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MINER SPENDS WINTER ALONE IN MOUNTAINS

This Kind of Hermit Life is Not New to Southern Oregon Miners.

John Sanger arrived back Sunday from an extended trip to Nevada and the Pine creek mining district that lies in Nevada, California and Oregon at the point where the three states join. Mr. Sanger was late in getting there this fall, and as the elevation is from 5000 to 8000 feet there was so much snow on the ground that he could not successfully prospect. He looked over the country some, but did not locate a claim. He thinks though that it will become a good mining district. But for the present it is not a good place for a poor man.

Mr. Sanger has some half a dozen fine copper claims on the head of the left fork of the Illinois river, in the Preston Peak district, on which he has done considerable development work within the last five years. These claims are in the same district as the Takima and are about 14 miles south of that smelter. On Mr. Sanger's claims the deposits of copper are immense and he has been able to trace the veins for several thousand feet over the country and they have widths of 400 to 1500 feet.

Mr. Sanger expects to leave the last of this week for his claims. He goes to Wades by stage and thence by wagon for six miles up the Illinois valley and then by trail on up the valley to his destination. He has a comfortable house and all the comforts that a bachelor's cabin in a mountain fastness can have. He will have packed in by horse provisions and supplies sufficient to last him until Spring. He will have some snow to go through to reach his cabin and so soon as the winter snows come he will be a prisoner until the snow goes off in the spring. He will not altogether be a prisoner, for he is as expert as a Norwegian on skis, and when he gets too lonesome he will take a trip over the snow to visit his nearest neighbor, nine miles distant, down in the lower valley of the Illinois. Mr. Sanger will be entirely by himself, but this will not be the first time that he has spent the winter alone in the Siskiyou mountains. If he should get sick, or hurt there would be help to be had, but he takes those chances as does many other miners who spend the winter in the mountains developing their claims. Their work is all under ground and their cabin is usually near the mouth of their tunnel, so the winter storms bring them no discomfort.

Mr. Sanger states that John Reeves, his nearest neighbor, 13 1/2 miles distant, is now in Nevada and will not spend the winter at the Ivanpah Peak copper mine, which he is developing in partnership with C. L. Mangum of Grants Pass. The last Mr. Sanger heard of Mr. Reeves he had left Tonopah, on account of the epidemic of sickness that prevailed in that camp and had gone to some of the other mining districts in Nevada. He expects to return early in the Spring and resume development on his claims, which are among the biggest and richest copper mines in the Siskiyou mountains.

Old Channel to Be Developed
Ira Ball Clyde Jeter and left Tuesday for Pickett creek where they have taken a contract of Cosimo Bros. to do assessment work on their placer claims, which are on Rogue river just back of the old Dutch John mine.

There are four claims in this group and they cover an old channel or bar of Rogue river. The ground is a cement gravel and prospects quite rich, and it is from 20 to 40 feet from the surface to bedrock. Cosimo Bros. have a tunnel in on bedrock for 41 feet and Messrs. Jeter and Ball will drive it 50 feet more.

On the completion of this contract Mr. Jeter will go to Missouri Flat, where he has a promising quartz vein on which he will do some additional development.

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PROSPEROUS CONDITION NEWMAN M. E. CHURCH

Quarterly Report of the Pastor Gives Good Showing for Church, Sunday School.

At the quarterly conference lately held for the Newman M. E. church in this city, the new pastor of that church, Rev. C. O. Beckman, made his first report. It makes a showing of work and progress that is very flattering for both pastor and members. At the request of some of the leading members of the M. E. church Rev. Beckman's report is published in the Courier, the following being its full:

The preacher in charge of Newman M. E. church at Grants Pass, Ore., presents the following quarterly report of the charge to the First Quarterly Conference held at Grants Pass, Oregon, November 27, 1905.

The pastor arrived here, after his appointment in Albany, on the morning of November 4th. The family was well received, and most pleasantly entertained by a few ladies of the church preparing the house, and dinner and inviting their respective husbands to eat with them and us in the parsonage. From that table we arose feeling better acquainted with some individual members, and a slight vision of things to be and a general idea of present things. From that hour to this our relationship has been of the pleasantest.

Our Official Board has already been organized and gotten to work. We have outlined general plans for a revival campaign. We have organized the entire membership into a look-out committee for new comers and non-church goers. We have had a membership meeting which has already resulted in a more systematic giving amongst the members, and will be useful in the future education of our members in giving. Our motto is something weekly from each member. We have not yet attained unto perfection in this but are striving after it. We have purchased 108 of the new Methodist Hymnals and placed them in our pews. We are greatly pleased with them. We are proud of our church building and of our services. We have had placed on the church a sign of identification. It is large enough so that he "who runs may read." We have a new granite sidewalk with a cement curbing in process of completion extending the entire length of the church property, south on B street a distance of 200 feet. We expect to have the best, and most beautiful walk in the city there.

Our Sunday School is in splendid condition, as one would naturally expect from our most competent superintendent, it having an average attendance this quarter of 211. When we came here a plan was under way for a competitive plan of gaining new scholars. That plan is now working and has resulted in an addition of 153 to the school. We already have the largest and best equipped Sunday School in Southern Oregon, we not only intend to keep it so, but also reach out to do larger and better work in this particular branch of work. We are anxious to measure up to the Master's anticipation and work for us here.

Our prayer meetings have increased in numbers, though I may not say they have in power, for we always have a good prayer meeting here, whether the number be many or few. We hope, however, to be compelled to hold our prayer meetings in the main auditorium because of the number who attend.

Our Epworth League is growing in numbers present to the prayer meetings. The leaders are prompt and efficient, the business meetings well attended and pleasant occasions to our young people. We have organized a bible study class of 16, who take up the first year's work "The Studies in the Life of Christ" as outlined by the League Bible Bureau. They meet on Thursday evening.

The teachers meeting for the Sunday School, which meets every Wednesday evening, is especially well attended, interesting and helpful to all. Our church membership has changed some. We have received two on probation, I have baptized two. We have received eight in from probation, there are others to follow. I have issued six letters and received 14. I have occupied the pulpit regularly and made 36 pastoral calls. Our people are united, maintain good works, and are "neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." We have started well, we pray by the grace of God, that we may accomplish His will this year, concerning us.

Respectfully submitted,
C. O. BECKMAN,
Preacher in charge.

No Case of Pneumonia on Record.
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MINER RETURNS FROM PINE CREEK DISTRICT

Reports District Prospering But Not Equal to Southern Oregon.

Clyde Jeter has returned from the Pine Creek mining district, where he has been since in the Summer. Mr. Jeter went in with the first rush to Pine creek and took up the third claim in the district and it is credited in a recent write-up of the district in the Lakeview Herald, with being the best claim yet discovered. Mr. Jeter brought back with him some fine specimens of ore that are well filled with free gold. He also brought some fine specimens of copper ore that was found in that district.

Mr. Jeter says that W. L. Fleck and D. V. Snowgoose, who went to Pine Creek early in the fall, have taken some good claims and they are also doing a good business in mine surveying and assaying.

The Pine Creek district lies south of Lakeview and is in three states, being at the point where Oregon, Nevada and California join. It has some of the earmarks of becoming a good mining district and it has the chief essential requisite from a miner's view for experiencing a big rush and that is the difficulty in reaching it and the high prices for all supplies. Were it as accessible as the mining districts of Southern Oregon the expected big rush of next Spring would never take place. The highest assays of ore from the Pine Creek mines as published in the Lakeview papers, do not show values equal to that of a car load of ore that was taken from the Grono Mountain mine in the Mt. Baldy district, and shipped last week from Grants Pass to the Tacoma smelter, yet the taking of this car load of high grade ore from a mine that can be reached in a 45 minute drive in a buggy from this city makes no stir in the mining world, for such ore is so common in Southern Oregon as to be not out of the ordinary. If Southern Oregon was only reached by crossing a desert, alkal water a luxury, bacon 50 cents a pound, and all living expenses more than a poor man could pay, there might be an expectation that there would be a big rush here next spring, but as it is this district will move forward in its steady, conservative development, though longer attaining it will be far richer than Tonopah or the other best districts of Nevada.

Successful Entertainment.

Editor Courier—The entertainment given at the Wilderville schoolhouse on Saturday evening, December 2, by the school children, was truly a success both intellectually and socially. The program was a good one, consisting of recitations, dialogues and tableaux, interspersed with music and each exercise indicated good judgment and careful training on the part of the teacher and rare ability and energy on the part of the pupils. Good order, strict attention and perfect harmony seemed to prevail during the entertainment. And we believe everyone went away benefited as well as entertained. We heartily congratulate the good people of Wilderville in securing the services of such a teacher as Miss Floss, and hope all their efforts in the future may be crowned with success.
A Visitor.

LELAND

Thanksgiving day was strictly observed even the steam shovel stopped work that day.

We have had a good rain so now farmers can plow and sow their grain. The air was filled with snow, the hills were white, but it passed off as quickly as it came.

James Whitsett, who came in from the Gold Bug last week, reports three feet of snow for a distance of seven miles over that region. Geo. Marvin on Wednesday reported six inches of snow in the neighborhood of the Greenback mine.—Glendale News.

A good many new men are coming here to look for work, as Leland district affords plenty of work. The placer mines are waiting for water. Some prophesy a wet Winter; others say we will have a dry Winter, but if they will come around about the first of April then they will find out.

J. P. Luttrell, proprietor of the Leland hotel, has recently returned from a month's visit with his aged parents who live in Knoxville, Tenn. He was missed very much by every one while away and was heartily welcomed by all on his return. Mr. Luttrell is a hunter and is now making preparations to build a new hotel in the Spring, which is badly needed here for Leland certainly does a good hotel business and Mr. Luttrell is in the proper place running the hotel.

Mr. Bennett, of the quartz mine of Bennett & Macxin near Placer, was in town last week laying in supplies. He has a very promising ledge. He has tapped his mine at 250 feet with a tunnel. The ledge is stronger at that depth than nearer the surface. They intend to put on a mill in the Spring as they have piled on the dump a large amount of rock. It is free milling ore. Mr. Bennett reports lively times in the Placer district. New ledges are being opened that are stronger ledges also carrying good values.

OLD NEWSPAPERS OF HISTORIC VALUE

Two Papers Give Historic Facts a Century Ago and of the Rebellion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Turner were in Grants Pass last Friday returning Saturday to their home on Deer creek, where they have a good farm now dryden. Their trip to Grants Pass was for purchasing winter supplies and Christmas goods and they stated that they would probably not come to this city again until next Spring as it was too great a hardship to travel the roads for such a distance during the winter months, for the mud blockade is a terror to man, horse and vehicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner were called at the Courier office and had with them two copies of newspapers that are highly valuable curios. One is a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, dated January 1, 1800, and published at Kingston, New York, by Samuel Freer & Son. It came to Mrs. Turner as a heirloom in her family. The special interest in this paper is the full account it gives of the death and obsequies of President Washington whose death had taken place December 14, but owing to the slow methods of communication it was two weeks before this New York paper was able to give the full account. The paper contains many other features of interest. One is the very few advertisements that it contains, and the few that it has are not displayed at all, and are in the form of local notices. One of these advertisements is for the sale of a slave, who is described as a strong, healthy, good appearing young woman.

The other paper was a copy of the Richmond Enquirer, of September 19, 1862. The Enquirer was one of the leading papers of the South and prior to the war was a large publication of several pages. There being but little paper manufactured in the South and the war preventing paper from being imported from the North, the Enquirer, in common with all the papers in the Confederate states, had to cut down its size and this copy is of but four small pages. The type though was all set solid in order to get in all the matter possible. As the war progressed and the blockade became more strict the Southern papers became smaller and smaller and almost every one ceased publication before the close of the Rebellion, some of them coming out in their last few issues on wrapping paper and even wall paper was used. In view of the fact that one of the causes of secession was state rights the leading editorial in this copy of the Enquirer advocated a stronger union between the Confederate states, alleging as one of the reasons that the burden of the war was falling unequally on the Southern states, Virginia and South Carolina have to bear more than their share of the cost. The paper contains many other things that are of much interest to one interested in the history of the War of the Rebellion.

Mr. Turner was a soldier in the war serving in the Twenty-fifth, Missouri infantry and was in the battle of Shiloh and several of the other big engagements. He was also with Sherman on his march through Georgia. He did not secure the copy of the Enquirer while in the service, it being found by Mrs. Turner among a lot of old papers in a house to which they moved while residing in the East.

REDUCED RAILWAY RATES

The S. P. Co. Reduces Rates for the Holidays

On December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1905 and January 1st, 1906 tickets will be on sale to all points on Oregon Lines at one and one-third fare with a minimum rate of fifty (50) cents, Children of half fare age, half rate with minimum of 25 cents.

Returns limit January 2nd. Stop-overs will not be permitted.
A. L. CRAIG, G. P. A.

Grants Pass Weather.

Following is a summary of the weather observation at Grants Pass during the month of Nov., 1905, as reported by J. H. Paddock, local voluntary observer for the Oregon State Weather Service.

| Date | TEMPERATURE | | | Wind |
|------|-------------|---------|-------|------|
| | Maximum | Minimum | Range | |
| 1 | 59 | 35 | 24 | |
| 2 | 59 | 31 | 28 | |
| 3 | 59 | 32 | 27 | |
| 4 | 59 | 24 | 35 | |
| 5 | 52 | 30 | 22 | |
| 6 | 72 | 31 | 41 | |
| 7 | 72 | 32 | 40 | |
| 8 | 67 | 32 | 35 | |
| 9 | 50 | 23 | 27 | |
| 10 | 50 | 23 | 27 | |
| 11 | 52 | 26 | 26 | |
| 12 | 43 | 23 | 20 | |
| 13 | 58 | 30 | 28 | |
| 14 | 60 | 29 | 31 | |
| 15 | 57 | 19 | 38 | |
| 16 | 43 | 19 | 24 | |
| 17 | 54 | 25 | 29 | SE |
| 18 | 54 | 27 | 27 | SE |
| 19 | 50 | 31 | 19 | SE |
| 20 | 50 | 29 | 21 | SE |
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| 24 | 52 | 29 | 23 | SE |
| 25 | 45 | 21 | 24 | SE |
| 26 | 45 | 21 | 24 | SE |
| 27 | 45 | 21 | 24 | SE |
| 28 | 46 | 21 | 25 | SE |
| 29 | 47 | 23 | 24 | SE |
| 30 | 40 | 34 | 12 | SE |
| 31 | | | | |

Summary: Mean temperature, 41°, maximum temperature, 72°, 6-7; minimum temperature, 19°, 19-16. Total precipitation, 2.50 inches. Number days clear, 20; partly cloudy, 2; cloudy, 8. Total snowfall, trace. Prevailing winds, southeast.

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ROSEBURG LAND OFFICE TO BE REOPENED

Register and Receiver Appointed—President Also Appoints U. S. Deputy Attorney.

The Roseburg land office appointments, long delayed by reason of the complications arising from the prosecution of the land fraud cases in Oregon, were made by the president Friday, these appointments being given out from the White House on that day.

To be United States attorney for the district of Oregon, William C. Bristol, vice Francis J. Heney, resigned.

To be registrar of the land office at Roseburg, Benjamin L. Eddy, of Tillamook, Ore., vice Joseph T. Bridges, removed.

To be receiver of public moneys at Roseburg, James M. Lawrence, of Bend, Ore., vice James H. Booth, removed.

Mr. Heney's resignation is the result of the conclusion of his work in the investigation of the land frauds on which he had been engaged for several months and during which he superseded John H. Hall who was removed by the president. It is understood he will act as special counsel for the government in the Hermann cases and the other land fraud cases.

Mr. Heney was at the White House some nights ago with Secretary Hitchcock and, it is understood, conferred with the president regarding the changes as well as on the results of the land fraud investigations.

Receiver Booth was indicted last summer for alleged participation in the frauds.

Mr. Eddy seems to be the only man appointed who was recommended for office by Senator Fulton. He was opposed to Lawrence's appointment, but Lawrence was backed by special Agent Neubausen and Secret Service Agent W. J. Burns, who have worked up the Oregon land cases and who enjoy Secretary Hitchcock's confidence in a great degree. Their recommendation insured the appointment of Lawrence.

Bristol's appointment is thought to be due to the good offices of Mr. Heney in his behalf.

William C. Bristol, Oregon's new United States district attorney, is a well known Portland attorney. He came to that city from the East some years ago and was employed by Cotton, Teal & Minor, and Teal & Minor before engaging in private practice. He also served as land expert for the Southern Pacific land department.

James M. Lawrence, receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, is United States commissioner at Bend, and editor of the Bend Bulletin. He is well known in Portland, having been on the staff of the Oregonian for several years, formerly living in Oregon City, where he was engaged in newspaper work, and where he first became familiar with land matters. He was appointed United States commissioner at Bend in 1903 by the late Judge Bellingier, who also indorsed him for his new office.

B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, registrar of the Roseburg Land Office, is an attorney of well known standing in the state. He served in several state legislatures, attained prominence as chairman of the judiciary committee, and was a leading candidate for Speaker two years ago, and in the last state election an unsuccessful nominee for circuit judge. He is the author of the Eddy corporation tax law which has yielded the state a great deal of revenue. Mr. Eddy's appointment was agreed upon several months ago.

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BALLOON ASCENSION SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Professor Davis of Omaha is to Give Ascension and Parachute Drop.

Prof. Davis of Omaha, Neb., who has for the past nine years been making balloon ascensions throughout the United States has been in the city for the past few days and has arranged to make a balloon ascension here on Saturday, December 9, at the railroad park at 1 o'clock. In case the weather is unfavorable the ascension will be made on the first favorable day.

The professor's wife is also an aviator and often makes parachute leaps. She will make the leap here so the professor says, if they can raise an additional sum.

The business men of Grants Pass have clubbed together and raised an amount to guarantee this exhibition.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The report cards, showing results of the first term's work, will be issued to the pupils this week.

This week begins the second term of school. Teachers and pupils expect to make it even a better one than the last.

A class consisting of about 25 High School pupils has been organized under the supervision of Miss Walker to study for a declamatory contest to be given sometime in February.

Patriotic High School pupils are now wearing the High School pin. This is in the shape of a pennant, and is emmeled with the school colors, navy blue and white.

A game is being arranged between the clerks of the town and the High School team to be played sometime during the Christmas holidays. It is hoped that the attendance at this game will be sufficient to make up the deficit in the treasury caused by the last game.

The Thanksgiving game of foot ball with Ashland High School resulted in a victory for the Grants Pass High School in a score of 12 to 0. This closes a very successful season; Medford, Ashland, Normal, Roseburg and Ashland High Schools having in turn gone down in defeat. The success of the team was evidently due to the good team work. In nearly all the games the Grants Pass boys were out-weighted by their opponents.

The school has contracted with the Horace K. Turner Traveling Art Exhibit of Boston for an exhibition to be given from January 17 to 30, inclusive. This exhibition will be held in the Episcopal Guild Hall. Each evening aside from the art exhibit a special program will be rendered. Admission of 10 cents and 25 cents which will go to the High School Library fund. Towns not larger than Grants Pass have made as much as \$200 on similar exhibits.

The Rogue River Copper Mining, and Smelter Co., with offices at Roseburg, Or., has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk there; incorporators, A. Q. Johnson, C. L. Pearson, R. R. Johnson, A. N. Johnson, Squire Heath, Oren Kenny, H. C. Phillips and E. L. Giles. The first two named are residents of Roseburg, the others are eastern capitalists. The company has located a group of promising copper claims on Rogue River, in Curry county, and will commence development work at an early date. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$2,000,000, divided into as many shares, at \$1 each.

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