young, tender melon plant. But these pests have the redeeming feature of disappearing so soon as the ground becomes warm and they also will not touch a plant after it becomes large and tough. The loss sustained by the melon growers last year would reimburse them for several years for the extra expense of planting by the can method and they would also make a saving in cultivation for the ground could be given such a late cultivation in the spring that the weeds would be given such a setback that the melon plants would not be endangered by them. Moreover, handweeding, that back-breaking work, would be eliminated for the melon plants would be so large that they could be readily cultivated with a plow.

When conditions are favorable, there is not a more profitable crop grown in Rogue River Valley than melons, and a method of growing that will do away with the extra expense and with the uncertainties of the yield and enable the crop to be placed in the market early in the season, when prices are high, should commend itself to the growers of this valley. It is with this object in view that the Courier gives the details of a method that, if undertaken by the farmers of Rogue River Valley, will make to them the growing of melons a very profitable crop and by the means of giving an increase and a stability to an industry that can be made one of the leading sources of wealth for Southern Oregon.

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## BARN BURNS ON APPLIGATE

Serious Loss of the York Bros. Near Kubli.

A large barn on the Henry York place, on Appligate near Kubli, was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening with 55 tons of hay which it contained. The barn was near the road but about half a mile distant from the house where the owners live. There is no explanation of the manner by which it took fire and it is suspected that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The first intimation that the owners had of the fire was a roaring noise like that of a windstorm. Looking out a light that was seen for miles up and down the valley. A hay rake, which was in the barn, was the only loss besides the building and the hay. This barn was a fine structure, one of the largest barns in the Appligate valley and had been only recently completed. The loss is roughly estimated at about \$1600, without insurance.

The York brothers own large cattle rasters and the loss of the hay would be much more serious were it not for the exceptional mildness of the present winter, the stock needing so little feed that the supply of hay remaining is amply sufficient for feeding purposes.

## JONES CREEK HATCHERY

Little Salmon Will Soon Make Their Appearance.

Salmon eggs are still being taken at the Jones creek hatchery, though the number secured in the past two weeks has been comparatively few. They have now taken a total of about 1,800,000 eggs of which by far the greater number are silversides.

The time required for hatching varies from 40 to 60 days according to the temperature of the water, and it will be some two or three weeks yet before the little fish begin to appear. In some of the eggs taken earlier, however, the form of the little fish are plainly discernible and they may some times be seen indulging in little wriggles inside the transparent casing of the egg. After hatching the young salmon will be kept three or four weeks before being liberated.

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