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SOUTHERN OREGON MINES

No Great Shortage in Placer Gold.

The heavy rains of late with the large snowfall in the mountains and hills of Southern Oregon has given a fine water supply to the placer miners, especially to those on the larger streams that head in the higher latitudes. As has been the case in previous years when the winter was unusually dry, the succeeding spring was wet and the placer miners got in about their usual run for the year.

There is every prospect that the miners will be able to do considerable work this spring and that there will not be so great a shortage in the output of placer gold in Southern Oregon as has been feared of late. In fact, instead of there being less than half the yield of an average year, there is a likelihood that there will be fully two-thirds or more of the amount of gold usually produced. This is made possible by the fact that so much more can be accomplished in a day now than in the winter months. The days are now long, enabling over-time to be put in and the weather being warm, men can work to better advantage, for placer mining is a wet, cold job at the best. In warm weather, a larger per cent of gold can be saved for the quicksilver will not flow as it does in cold weather and float away on the water, carrying off the fine gold. In warm weather the quicksilver is more live, as miners term it, and will take up

the gold more readily and thus make a greater saving in the sluice boxes. With everything in readiness and with 14 hours of daylight and comfortable weather to work in, a day with a good panning head will bring as much results to the placer miner now as would two days in December or January. That crops never fail in Southern Oregon, even that of gold nuggets, is to be as true for the year 1905 as it has been in the previous 53 years in which its wealth has yielded profitable returns to the white man's labor.

Profitable Placer Mine.

C. E. Wickstrom was in Grants Pass over Tuesday night from his placer mine on Pleasant creek, a tributary of Evans creek. Mr. Wickstrom had several hundred dollars with him, nuggets, in some going as high as \$55, that he has secured from his sluice boxes in the last month. Mr. Wickstrom was able to begin panning the middle of December and he has been able to work steadily since, with the exception of a few days when his water supply ran low, but having a large reservoir head, he was able to put in almost full time. He expects to have water for at least two months more of work and at the rate he is taking out the gold he will have a clean-up that will enable him to take life easy, which he proposes to do for a couple of months in the summer when he will return to his former home at St. Helens, on the lower Columbia river.

Mr. Wickstrom and his associates, among whom is E. E. Quirk, a prominent business man of St. Helens, have developed their property into one of the best paying placers of Southern Oregon. Mr. Wickstrom is one mining man who is never behind hand and has his mine in perfect readiness with the first water in the fall and then utilizes every drop until the season closes. Thorough prospecting has demonstrated that they have an extensive body of gold bearing gravel and that it would be a good dredging proposition and several parties have offered to purchase it at a good price and to then equip it with an electric power dredge.

Grants Pass Man to Build a Quartz Mill.

F. E. Willett returned Saturday from Eugene, where he was summoned by C. H. Park, an English capitalist of large means, who is investing in Oregon mines, to arrange for superintending the construction of a large quartz mill which the latter will erect on a property he has in the Blue river district. The mill is to be equipped with four Merrill quadruple discharge batteries. No concentrators will be required as the ore is free milling and being friable it is expected that the mill will handle

100 tons of ore every 24 hours. Steam power will be used.

The mine is located 60 miles from Eugene and is near the famous Lucky Boy, where 40 stamps are now being operated by electric power. Development work has been carried on for the past three years and a large quantity of high grade ore has been blocked out. A saw mill is now on the property and is being operated in cutting the lumber for the mill and other buildings. The order has been placed for the machinery and it is expected to arrive in Eugene by the time the roads dry and are passable for loaded teams. Mr. Willett will leave next week for Blue river to begin work upon the buildings and get the foundations in place for the batteries by the time they are hauled in. Mr. Willett has the reputation of being a fast worker and he is a millwright of long experience and has had fine success with all the mills he has constructed. He drew the plans and supervised the erection of both the Granite Hill and the Opp mills, each of which are among the best constructed mills in Southern Oregon and have run without a delay since first put in operation.

Colonel Draper on Inspecting Trip.

Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper returned Saturday evening from Takilma and Monumental, where he has been for the past two weeks looking after mining interests he has at those places. Colonel Draper was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Draper, who had been enjoying an outing at Takilma, and they left Sunday evening for their home in San Francisco. Colonel Draper stated the prospect-

ing by a steam power drill, which he and other San Francisco capitalists are having done on the Illinois river bottom near Takilma, is progressing satisfactorily and the showing is quite encouraging. Development work is being steadily carried on in the Queen of Bronze mine and by the time the Takilma smelter is ready to blow in this spring a large tonnage of ore will be blocked out. Colonel Draper spent several days at the Monumental mine just over the line in Del Norte county. For more than a year development work has been carried on steadily at this mine and it is estimated that fully 400,000 tons of high grade ore, rich in both copper and gold, is now blocked out.

The Monumental is owned by Col. Draper and associates of San Francisco and New York, and they are planning to put in a large smelting plant and expect to begin work upon installing it so soon as the wagon road from Crescent City is in shape for teaming. This road is in a bad shape and Col. Draper went to Crescent City and secured a promise from the county board of supervisors to have some of the worst places repaired. Colonel Draper also applied to have a voting precinct established at Monumental and also a school district and the Colonel offers to donate a school building free of charge to the district.

Murphy Gulch Placer Mine Doing Good Work.

Eugene Pearson, of the Oregon Timber, Mining & Investment Company, returned Tuesday from a trip to Evans creek, where he had spent several days at the placer mine that he, in company with W. R. Nipper and E. V. Smith own on Murphy gulch. The late rains and snows in the hills have given them a fine head of water and with their two giants they have been keeping the dirt on the move at a lively rate. To increase their water they have two large reservoirs and with these they will be able to continue panning late in the season. Having rich ground and easy to work, Messrs. Pearson, Nipper & Smith expect to make a good clean-up even though the season has been short.

THE GOLDEN KING MINE

Company Incorporated and Mill to Be Installed.

A. J. Bennett a well known miner of Placer creek was in Grants Pass last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Bennett in company with T. J. Mackin owns the Golden King quartz mine. This property is located on Burgess gulch, a tributary from the south of Grave creek and it is but 2 1/2 miles from the Greenback mine, one of the largest gold producers in Oregon. Messrs. Bennett & Mackin have been at work for some months past developing their mine and now in addition, to considerable surface work, have a cross-cut run in 117 feet and which intercepts the ledge at about 100 feet from the surface of the ground. They have the cross-cut in 14 feet beyond the foot-wall and no indications of the hanging wall. On the surface the ledge shows for a width of about 27 feet and it has the appearance of being fully worked. The ore in the first seven feet of the cross-cut gave an average assay of \$10.40 per ton and the remainder of the ledge is showing to be all but as rich. The ore on the surface is even more rich and having oxidized, the gold is readily extracted by means of an arrastre, which Messrs. Bennett & Mackin operate by means of water power. The arrastre can only be run for limited periods, owing to the small water supply, yet so rich is the ore milled that the gold secured pays a very large portion of the expense of developing the mine.

The development work now done has convinced Messrs. Bennett & Mackin that they have a mine that will justify the expense of putting on a mill. To secure the money with which to complete the development work and to install the mill they have incorporated as the Leland Mining Company with a capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$15,000 is to be treasury stock and non-assessable. The incorporators are A. J. Bennett, T. J. Mackin and W. A. Bennett.

For the present Mr. Mackin is president of the company and A. J. Bennett, vice-president and manager, and W. A. Bennett, secretary and treasurer. When in Grants Pass Saturday Mr. Bennett placed an order with the Courier for stock certificates and other stationery for his company. For the present only a small amount of the company's stock will be placed on the market, for no great expenditure will be made until next fall when the mill will be installed. For the next six months the time will be put in blocking out ore and putting the mine in shape for permanent work.

Messrs. Bennett & Mackin have two other claims adjoining the Golden King that are very promising. But for the present they will not be developed, but by another year they expect to be in a position to fully ascertain their value and equip them if the showing warrants.

It is reported that Fred Clemens, who has a bond on the Yellow Horn mine near Placer, and who has been having extensive development work done on the property will start up in a short time the mill with which the mine is equipped. The mill is a Merrill three stamp and operated by steam power. The Yellow Horn is making a good showing and the ore now on the dump and that blocked out carries good values.

NEW STORE NEWS

Another lot
New Iron Beds, full size
Well worth \$3.50 for\$2.25
Grandmother's Rockers
Regular \$4.00 for \$3.00
Trunks \$2.50 to \$9.00
Kitchen Treasures
\$3.00 to \$5.50
Kitchen China Closets
Glass Doors, \$8.00
Waiter Trays—all sizes
25c to 75c

FURNITURE

Couch Covers
\$1.50 to \$8.00
Indian Couch Robes
\$4.75 to \$6.00
Carpets—
65 patterns to select from.
Art Squares
\$3.50 to \$32.65
Mattings—
An extra choice line 20 to 35c
Hotel China
Genuine, guaranteed to outwear any other; full line.
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ALL-NIGHT SALOON TO GO

City Council Has an Ordinance to Close Them From 1 to 5.

At the meeting of the city council next Thursday evening an ordinance providing for the closing of saloons during the morning hours from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock will be put on its third reading and final passage. The adoption of this ordinance will meet the approval of all who have the best interests of Grants Pass at heart.

This ordinance is supported quite as strongly by the better class of saloonmen, as it is by the temperance people, for it is only the saloons that cater to the tough element that desire to keep open all night. Men who respect themselves are not roaming the streets and frequenting saloons during late hours at night, and husbands who have any regard at all for their wives and their families will be at home at a reasonable hour. Laboring men who desire to be at their work at a proper hour and to have a clear brain and a steady hand do not frequent saloons at the midnight hour, and business and professional men, who expect to be alert and to meet the sharp competition of the times, have no desire for the all-night saloon. Many a clerk and many a laboring man has lost his position by reason of patronizing the all-night saloon and then coming to his work with dulled brain and a cross, irritable temper. The easy victim for the gambler is the man who is found in the saloon after midnight. The gambler, like the other predatory animals, always during the day that he may be fully awake and vigilant at night in the pursuit of his prey, while the man who has his day hours occupied in earning money, if up late at night and plied well with liquor, becomes lost to reason and prudence and readily risks his money at the card table and the slot machine that have been made a sure thing to the dealer. The majority of the disturbances in saloons occur late at night when the all-night rouser, crazed with liquor, is ready for a quarrel and a fight on the least provocation.

The provision of the ordinance requiring that the saloons take down all screens and curtains during the closed hours is necessary to the enforcement of the ordinance. If the saloons are allowed to be shut off from street view, there will be a temptation on the part of dishonorable men to continue business during the closed hours and to hold such in check, it is necessary that the policemen have a clear view of the room that they may see that the law is being observed.

New Homestead Ruling.

The method of proving up on homesteads has been changed by rules recently adopted by the department at Washington. A special government agent will visit all the principal towns of the land district each month on a specific date for the purpose of taking homestead proofs. The land office will advertise for proof in the local paper nearest the land and those having proofs to make will meet the agent on the date fixed. The new rule is designed to prevent fraudulent proof of residence upon claims. Under the old rule proof could be made to the United States Commissioner and a special agent visited a locality only where there was fraud suspected.

Three million feet of timber, 25 per cent sugar pine, on 1/4 section of U. S. G. land within three miles of town, all down grade; I will show it to you for \$125. W. B. Sherman, Masonic Temple, Grants Pass, Ore.

SFTTLER'S VIEWS ON ROADS

Is Willing That Non-Residents Help Build Highways.

J. W. Gilmore, who conducts a store at Murphy and is postmaster for that place was in Grants Pass for a load of freight, he operating a freight team between this city and the middle Applegate settlements hauling for settlers and miners in addition to taking out goods for his store. Mr. Gilmore is thus in a position to know the condition of the roads of his section of the county and he is decidedly in favor of their being improved, so much so, that he recently made the proposition to his neighbors that they would each donate the work to grade and drain the road in good shape in front of their land, leaving the road fund to be expended by the supervisor in improving these sections of the road through the railroad and speculator lands. This plan did not appeal very strongly to the settlers, as they could not see the fairness in building their own roads and then paying taxes to help build roads through non-resident owned lands. Mr. Gilmore is in favor of change in the manner of carrying on the road work in Josephine county and he would favor a plan whereby the railroad company and speculators could be made to pay their share of the road improvement and that would bring a system of highways that would not be canals of mud in the winter and deep in dust in the summer.

Embroider a Pillow.

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BIGGEST CELEBRATION IN ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

Grants Pass Preparing for a Great Day—Drilling Contest for Big Purse a Leading Feature.

Grants Pass is to celebrate the Fourth of July and is beginning early in the preparations that every detail may be completed to make the celebration the largest and most successful ever held in Rogue River Valley. The Grants Pass Cornet Band is at the head of the undertaking and the land boys have the promise of the hearty co-operation of all business men of the city in their effort to provide a program for the day that shall be the best as to orator, musical features and sports. The mining men will assist in the sports for the day and expect to have the biggest drilling contest ever held on the Pacific Coast. The contest will be open to teams from all the mining districts of the United States and prizes large enough will be offered to induce all the crack drillers of the country to enter the contest.

Grants Pass will prove its right to the honor of being the Spokane of Southern Oregon by taking hold of this event with the true Spokane spirit and with no shrinking on the part of a single citizen make the celebration a success in every particular and a credit to the city's public spirit and an advertisement that it is on the map of the county as a town that is able to do things.

Barley Headed Out in March.

W. J. Boozey, who resides a few miles north of town was transacting business here Monday and in conversation with the writer he mentioned the fact that he has a patch of barley that stands from two to three feet high and is headed out most beautifully despite the fact that it is long way off. Those that have seen this winter field of grain declare that it is certainly a wonder even for sunny Southern Oregon where the recent winter season has been one continual round of balmy, summer days, with little rain, fog, cold or cloudy weather. Mr. Boozey has promised us a sample of this barley for exhibition purposes as a curiosity.—Jacksonville Sentinel.



W. B. SHERMAN.

The Real Estate Men

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\$5000
250 acres of farm and timber land 100 acres in cultivation and under irrigation. Excellent water-right and sufficient to irrigate the entire tract. About 15 acres now in alfalfa. The entire 100 acres is adapted to alfalfa. First class nine room house, which is well painted. Two good barns, fruit dryer, blacksmith shop, tool house and many other buildings. An excellent orchard of all kinds of fruit, and a fine assortment of berries. This is one of the best bargains ever offered in Southern Oregon. Will accept 1/2 cash and give from 3 to 5 years for the balance. (321)

\$1800
An excellent 8-room house with pantry, woodshed, good brick cellar, chicken house, fine well of water, also city water on place and large lot in best residence portion of Grants Pass. Property in excellent condition. Will accept 1/2 cash. Easy terms. (325)

\$800
Good 6-room house with pantry and bath room and large lot in choice location. Terms easy. (329)

\$500
25 acres of unimproved river bottom loan soil or \$500, if taken soon.

\$650
1/2 acre of river loan soil and a good five room cottage and a good barn, close in for only \$650 if taken at once.

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3 1/2 acres with a good 6-room house, work shop, cellar, 3 chicken houses and park for each. 2 acres in fine orchard, good windmill and tank. House is well painted and in excellent condition. (No. 373.)

\$3000
280 acres—160 under fence, 60 acres under irrigation, most of which is in alfalfa. Fine stock range adjoining place. First water right on creek. Price \$3000.

\$2600
36 acre RUP FARM close to town. Good team new harness and wagon and numerous farming implements go with the place. Five room cottage and a good barn. On bank of Rogue River. A snap at \$2600.

\$1000
40 acres of orchard and vineyard in fine location. Everything ready to go in trees in excellent condition. Small cottage and a good barn. All well fenced. An excellent bargain at \$1000. Terms easy.

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Two choice residence corner lots, 20 x100 each, in fine location, sewer in. (No. 321).

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No. 117—One acre, 6-room house, all kinds of fruit, good engine pump and tank, all piped, chicken house, barn, and other out-buildings. Price, \$1200.

No. 32—Two lots, 5-room house, pantry, woodshed, good well, nice shade trees. Price \$750.

No. 323—160 acres farming land, 120 acres bottom land, balance bench land, good irrigating ditch 100 inches water will cover 80 acres of the bottom land. Good house and barn, good well, creek running through the place, 20 acres in cultivation. Price \$2500—\$1000 down, balance on long time. 15 head of cattle at market price if desired.

No. 321—4 acres good garden or fruit land, one house 14x18, one house 16x24 with 1 1/2 story, three living springs, barn, chicken house and woodshed. Good fireplace, grapes, apples, prunes, peaches, pears and berries of all kinds. Land enclosed with picket fence. Price \$1500.

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