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JACKSON COAL CAN BE MINED CHEAPLY

The Tidings Says Miners Are Willing to Take It Out at Six-Bits per Ton.

That it is a genuine and permanent coal mine which is being opened on the Furrey place about six miles northeast of Ashland, by the Blue Ledge Copper Company, under direction of Foreman R. P. Little, is becoming apparent more and more daily from the reports that are brought in from the workings which are being carried on steadily by a force of some 35 men.

Two tunnels 50 feet apart are now into the mountain side for a distance of nearly 300 feet and a crosscut is being run to connect the two and provide ventilation. In the tunneling big bodies of the coal deposits have been intersected and the further in the better the prospects become, according to the reports of experienced coal miners from this city who have inspected the property within the past day or two. Merchantable coal of excellent quality is now being taken from the mine in considerable quantity, and one lot of 100 tons has been contracted the past week, \$5 per ton at the dump.

The company is now constructing a coke oven at the mine and is planning works of a permanent nature for developing the property.

The Tidings is reliably informed that experienced miners who are acquainted with the conditions have offered to take a contract to mine the coal at 75c a ton, which gives a fair idea of the apparent extent and ease of access of the deposits.

Inasmuch as there are reputed to be vast areas in this section offering similar and equally as good opportunities for developing coal mines upon them, it is no wonder that the people are elated over the prospect.

Sunday Councilman C. A. Eliason and Mining Engineer C. W. Evans went on a trip of inspection to the coal mine, situated seven miles northwest of the city. The mine is opened-up by two tunnels run parallel about 70 feet apart. These tunnels are seven feet square in the clear and well timbered and logged. They extend into the hill from the west to the east, on a seven per cent grade incline. Tunnel No. 1, on the south, is 280 feet in length, and tunnel No. 2, on the north, is 240 feet long. The two tunnels are being connected by cross-cutts every 75 feet, for ventilation and to extract the coal.

Coal bins are being built, scales erected and grizzlies and screens put in place for screening and sorting the coal. All this work has been accomplished within the last five weeks. The mine is being opened up by R. P. Little an experienced Eastern coal miner, recently of Ashland. He is working night and day shifts in order to push development work as rapidly as possible. He now has 25 men at work and is putting on more. He wants lumber and mine timbers. At present the coal is sold at \$5 per ton at the mine.

The vein of coal is 18 feet thick, with a good slate floor and roof, and lying at a dip of about 10 per cent sloping toward the northwest. There are several grades of coal in the vein. Besides the general heating coal there is a fine quality of forge coal, and also canal coal, which makes the best gas coal. The coal is of a coking quality. Numerous coke ovens will be built on the rim-rock below the coal bins. Samples of the various grades of the coal are on exhibit at

the mining office of C. W. Evans, corner Main and Water streets. David D. Good and E. E. Phipps were also over looking at the mine yesterday. Mr. Little states that the has discovered a good quality of lubricating oil a short distance west of the coal mine. The only other place this quality of oil is found in the United States is in Indiana.—Tidings.

Mr. Ehrman, of Monumental, who works for J. N. Britten on the Hard Luck Claim, was in Crescent City to vote this week. He reports that they struck the ledge at the 300 foot level and that it is at least seven feet wide. They had not gotten through the ledge when he left. It is a very promising gold mine with indications of copper at 300 foot depth.—Crescent City News.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES OPEN NEXT WEEK

A Tabernacle Seating 1300 has Been Erected in Which to Hold Meetings.

Next Tuesday evening will mark the opening of an evangelistic campaign in Grants Pass to which the Christian people of the city are looking forward as a means of great good to the community. Evangelist I. E. Honeywell of Harvey, and Singer P. P. Bilhorn of Chicago, Ill., have been engaged for the four weeks' campaign. These gentlemen will arrive in Grants Pass in time to hold the first meeting on Tuesday evening, November 20, at the end of their engagement will return East and take up the work.

A large tabernacle 72x96 feet has been erected at the corner of Fourth and D streets and will soon be completed and ready for services. The main body of the tabernacle will seat about 1100 and 200 can be accommodated in the choir. The building is intended as a temporary structure, constructed in such a manner as to leave the lumber in a merchantable condition after the building has been taken down. Sawdust will constitute the flooring, the seats have backs and the roof is rain proof, made so by building paper. Four stoves will furnish the warmth and the electric current will supply the lights. The cost of erecting the tabernacle will run from \$500 to \$600 but the sale of lumber will probably bring down the expense \$300 or more.

Meetings will be held in the tabernacle every night beginning at 7:30. The music will be in charge of Mr. Bilhorn and will consist of a chorus of 100 or more. Two pianos have been engaged and will occupy positions on opposite sides of the platform. Besides these instruments will be the organ which Mr. Bilhorn carries with him wherever he goes on evangelistic work, and on which he plays his own accompaniments for the solos.

Aside from the regular evening meetings there will be afternoon meetings held at various times and neighborhood prayer meetings will be held in the forenoons during the campaign. For the past several weeks Christian people have been preparing for the meetings by holding special cottage prayer meetings in various parts of the city and union Thursday evening prayer meetings held in some one of the churches.

Mr. Honeywell was for some time an associate of Evangelist Sunday, who is known from one end of the land to the other. From this meeting he goes again to assist Mr. Sunday in filling his dates for meetings. Those who have heard Mr. Honeywell universally speak of him as intensely earnest, logical and eloquent. His meetings are always in some place especially provided and the place prepared is generally far too small. Grants Pass is highly favored in his coming.

FRUIT GROWERS MEETING IN GRANTS PASS

Best in Interest and Largest in Attendance of Any Ever Held in Rogue River Valley.

The campaign of education that is being carried on by the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union to teach the farmers of Josephine county how to grow fruit trees and care for their orchards so that they may harvest 95 per cent of first class apples and pears received a big impetus as a result of the meeting that was held Monday at the court house. The large attendance of both farmers and business men attested the fact that the interest in the fruit industry was on the gain and the opinion was freely expressed that fruit raising would soon become the chief industry of this section of Rogue River Valley. At the forenoon session the large circuit court room was well filled and every seat was occupied for the afternoon, and Prof. A. B. Cordley, who has attended every fruit growers meeting held in Rogue River Valley stated that in both attendance and live interest this one was the best yet held in the Valley. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Charles Meserve, secretary and manager of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union, who presided over the two sessions. Mr. Meserve briefly outlined the purpose of the meeting and gave an encouraging outlook for the fruit industry in Josephine county. With the certainty that Rogue River Valley would become one great orchard yet such was the growth of the population of the United States and the other countries that could be reached that there would always be a profitable market for fruit. The pests were making such havoc in the orchards all over the United States that fruit raising would hereafter be possible only in the big commercial orchards, and the day of cheap fruit was past.

On the topic "How to Exterminate the Pests We Have and How to Prevent the Introduction of New Kinds," Prof. A. B. Cordley, entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural College, gave a highly instructive talk. Prof. Cordley fully explained how to eradicate the anthracnose, San Jose scale, codlin moth, and woolly aphis, the most dangerous pests in Rogas River Valley. In spraying for San Jose scale and anthracnose, which should be done in badly infected orchards this fall as well as next Spring, Prof. Cordley stated that extensive trials had proven that salt was not a necessary ingredient in the solution and that only lime and sulphur were required. For the codlin moth he recommended arsenate of lead. Many questions were asked of the Professor relative to pests and how to identify and fight them and several times during the day he was called on to explain points brought out in the discussions.

(Concluded next week.)

A Great Show Coming.

There is another treat in store for the theatre patrons of Grants Pass. Next Monday evening, November 19th, Gordon & Bennett, the producers of "The Holy City" will offer their other great play "A Royal Slave." The events occurring in "A Royal Slave" are supposed to have taken place during the reign of the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian—the days when "Knighthood Was in Flower," in old Mexico fully as much as in Europe centuries ago. The leading characters of the play are of the proud old Castilian stock of the aristocratic families of Mexico, and the Royal Slave himself is the last descendant of the Montezumas, the ancient Aztec kings of our sister republic. The scenery and costumes are especially beautiful. The scenery is built to fit any stage and it will all be used here. "A Royal Slave" is a really great play and the seating capacity of the opera house should be tested next Monday night. The prices have been reduced to 75, 50 and 25 cents. Reserved seats are now on sale. 11-16 11

During the past two weeks the Courier received several fonts of new type for commercial job work, new card type and new poster type. We also received a Boston wire stapler, the best machine on the market. More new type will arrive within the next week. We are now better than ever prepared to do commercial printing. Call us up by phone, No. 301.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OREGON DAIRYMEN

At Ashland December 11-12—Josephine County Should Have Big Delegation.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Dairymen's Association will be held in Ashland December 11th, 12th. The matter was brought before the executive committee of the Commercial Club by D. Perozzi of the Ashland Creamery, the secretary of the State Association, F. L. Kent, having written Mr. Perozzi a letter outlining the meeting and making suggestions in regard to the same.

From this letter it would appear that on the first day there would be afternoon and evening sessions and on the second day morning and afternoon sessions. The secretary anticipates an attendance of 200 delegates and suggested that papers on local subjects be prepared, one on "Southern Oregon Dairy Foods" and "Jackson County Cow Census." Also the matter of music.

The following committees were appointed:

Reception committee: E. D. Briggs, J. H. Provost, L. A. Neil, W. N. Grubb, F. H. Carter.
Music—C. W. Nims, F. R. Neil, D. B. Grant.

Badges—D. Perozzi.

This will be the first state convention of the Oregon Dairymen's Association ever held in Southern Oregon and Ashland feels proud of the fact that the representatives and leaders of such an important and useful industry should honor this place with their annual convention, especially as it is located so far away from the place of residence of the largest body of its delegates and the matter of car fare is considerable of an item. From the manner in which the Commercial Club took hold of the matter the citizens of Ashland can feel sure that the reception will be one that will redound to the credit of the city and impress the delegates that Ashland appreciates their visit.—Record.

The annual meetings of the State Dairy Association are largely attended and this meeting at Ashland promises to be no exception to the rule and many leading dairymen from all sections of the state will be present. The program for the two days will embrace addresses by the most noted dairy experts in Oregon. To the beginner in dairying this meeting will be a school to learn the practical part of this one of the most profitable industries in Oregon, and the experienced dairyman never fails to get new ideas of value at these meetings. As many of the farmers of Josephine county are now engaged in dairying

they should make it a point to attend this meeting and this county should be represented by a big delegation. The Southern Pacific will give a one and one-third fare to Ashland from all Oregon points.

Jackson county now has three creameries in operation these being at Ashland, Medford and Central Point, and it is expected to have one at Eagle Point within the next year. Josephine county has but one creamery as yet, it being located in the Illinois Valley near Kerby, but it is certain within the near future creameries will be put in at Grants Pass and Provolt. There are large tracts of fine alfalfa land along the Applegate and Rogue Rivers and with creameries to afford a nearby and profitable market for cream dairying would soon become one of the leading and most profitable industries in the county.

HITCHCOCK'S HEALTH SAID TO BE FAILING

After Eight Years of Service the Land Fraud Ferret Will Retire.

President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Ethan Allen Hitchcock as secretary of the interior, to take effect March 4, 1907, and announced his intention of appointing James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, as Hitchcock's successor. Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, also tendered his resignation to take effect March 4.

Hitchcock's resignation is due to age and failing health. For a year past he has been far from well, but he desired to remain until the land-fraud prosecutions inaugurated by him were finished. He entered the cabinet December 21, 1898, serving continuously for more than eight years. He removed Binger Hermann as land commissioner and inaugurated the investigations and prosecutions of land thieves which have startled the country. In following this course he antagonized many of the leading politicians of the country.

Though it is announced that Garfield will continue land-fraud prosecutions, there is general jubilation among land-fraud defendants, as it is felt that Garfield's mild report against the beef trust does not indicate a disposition toward very relentless prosecution.

It is even rumored that with Hitchcock out of the way the cases against Binger Hermann will lag and perhaps be dropped, but this is denied.

Now is the time for all good business men and cottage owners to insure against fire in the Oregon Fire Relief Association, with H. B. Hendricks, agent for Josephine county. Office opposite P. O., Grants Pass, Oregon.

THE ORIGIN OF NEWTON PIPPINS

Queen Victoria Is Responsible for the Introduction of Pippins in Europe.

In the first year of Queen Victoria's reign Mr. Stevenson, at that time our minister to Great Britain, gave her majesty several barrels of pippins from Albermarle county, Virginia, where his own residence was situated. She liked them so much that she had the import duty on this particular kind of apple removed. Thus began a trade in pippins, which has steadily grown up to the present day, and even now they are so popular in Great Britain that nearly the whole of our output is shipped thither annually, such apples being on this account quite scarce in the American market.

Now, the government bureau of soils has recently located by careful survey a "pippin belt," running along the east slope of the Alleghenies in Virginia and North Carolina. This belt has been so accurately defined, topographically, that it is possible to draw a line between areas on which the apples will flourish and adjacent areas where they will not do well. It is mainly a matter of soil, a peculiar black and rich loam being required, and such loam is found principally in the sheltered "coves" and small valleys of the hills. Thus the experienced farmer will commonly plant corn on his hilltops and set out pippin trees on the lower land and about the bases of the hills.

These apples, locally known as Albermarle pippins, were originally from cuttings brought in 1755 from Pennsylvania by Dr. Thomas Walker, a surgeon of the Virginia troops with Braddock at the time of his defeat. He used the cuttings for grafting trees on his estate in Albermarle county. But the trees that produced the cuttings were from stock derived from Newtown, Long Island, and so it appears that the apples in question—which fetch prices so much higher in England that we cannot afford to eat them here—are actually the famous Newtown pippins, celebrated for more than a century.

Reception to Baptist Minister.

A reception was tendered Rev. F. C. Lovett, the new pastor of the Baptist church, at the church Monday evening, which was well attended by members and friends. Roy Hackett welcomed the pastor on behalf of the church members; Rev. Clark Bower on behalf of the churches of the city and T. P. Cramer on behalf of the business men of the city. These addresses were very pleasantly responded to by Mr. Lovett, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

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