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HEAVY RAINS MAKE MINING MEN HAPPY

They Predict That the Continued Downpour Will Make This one of the Best Seasons.

Considerable excitement was created in local mining circles, the other day, by the announcement that one of the miners prospecting on "Old Baldy," right here near the city, had struck a rich pocket, worth all of \$500. The name of the discoverer, however, was not ascertained, but it develops that there are a large number of claims being worked in that locality.

The United States Land Office has granted to Susan Lawrence Dana, a patent for the "Copper Stain Group," of mine, consisting of "Copper Stain," "Golden Hope," "Rabbit Foot," "Redeemer," "Susie," "Thirteenth" and "Elbertus" lode mining claims, located in Wolf Creek unorganized mining district. It was a voluminous document, dated December 5, 1907, signed by Theodore Roosevelt, by F M McKean, secretary and W H Sanford, Recorder of General Land Office.

Frank James et al have filed a lode claim notice for the following claims in the Grants Pass mining district: "Mabel," "Hazel" and "Daisy."

"The Town of Waldo Ditch" has been duly located and notice filed by Thomas Lannon, in the Waldo mining district.

O S Goodnow has filed his affidavit, showing that he has performed \$300 worth of assessment work on the "Little Derritt," "Goodnow" and "Vermont" quartz claims, located in the Jump-off-Joe district.

A telegram from Washington announces that "Senator Teller obtained unanimous consent in the Senate today for the consideration of his bill, which was set aside Thursday through a filibuster of Senator Carter, exempting entrymen of mining claims from doing assessment work for 1907. No objection was raised today by Mr. Carter or the Utah Senators, who previously opposed the measure, and it passed the senate. As adopted, the measure applies only to the states of Oregon, California, Colorado, Idaho and South Dakota, the Senator from Nevada, Montana, Utah and Washington objecting to their states being included. Mr. Teller is of the opinion that the House will pass the bill early after the holiday recess and that it will become a law in time to afford relief to many prospectors unable, on account of their recent financial stringency, to obtain funds to pay for their assessment work."

A placer claim, "The Nugget" has been located in the Williams Creek mining district by E S K Jackson et al. John E Deveny has filed notice of having located the lode claim, "Baltimore," in the Galice mining district.

W H Flanagan began a suit in the circuit court the other day, against Ed Jones, involving 79.70 acres of placer mines, on Rich Gulch, Josephine Co. and more particularly described as lots 8 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 sec 2, tp 39 s, r 7, which the plaintiff claims to have obtained lawfully, but he alleges that defendant in November, 1907 entered into said claim, dug down the gravel bank deposited on said claim, washing out the gold contained therein, appropriating same to his own use, wrongfully. He asks the court to grant a temporary order, restraining the defendant from further molesting the said property, until the court has formally passed upon the proposition.

Clerk Coeshire has received a mandate from supreme court, setting forth that the mining case of Willis Kramer, appellant vs H L Wilson et al, another case from this county that has been reversed in the higher court. It involved a mining deal, wherein Kramer gave his note for \$6000 to W J and L B Palmer, who in turn assigned the note to H L Wilson, who kept the Leland mercantile establishment and who, in undertaking to collect same brought suit and won out in the circuit court. Judge H. K. Hanna granting him the amount sued for. Now the case is reversed and Kramer is given judgment for \$177.39, his cost in the appeal. The property involved was: "Golden Quartz," "Ellweld," "Little Granite," "Riverside," "Golden Rule," "Little Blue," "Oregon," "Manzaneta" and "Grant Palmer," all located on

CITY ATTORNEY BRINGS SUIT AGAINST WATER CO.

Action Filed to Compel the Water Company to Return to the Old Rates.

This afternoon City Attorney Geo. W. Colvig filed the important suit against the Rogue River Water Co., asking the court to compel said corporation to return to the old rate and to remit to the patrons the excess charged since October 1.

Formal notice was served on the company by the city council, some days ago and now that said corporation has failed to comply with the request, this action has been instituted. Attorney Colvig informed the Courier reporter that he had gone carefully over the affair and felt sanguine that the matter would come to a successful issue in the courts. The outcome will be watched with much interest by every resident of the city who uses water from this company.

Whiskey Gulch, and also carried with it mill and water rights, all being located in the Wolf Creek mining district.

Another case, in which the circuit court of this county is affirmed is that entitled Robert Brown vs George W Lewis. It was brought in this court December 3, 1904 for the possession of pipes and mining apparatus valued at \$3500. The same was taken possession of by Lewis, who was then Sheriff of Josephine county and Brown brought replevin proceedings, asking also for \$500 damages. He won in the lower court, now he wins again in the supreme court, which grants him possession of the property and gives him judgment against Lewis for his costs on appeal.

Messrs. David Hefley and Harry Kerchoff came in from their placer mines, located near Spalding's mill, to enjoy the holidays with their home folks.

C. D. Crane is in from his extensive interests in the Jump-off-Joe district, to spend the Xmas season with his family.

COMING EVENTS.

Dec. 31, Tuesday—New Years Dance at Savage Creek Hall, \$1.50 including supper and horse feed. 12-13 at

Jan. 1, Wed.—New Year's day.

Jan. 7, Tuesday—Meeting of G. P. Poultry Keepers Association, in Guild Hall.

January 10, Friday.—at New Opera House, Roseburg High School vs. G. P. High School, Joint Debate.

Jan. 13, Monday—Circuit Court meets.

Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1, Thu. Fri and Sat. First Annual Show, Grants Pass Poultry Keepers Association.

Jan. 30, 31 and February 1, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Horace K. Turner Art Exhibit, at High School, afternoons and evening.

Jan. 31, Friday—Meeting in Grants Pass to organize the Rogue River G. at Breeders' Association.

Jan. 31, Friday—Colt and Fine Horse Show in Grants Pass, under auspices of Grants Pass and Kerby Breeders' Associations.

Feb. 1, Saturday—Fruit Growers' Meeting in Grants Pass, Under auspices of Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association.

STRAYED.

There came to my place near Wilderville, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1907, one 3-year old red steer with one horn, right ear cropped, notch on left ear. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. 12-13 at L. B. AKERS.

There strayed from my ranch near Wilderville, one red heifer, branded WT on hip, one red and white heifer branded WT on hip. Finder notify me at Grants Pass, Ore. W. H. H. TAYLOR 12-27 at Pine Street.

A merchant sent his Swedish clerk out collecting. Returning the clerk said: "Yim Yonson he pay you he sell him hogs, Ole Oleson pay you he sell him wheat; Pete Peterson he pay in January." "Well," said the boss, "that's the first time Pete ever set a date. Are you sure he said he would pay in January?" "Vel, Aye tank so. He said it ban a dam cold day when you get dat money. I tank dat ban Yansary."

CITY FATHERS LOOK AFTER SOME THINGS

Many Matters of Minor Importance Come up and are Taken Into Consideration.

At last week's City Council meeting the following matters were acted upon:

The request for permission to place an electric sign across Sixth street by the Bijou Theatre people was referred.

Councilmen Coburn, Tuffs and Lewis will have charge of the publication of the city ordinances just compiled by Recorder Clements.

The committee reported that the City Hall roof was in good repair, but recommended a coat of paint and that the fire walls be fixed up.

J. P. Kenney et al petitioned for a granite sidewalk on north side of K, between 6th and 8th streets.

E. S. Veatch et al want a light placed on 3d street.

An unfavorable report was made as to grading of street between blocks 15 and 16, in H. B. Miller & Co's New Addition.

A favorable report was made on placing a bridge, with concrete foundation, in opening up Central avenue.

Herbert Smith and all property owners abutting the alley between G and H have asked to have same graded from 4th to 7th.

The following eight saloon keepers presented their bonds for \$1000 each and had licenses granted for the next six months: Lance & Hull, Coburn & Hawkins, G D Williams & Co., Dana & Duncan, Joe Hyde, C F Gentner, F F Johnson and F W Shallhorn.

Ordinance No. 293, fixing the 1908 city tax levy at 6 mills was formally passed.

Ordinance No. 294, placing a tax of \$100 per year for moving picture shows was passed.

A large gist of bills was presented and all were allowed, except one of Attorney Edward S. Van Dyke's for \$2.20 for swearing in 23 voters at the recent city election, the council deciding that the election judge should have performed that duty.

J M Eubanks was appointed a special policeman, whose duty shall be to patrol near the Salvation Army Barracks and see that the bad boys are compelled to stop interfering with the meetings of the Army.

The bond, affidavit and treasurer's receipt of F F Johnson was filed but it was recommended that his bond be returned and that he secure a better bondsman.

The finance committee reported upon the following bills and upon motion they were ordered to be paid in the usual manner:

G W Lewis, street work, \$24; Frank Wilcox, 11 loads granite, \$11; Frank Wilcox, \$70; J C Randle, putting up booths, lumber, nails, placing and removing the booths \$8; Allen McCauley, \$2; G P Hd'w Co. mds., \$3; J C Randle, election services, \$2; J R Hyde, rent for election, \$2.50; G P I & S Works, sidewalk plates, \$0; Guild Hall, rent, \$5; W P Wright, engineer services, \$15; Williams Bros D & L Co, lumber, \$8; Cramer Bros, mds \$60.83; C H Clements, stamps, stationery supplies for City Hall, \$25; Aetna Rebekah Lodge, meals election, \$5.

Logan Woolridge, who has a nice place on Missouri Flat, bids fair to carry off the honors as being one of the most successful Irish potato raisers on the Rogue River. As a sample of what he could do, he brought into the Courier office just three specimens of the Burbank variety, and they were about all he cared to handle, for one of them tipped the scale at 10 pounds, another at six pounds and the other at four pounds. These were large and fine looking. He will have them photographed and sent to the Oregonian to let those fellows up that way who are inclined to boast about their "spuds," see that we, too have "some potatoes." Mr. Woolridge also makes quite a showing in raising cabbage and he had no trouble in bringing into the local markets mammoth heads which would weigh all of 40 pounds each.

"Never had better trade in our business experience in this city," was the way many merchants answered the query of the Courier man, who asked about the holiday business.

ROGUE RIVER SALMON INDUSTRY IS IMMENSE

Another Big Shipment of Eggs Made From Local Hatcheries to the Mouth of River.

The salmon industry of the Rogue River is assuming large proportions. This was made evident by the daily shipments by the Rogue River Fishermen's Union from Grants Pass, during the season and Saturday another good evidence of this assertion was to be seen.

A shipment of 1,800,000 chinook salmon eggs was made Sat. from Grants Pass to Wedderburn, at the mouth of Rogue River. The salmon, from which these eggs were taken were caught in racks in Rogue River, at Finley's Bend, and in Illinois River, a tributary of Rogue River, at the falls eight miles below Kerby. This work was carried on by the United States Bureau of Fisheries and under the supervision of H. L. Kelly, Jr., superintendent of the Government fish hatcheries on Rogue River. The eggs were placed in shallow trays, 25 pounds to the tray and to prevent the heavy jars, which would kill them, they were packed in moss.

These trays were crated and the crates placed in the center of a large box with the space between the crates and the box filled with ice and sawdust. It is essential to keep the eggs cold for if they become warm the hatching process will begin and then being delicate the heat and jarring will kill them.

There were 20 of these big boxes, each the size of a large Saratoga trunk, and they were shipped in a baggage car attached to the regular passenger train. The transportation is given free to Portland by the Southern Pacific, the company doing this to aid in the building up of the salmon industry in Rogue River. At Portland the eggs will be transferred to the coasting steamer Berwick which will land them at the mouth of the Rogue River, but if the bar is too rough to allow the steamer to enter the river, the eggs will be landed at Coos Bay and hauled down the beach by teams. Superintendent Kelly accompanied the shipment to Portland and attended the transfer to the steamer, and from Portland another expert of the bureau of fisheries will care for the eggs until they are landed at the hatchery.

Tuesday was the red letter day for the Grants Pass postoffice, Postmaster Harmon and his corps of assistants being kept on the go from early morning until late at night. There was the neat sum of \$112 realized from the sale of stamps, alone, and all other business was in like proportion.

Fred Wilcox, the expert night baggage smasher of the S. P. local depot, departed, Tuesday for Cottage Grove and Saginaw, where he will remain until the first of the year. Madam Remor has it that he goes up that way to look after some of Cupid's affairs and that he may turn "benefactor," ere he comes home again.

C. H. Clements, Grants Pass' staff correspondent of the Oregonian, is in receipt of the following communication from W J Cuddy, editor of the Weekly Oregonian: "Replying to yours of the 13th, to Mr. Piper. I take pleasure in saying that I am instructed by Mr. C. A. Morden, assistant manager of the Oregonian Publishing Co., to authorize Mr. Marshall to offer one year's subscription to The Weekly Oregonian, as a prize for the 'Best All-Round Hen,' at the coming exhibit of the Grants Pass Poultry Association. In connection therewith I desire to add that I want her picture and pedigree for publication in the Weekly, and that I would also like a list of the winners, first and second and third, if there be such, and all pictures I can get. With best wishes for the big show, I remain, sincerely yours." This will be a mighty encouraging news for the many poultrymen of this county.

The other day a realty deal was consummated in Grants Pass, in which the seller demanded the gold coin or silver, before he would close the deal. When finally the banks opened he was loaded with silver and the deed passed. But he turned the tables, by taking it to the postoffice and exchanging it for a money order and Uncle Sam's servants had to "tote" the bulky coin back to the bank.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL GIVE BETTER SERVICE

Announcement Comes From Portland of the Proposed Change.

Portland papers are announcing that there will be a radical change in the S. P. train schedule, beginning Sunday, and making it much more satisfactory with the patrons in Southern Oregon, but Agent Jester has not yet received any official notification regarding the proposed change.

The Portland papers seem to think that the protests which have been made by the people of Southern Oregon have brought this desired change in the arrival and departure of trains. This will be another very welcome piece of news to the people of this end of the state.

Change of Banking Hours.

The banks of Grants Pass wish to announce a change in the time of their office hours. Beginning January 2, 1908, the banks will open at 9 a. m. and close at 3 p. m., remaining open during the noon hour. It is believed that this will accommodate a larger number of people than the present time because so many have only the noon hour off from regular employment.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTHERN OREGON, GRANTS PASS BANKING & TRUST CO. 12-27 1t

SENATOR MILLER THINKS OREGON WILL GO DRY

And he Believes that the Entire Country Will Soon Be Doing the Same.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 13.—"All Oregon will go 'dry' at the next election if the question be submitted as a state issue," said State Senator M. A. Miller, of Linn County, when in Salem on business at the state library. "The whole United States will be 'dry' within 10 years," he continued.

"The movement does not spring from any single event or argument but it is 'in the air,' as you might say, and is everywhere in evidence.

"The people are sick and tired of the liquor traffic. They are disgusted with the way the saloons have been run and are going to put them out of business. Merchants and business men of all kinds have given up the notion that it takes saloons to make a live town. The most prosperous, cleanest and best conducted towns in the state today are 'dry.' In those towns you will find the most orderly people.

"In the last few months I have traveled all over the state and have heard emphatic expressions against the saloon from persons who would be least expected to entertain such views. One Southern Oregon hotel keeper who runs a bar told me he intended to vote for prohibition. The movement in this state is for the establishment of high schools, and where a high school comes in the saloon goes out."

For Violin, Guitar, Mandolin or Banjo lessons, Inquire at Rowell's Music Store. 12-27 1t



CONVERSATION OVERHEARD—

MR. BOOSTER—Fat man. A TOURIST—The other fellow

TOURIST—Say, Mr. Fat Man where can I buy some Good Furniture, Stoves and Goods to go housefurnishing with? I know where to buy the other kind but I want something extra good.

MR. BOOSTER—Why, go to O'Neill's, the largest house furnisher of them all. He buys direct from the manufacturer and guarantees every piece of goods sent out of his store. Say, Mr. Tourist, he carries everything you can think of for the house. His prices are right, and there's nothing small about him.

Compliments of the Season

WE make this means of expressing our hearty thanks to our many customers for the very generous patronage they have bestowed upon us during the past year, and we will hope to merit a goodly share of your trade during the coming year.

We wish you a Happy New Year Throughout

He purchases all goods direct from the factory and ships in carload lots. This gives the buyer the very finest assortment, and when it comes to prices, he is thus enabled to give bottom figures.

Newcomers and all will discover that he has by far the largest establishment in this part of the State. Ladies will find the display of articles very attractive and just what they are looking for



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