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## EXPERIENCED MINING MAN'S PREDICTIONS

**He Sees a Great Future in Store for the "Gold Ridge" District.**

Holland Ore, Jan. 21, 1908.  
Mr. Editor: For the information of such of your readers as are interested in mining, I desire to give you the results of my observations as a practical miner and prospector in a district which up to the present time has failed to receive the attention of mining men that it would seem to deserve. I refer to a spur of the Siskiyou mountains situated in Josephine county, some 25 miles southwest of Grants Pass, and locally known as "Gold Ridge." This spur or ridge lies between Althouse on the west and Sucker Creek on the east, the two creeks being the principal branches of the Illinois River. From its northern point, the junction of Grayback Creek with Sucker Creek, to Boland Peak on the south, which is the extent of my observations, is about 10 miles. Both Sucker and Althouse creeks have, since their discovery as gold producers in the early '50s, produced millions of dollars in placer gold, and are still producers, and while it appears to have been generally recognized by the placer miner of the district that the original source of the gold has been the adjacent mountain ranges and also that the bulk of it has come from Gold Ridge, this fact does not, until quite recently, appear to have stimulated prospecting for quartz veins, except that the characteristic "pocket hunter," so well known in Southern Oregon, while scarcely heard of elsewhere, has frequently found "pockets," i. e. the decomposed apexes of quartz veins, of greater or less value, which he has worked as far as he could with pick and shovel and then promptly forgotten even their exact location. To this general rule there is one exception on Gold Ridge in the so-called "Cohen Ledge" located about 2 1/2 miles east of Holland, near the summit of the ridge. This ledge was worked to a limited extent in the early days, the ore being treated in a stamp mill, on the assumption that it was free-milling. As the ore was not free-milling except for a few feet below the surface, the mine was finally abandoned, although carrying high values in gold associated with sulphurets, which with modern machinery and with modern methods of mining and treatment, will doubtless pay to work. This old property is now being reopened, the ancient tunnels being cleaned out and timbered, preparatory to starting development work.

Gold Ridge presents one characteristic which probably more than any other one thing has been the cause of its being ignored and neglected by quartz miners. This is the fact that practically all ledges so far discovered are very narrow at the surface, or wholly invisible, even where not covered by an overburden of soil. A little study of the character of theories, explains the reason for this in a very satisfactory and self evident manner. The ore bodies of Gold Ridge, already found and doubtless most of those not yet discovered are heavily charged with sulphurets, with which the gold is intimately associated. Near the surface these sulphurets have become oxidized and leached out of the quartz rendering the latter porous and exceedingly brittle. By lateral pressure of the wall rock this porous and brittle gangue has become gradually compressed, aided in this compression by the surface waters, so abundant during certain seasons of the year. Finally, what little remains of the ledge at the surface, after having had its principal values leached out and washed down into the gulches and streams, has become wholly covered by the friable and readily decomposing country rock which is also in most places heavily charged with iron, so that the only indication of the presence of a gold bearing body is found by panning. The prospector who is looking for float or outcrops in greater or less abundance, is therefore disappointed, and unfamiliar with the facts, he carries but a short while, departing with more or less earnest maledictions on the district.

The above briefly stated theory has been amply verified in the few instances where even a small amount of

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## COUNTY COURT PASSES UPON NUMEROUS CLAIMS

**Commissioners Audit and Allow Many Outstanding County Claims.**

The County Commissioners, after carefully examining the following account's against Josephine county, ordered the same paid, at their last meeting:

Chas Ladd, drawing jury list Merlin precinct.....	3 00
W C Frye, drawing jury list Merlin precinct.....	2 00
Stephen Abell, drawing jury list Merlin precinct.....	2 00
M W Purdy, mdse pauper.....	4 60
A Richards, work poor farm R Springstead, work poor farm.....	66 00
Condor W & P Co., lights, Condor W & P Co., wiring and lighting Co hospital.....	27 50
Cramer Bros, mdse for roads.....	12 80
Cramer Bros, mdse poor farm Oregon Observer, printing.....	89 75
Rogues River Courier, printing.....	17 05
J Holman, justice vs Althouse.....	34 90
Ed McLaughlin, wit justice crt.....	8 55
J D Althouse, wit justice crt.....	3 20
Jas McLaughlin, wit fees justice crt.....	1 60
Stella McLaughlin, wit justice crt.....	1 60
J Holman, justice vs Hendricks.....	1 95
J C Randle, constable state vs Althouse.....	4 40
C O Bigelow, sal stock inspector.....	37 50
J Holman, justice state vs Farley.....	6 40
J Holman justice state vs Reed.....	6 40
J Holman, justice state vs Russ Charles Hart, wit justice crt.....	9 50
John Apple wit justice crt.....	10 00
Geo W Lake, wit justice crt.....	5 30
T D Smith, wit justice crt.....	5 70
M J Anderson, wit justice crt.....	1 00
Melvin Lewis, wit justice crt.....	1 00
P H Harth, Juror justice crt.....	1 00
Geo Lewis, Juror justice crt.....	1 00
W S Barrie, Juror justice crt.....	1 00
J D Drake, Juror justice crt.....	1 00
N E McGrew, wit justice fees.....	1 00
W E Dean, Justice vs.....	1 00
J C Randle, constable vs Russ J C Randle, constable state vs Hamontree.....	9 40
Jas Holman, justice state vs Hamontree.....	9 95
J Pardee, mdse pauper.....	1 10
A E Voorhies, printing.....	28 50
Coron Hdw & Pib Co., hdw crt house.....	91 50
Coron Hdw & Pib Co., mdse rds.....	37 50
Coron Hdw & Pib Co., hdw poor farm.....	59 00
F G Burns, board pauper.....	506 40
G P Lodge No 84 A F & A M office school supt.....	18 00
RE Hendricks, painting Co hospital.....	14 00
W L Jewell, painting Co hospital.....	40 00
M A Wertz, com per diem, mlg.....	40 00
H D Eismann, 18 days fruit inspector.....	37 60
Jas Holman, justice fees vs Ross.....	54 00
Jas Holman, justice fees vs Ross.....	4 05
J C Randle, constable, fees vs Ross.....	3 20
J C Randle, constable fees vs Ross.....	1 75
H D Eismann, 7 da fruit inspector.....	4 10
H Hulbert, rebate poll tax.....	21 00
D Herbig, wit Circuit Court.....	1 00
Wm Kenney, circuit court.....	1 50
Mrs J M Briggs circuit crt.....	1 50
E E Geese, oiling and cleaning adding machine.....	3 00
Geo Geber, work on roads.....	66 46
Geo Sparlin work on roads.....	52 50
R A Pierce, work on roads.....	7 50
F H Rose, lumber.....	88 95
A Morris, wrk on roads.....	14 00
G McCoraick, wrk on roads.....	153 75
W C Frye, wrk on roads.....	36 25
H Gross, wrk on roads.....	140 00
J J Brown, wrk on roads.....	77 50
P H Harth & Son, mdse paupers.....	8 05
WR Rannie installing heating plant, poor farm.....	350 00
H B Hendricks, premium on insurance, poor farm.....	61 25
W McCoraick work on roads.....	2 25
Wm Irwin, work on roads.....	4 50
Wm Light, work on roads.....	41 00
A L Epy, blacksmith, roads.....	5 45
John Blalock, work on roads.....	30 00
Geo Fairleigh, work on roads.....	23 00
Rbt Blalock, work on roads.....	18 00
Noah Lebo, work on roads.....	3 25
H Hickatier, wrk on roads.....	3 35
D W Chadwick wrk on rds.....	18 75
P S Tel Co., phone crt house.....	15 70
M Gowen & Co, mdse paupers.....	17 50
W E Dean & Co.....	4 80
G H Hdw Co, hdw poor farm.....	129 85
Kiuney & Truax, mdse crt house.....	2 00
Hair-Riddle Hdw Co, mdse rds.....	9 95
W H Barr, brd paupers.....	30 00
C E Harmon, stamps, envelopes, sheriff and school supt.....	69 75
L Speaker, mdse paupr, Nov, Dec.....	15 00
S F Cheshire, cash advanced paupers.....	7 75
S F Cheshire, stamps, express etc.....	16 40
S V Moody, wood for pauprs.....	6 75
E S VanDyke, exam insane.....	5 00

## CIRCUIT COURT ENDS A RATHER LENGTHY TERM

**Many Cases of More or Less Importance Claimed Attention of Court and Jury.**

Judge H K Hanna adjourned this session of the circuit court, Thursday noon, after passing upon many cases of more or less importance. The following matters were duly acted upon:  
John Robertson vs F N Mitchell et al., an order was made approving report of receiver Dan L Green, allowing him \$2.50 per day, for 264 days' service and making same a lien on the mining property involved. An order was also entered, dissolving the temporary restraining order and declaring defendant J C Mattison as sole owner of the Oriole Mining Claim, located by him, January 1, 1902, in the Galice district.  
L L Nelson vs Thos W Pack, demurrer to amended complaint overruled and defendant given 30 days in which to answer.  
E G Young & Co, of Oakland, Douglas county, vs. Schheel Dist. No 3, et al order denying mandamus asked for and giving defendants judgment vs plaintiff as a firm and individually for costs of action.  
State vs Charles F Parker, on charge of larceny, verdict of "not guilty."  
State vs Wm Ross, on charge of assault with deadly weapon, verdict of "not guilty." State vs John Hendricks, charged with shooting Night Marshall Swearinger, of Grants Pass, verdict of guilty and sentenced to five years in state penitentiary.  
Henry Gross vs Hattie Gross, decree of divorce granted.  
State vs Ed McLaughlin, [information filed, charging defendant with trading a horse, knowing it to be affected with an infectious disease. Case goes over to next term of court.]  
State vs George Hartman, Clarence Farley and Johnnie Reed, court found defendants Farley and Reed to be mere lads and charged with trivial offenses, and the testimony charging Hartman with perjury had been lost, so the cases were all dismissed, without prejudice.  
A L Randle vs Sidney W Randle, decree of divorce granted.  
Ella S Buell vs Wellington H Buell, decree of divorce, giving plaintiff custody of minor children and \$50 per month support money and one-third interest in certain realty belonging to the couple.  
Rolla S Knapp vs Edgar T Wallace et al, def James Camo allowed leave to file amended answer.  
W M Murray et al., vs Nathan Merritt, referred to F M Calkins, Court Reporter, to take testimony and report at next term of court.  
Isaac Findley vs Rachel Findley, divorce proceedings continued until next term of court, for want of service.  
W H Flanagan vs Ed Jones, demurrer to complaint overruled and L F Cooper, of Crescent City and F M Calkins appointed referees to take

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C Lind wrk rds.....	9 00
G S Calhoun Co, mdse pauper.....	2 00
C F Dixon, mdse paupers.....	26 50
H Yetter, work on roads.....	2 00
J C Smith, exam insane.....	5 00
Nelson Cole, work on roads.....	12 00
John Banfield, wrk on roads.....	2 00
Elise Laundry, prisoners.....	65
W J Russell, telephone.....	6 65
J R Yetter, care Co hospital.....	95 00
Frank Williams, wrk on rds.....	10 00
A E Reames, phone, express etc.....	11 45
R H Gillilan, wrk poor farm.....	13 50
D H Jackson, mileage state vs Light.....	3 40
Hackett & Edgeton, lumber rd.....	2 85
W S Standish, wrk on roads.....	20 00
A V Schmitt, mdse.....	21 25
W J Russell, brd prisoners.....	32 15
Glass & Prudhomme, supplies Nat. Dray Co, drayage crt house.....	62 15
C H Demaray, supplies.....	3 00
M Clemens, supplies.....	4 80
Day & Fitzgerald, carpenter wrk poor farm.....	27 85
Geo Cronk, burial pauper.....	241 50
R R Water Co, water.....	5 00
Koor & Angel, lumber rds.....	6 60
H L Nelson, mdse paupers.....	33 25
H L Wilson wrk on rds.....	137 95
Merlin Mer Co, mdse paupers.....	4 10
Wm Stewart, wrk on roads.....	30 00
T B Cornell, mdse pauper.....	11 25
P K Nolf, work on rds.....	21 75
Phil Brown work on rds.....	56 50
Jno Murray wrk on rds.....	6 75
C F Gentner, wrk on rds.....	28 30
A T Cart, wrk on rds.....	9 00
Frank Knox wrk on rds.....	19 25
O Shattuck, wrk on rds.....	21 50
H Yetter, wrk on rds.....	11 50
C O Lewis, wrk on rds.....	6 75
L B Hall, bal on coffin paupers.....	21 00
Ike London, wrk roads.....	3 85
P P Proctor, printing.....	29 75
P P Proctor, printing.....	31 90

## BIG POULTRY SHOW COMES NEXT WEEK

**Everything Indicates That it Will Prove to Be Bigger Than Was Expected.**

The First Annual Rogue River Valley Poultry Show, to be held in Grants Pass on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, January 30, 31, and February 1, promises to be a success in every way and to fully equal in the number of exhibits and the quality of the birds many of the long established poultry shows held in other towns of the Pacific Coast. The show is under the auspices of the Grants Pass Poultry keepers Association and the members are getting all the details arranged so that every thing will be in readiness on the opening day.

A special meeting of the Association was held Tuesday evening at the Guild Hall, where they held their regular meetings on the first Tuesday evening in each month, at which considerable business pertaining to the Show was transacted. The price of admission was fixed at 10 cents for single entrance and the season tickets at 25 cents. To accommodate those who desire to purchase tickets before the rush of opening day season tickets were ordered placed on sale and they may be had at Cramer Bros., John Summers, C. E. Palmer, Charles Meserve, M. E. Moore, and of the secretary, A. T. Marshall. The president, John Summers, was authorized to have a banner painted, to stretch across Sixth street at the intersection of H street, to still further advertise the Poultry Show and to enable the public to find the exhibit room readily. The Show will be held in Cramer Bros. warehouse, a new brick structure 50x100 feet located on H street just back of their hardware house and but a short distance from Sixth street. The room is well lighted and clean and will make a fine place for holding the show. Coops for the fowls on exhibit will be supplied by the Poultry Association and they will be completed early next week under J. E. Frer, of the executive committee. The Association will also feed and care for the fowls in the exhibit and a competent man has been hired to do this work and to act as janitor of the building and night watch.

Secretary Marshall was authorized to prepare the blue red and white ribbon for the premiums and to have them printed showing the award for which the ribbon stands. The special prizes offered by the business men of Grants Pass will be given in addition the Association's award of merit. In order to keep down the expenses it was voted that no complimentary tickets be given out except to the speakers at the fruit and goat raisers meetings and distinguished guests of the Association. Superintendent, gate keeper, ticket sellers and other duties about the show are to be attended to by the members of the Association without pay.

At the close of the business meeting the members enjoyed a social hour during which they discussed general poultry topics and partook of excellent coffee and cake served by Secretary and Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Hansen.

## ANGORA GOAT MEN WILL ASSEMBLE NEXT WEEK

The meeting to organize the Rogue River Valley Angora Breeders Association will be held on Friday, January 31, in the City Hall at 1:30 p. m. The object of the Association will be to ship mohair in car lots direct to the factories in the East and to co-operate in the buying and selling of breeding animals.

There will be a number of short addresses by men interested in the development of the Angora goat industry in Rogue River Valley, among the speakers being Mr. C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific, who will tell of the rapid growth that the Angora industry is having in Oregon and of the freight and market conditions that the breeders have to meet. It will be to the interest of everyone interested in the development of what is certain to be one of the best paying industries of Rogue River Valley to attend this meeting.

Petaluma Incubators and Poultry Supplies at Cramer Bros.

## SOME ATTORNEYS WOULD ABOLISH JURY SYSTEM

**Interesting Debate Between Prominent Members of Josephine County Bar.**

The merits and demerits of the present jury system will be most thoroughly aired at a joint debate, which will be given at the Opera House, "Lincoln's Birthday," Wednesday, February 12. At that time and place, four of the eloquent attorneys, Messrs. H. D. Norton, O. S. Blanchard, C. H. Clements and Edward S. Van Dyke will discuss this most important question.

The evening's entertainment will also include a number of musical selections by local talent.

The affair will be under the auspices of the Bethany Fraternal Club, an organization in the Bethany Presbyterian Church, composed of about 50 boys of this city. The badge is becoming familiar to the people of this city. It consists of a button with the colors, Cherry red and lavender, the letters, "B F C" being in lavender and the back ground of cherry. The club's yell, which sound very much like an Indian warwhoop is as follows:

'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!  
Who are we?  
We're all Right.  
We're the B. F. C.

The club is having some good meetings and in order to show the public how well they can entertain, they have made arrangements for this interesting joint debate between able attorneys.

**Opera House Saturday Evening, January 25.**

Joe Gorton's Famous Minstrel Company is said to be the most meritorious organization of its kind traveling, presenting a long and varied program, which teems with crisp witicism, merry flings and new magnetic features, all of which are up-to-date, up to every demand, and up to every expectation, providing a most pleasant diversion for everybody. Prominent among high class specialists are the "Premiers of Laughlan," Jake Welby and Sam Lee, the "Crescent City Sextette," "Raymon and Bloom," the "Minstrel Boys," Cameron and Toledo, "The Marvelous Calloute," "Fogg and Alger," "Griffin and Vonder," "The Dancing Sailors" and many others. This large company of fun makers will appear at the Grants Pass Opera House, January 25, and as the management has always given the minstrel loving public a fine entertainment the house should be crowded.

An attractive parade will be given by the entire company at 12 o'clock a. m.

R. E. Kuhlman was this week passing around an initiative and referendum petition recommended and endorsed by the Tax Reform Association. Other similar petitions were also being circulated and all were very freely signed.

Attorney O S Blanchard has been in Portland, this week, looking after some important matters before the U. S. District Court.

## GROW ORANGES HERE IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

**Former Californian Finds That Here he Has Very Fine Soil and Conditions.**

The fact that there has been hardly any frost thus far this season, has caused much comment from newcomers and they have some trouble in believing that this is the winter season.

One of the results will be that an experiment of much importance to be tried by A. M. Cherry, on his place, six miles above Merlin, in the Jump-off-Joe country. He is having good success with his fruit growing and now proposes growing oranges, as he finds that he is in the favored frostless, thermal belt, some 1800 feet above sea level. The soil seems very well adapted for the growing of citrus fruits. It has a limestone and porphyry formation, which is thought to be exceptionally desirable for the productions of that description.

Mr. Cherry at one time resided in California, where he was engaged in the growing of oranges and he confidently expects to be able to grow the golden spheres in this climate. Manager Chas. Meserve, for the Grants Pass Fruit Growers' Association has sent to the Agricultural Department, for information regarding the new orange which has been developed for the climates like this, which are of a hardier growth and are now being successfully cultivated in many such regions as this.

## HE WOULD HAVE CITY MADE MORE BEAUTIFUL

Several leading citizens of Grants Pass have this week been seriously discussing a matter, which, if carried out in a concerted effort, will bring great and very beneficial results to this growing and beautiful city.

It is to have every property owner, especially in the residence portion of the city, plant shade trees and attractive shrubbery in front of their respective homes.

"Let you know it would enhance the value of those pieces of property a hundred fold," said one citizen to the Courier man. "Why, a few years ago I did this very thing with my place, getting trees right here in the woods, and now I would not take hundreds of dollars for the improvement it has made in the attractiveness of the place and it has made it much more valuable.

I would realize hundreds of dollars, should wish to sell the place, where I only put in a few dollars to make the improvements.

"Yes, let us all pull together. Here we have one of the prettiest sites for a city ever seen, and with nature doing so much for us, it behooves us to do something towards improving upon the beauty of the place, if it is within our power to do so."

The Grants Pass Cannery is now ready to contract with growers of Tomatoes for the coming season's crop. See Manager Sampson about the Contracts and Varieties, at once.

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### Something Extraordinary!

The big sale of Graniteware is still on

20 per cent off of Marked Prices

Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.

**R. H. O'Neill**  
THE HOUSEFURNISHER

Front St., bet. 6 and 7

Stoves and Ranges, Graniteware, Agiaware, Earware, Woodenware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.