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## READY TO UNWATER THE GRANITE HILL

All Preparations Have Been Made to Lower Flood in Mine and Resume Operations.

A representative of the Courier this week visited the Granite Hill mining camp, and was shown over the property and through the works of the American Gold Fields company by Superintendent Charles Morphy. As the stated in the Courier a few weeks since, the company is making preparations to unwater the mine, and again resume operations. A crew has been constantly employed in and around the mine since it was forced to close down because of the inrush of water on the lower levels. The mill, and hoist, concentrating plant, and power plant are all in excellent condition, and are ready for operation on a days notice. Splendid rock ballasted roads have been built in the camp, connecting the mill with the Red Jacket mine, and also with the sawmill and wood camps. A fine skid road connected the company's sawmill with the timber camp, and the logs are skidded to the mill at small cost; in fact, the entire cost of cutting the logs, skidding to the mill and sawing into lumber is but \$6 per thousand feet.

About 300 cords of wood have been cut and delivered at the mill, and an equal amount will be piled in the woodyard within reach of the boiler room, within the next few weeks. The rockballasted road allows this wood to be hauled at one-half the former cost. The wood will be used in supplying fuel for the furnaces while the mine is being pumped out.

The entire works have been overhauled, repaired and put in shape to operate with greater ease and less cost. The main idea of superintendent Morphy is to cut the operating expenses down, and widen the margin of profit. The value of the Granite Hill quartz is a known quantity, and it remains to mine and mill the ore at as small cost as possible. He has demonstrated that the ore can be removed from the lower levels, crushed, milled and concentrated at a cost of \$1.85 per ton. The rock road connecting the Granite Hill mill with the Red Jacket allows the ore to be hauled from the latter property at a cost of but 25 cents per ton for transport; and this can be done winter or summer.

The big hoist, with its immense double drums and twin engine, has been placed on a new and deeper concrete foundation, the head frame has been better anchored and new mortar blocks placed under the mill stamps. The bench at the collar of the shaft has been widened by removing a portion of the mountain side, giving greater room for the ore tracks, shops, and hoisting plant. The power house has been set farther back. In truth the whole camp has been cleaned up and improved, so that it is one of the neatest and best kept mining towns in the state. The buildings, residences, mess house, rooming house and offices are electric lighted, with mountain water piped everywhere needed.

Foreman Thomas has remained on the mine. He has mined in many of the best districts of the world, and in some of the biggest and richest properties, but he considers the Granite Hill, in the matter of its ore composition, stabilities and general character equal to any he has seen of the same class. With the preparations that have been made, especially in the matter of road work and camp improvements, the mine can be unwatered in less time and at much less cost than before. Everything is in readiness, so there will be no delay; once the skips are started they will be operated day and night till the mine is drained.

Superintendent Morphy states that he can unwater the property in 40 days time, and that within four months from the time the skips are started, he and his foreman will have the tunnels and drifts retimbered, the stopes cleaned, and everything in shape to begin milling. The 20-stamp mill will crush 100 tons of ore daily, operating day and night, and there is enough ore blocked out on the 400 foot level alone to keep the mill pounding steadily for many months.

The owners of the Granite Hill, all of whom are Eastern people, have not lost faith, even through the mis-

fortune of flooding and the consequent suspension of milling and mining operations. Many of them have visited the mine in person, are acquainted with conditions, and are determined to yet make the property win. It is these sort of people that the mines of southern Oregon need—people who will not give up and back down at the first appearance of trouble, who will overcome every obstacle, who will not give up. It is just such bull-dog determination and grit that will make the Granite Hill a great mine.

### Fight the Fruit Pests.

A meeting for the fruit growers was held at the opera house last Saturday which was well attended by those interested in fruit growing and a goodly number of prominent speakers were present. The "pear light" was one of the leading topics discussed. Prof. O'Garra, of the department of agriculture in charge of the fight in California against the pear blight gave an address on the subject and told how to recognize it and how to eradicate it. This pest has ruined the pear industry in the East and some parts of California and should it get firm foothold in the Rogue River valley would ruin the pear industry. Every fruit grower and any other person who has an interest in the future of this county should carefully examine every pear tree which they come across for signs of the blight. The county court should appoint a permanent fruit inspector whose duty it will be to at all times visit orchards with authority to destroy any trees infected with a disease. It has come to four notice that peach trees with the blight have been shipped into Grants Pass from nurseries within the state. It has been the duty of inspectors to examine trees shipped into the state but no account has been taken of trees shipped here from a nursery within the state. The county cannot afford to be without a fruit inspector for a single week.

## ROGUE RIVER FAIR AT MEDFORD THIS YEAR

The commissioners of the First Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society met in annual meeting in Ashland Monday to elect officers, transact business routine, and select the place for holding the 1908 fair of the society. Those present were L. B. Hall, Grants Pass, president; A. T. Marshall, Grants Pass, secretary; H. L. Gilkey and Chas. Meserve, Grants Pass; J. A. Perry and John D. Olwell, Medford; E. T. Staples, Ashland.

The Board after due consideration voted to hold the 1908 fair at Medford, to be known as the Rogue River Industrial Fair, and to hold the fair of 1909 at Ashland.

New officers: J. A. Perry, president; J. D. Olwell, vice-president; J. E. Watt, secretary; John S. Orth, treasurer; J. A. Perry, J. D. Olwell and E. T. Staples, executive committee.

### Joint Debate.

The members of the Bethany Fraternal Club, an organization for the benefit of the boys of the town, has arranged for an entertainment to be held at the opera house, Wednesday evening, February 12, in the nature of a joint debate on the subject: Resolved, "That the jury system should be abolished." Attorneys Blanchard and VanDyke have the affirmative and Attorneys Norton and Clements the negative. A very entertaining musical program will also be rendered, which will include vocal selections by the Bethany choir and the male quartet, ladies chorus, and Mrs. W. L. Ireland, also music by Miss Palmer and Messrs. Cheshire and Wharton.

Frank Fetack and family have had since New Years Day as a part of their dist. new potatoes grown to maturity in their own garden since September of last year. This is quite unusual, but Mr. Fetack vouches for the truth and has had the potatoes on exhibition to speak for themselves.

He explains that part of the garden was planted to potatoes and at maturity these were dug with the exception of a few which might have been missed and covered up. Cabbage was then matured on the same plot and the ground plowed. The potatoes left in the ground sprouted and grew, blossoming in the usual time and on New Years day the potatoes were ready for the table.

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## DEMOCRATIC ELECTORS INVITED TO OREGON

Delegation to National Democratic Convention will Be Urged to Come to Portland.

### Special Correspondence

Portland and business men have determined to make a united and most enthusiastic effort to secure for the Trans-Continental Passenger Association a special rate through to Portland and other points in the Pacific Northwest for delegates and others who will attend the National Democratic Convention to be held in the metropolis of Coronado next July. This was the topic of a meeting held at the parlors of the Portland Commercial Club Friday night and letters were forwarded Saturday to the meeting of the Passenger Agents now in session at Colorado Beach, California. The round trip rates that will be in vogue from Portland and other Oregon points to Denver will make it easy to organize a party of representative business men from all parts of the State and send them on a special train to Denver where an extraordinary effort will be made to convince the delegates in attendance upon the convention of the special attractions of the Oregon climate during the hot season.

February 23d has been selected as "Rose Planting Day." Five thousand bushes will be planted that day in the city parks, and it is confidently believed that 50,000 more will be put out in the yards and gardens of Portland and vicinity.

An extended editorial in the Billings, Mont., "Gazette" speaks of the vast amount of advertising Oregon is receiving through the newspapers of that state as a direct result of the prize offer made by the Portland Commercial Club.

Three hundred persons were in attendance upon the third annual banquet of the Hood River Commercial Club on the evening of January 31st. A special Pullman sleeper went from Portland, filled to its capacity with representative business men of the metropolis. Among the guests was Governor Chamberlain.

A number of Eastern people are anxious to establish banks in Oregon, particularly those with a capital of from \$15,000 to \$25,000, with the new-comer putting in from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Portland has determined to give the great "Inland Empire Excursion," which spends all day Saturday, February 8th, in this city, a most cordial reception. Two hundred and fifteen persons compose this party; the trip is made under the auspices of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and Walla Walla Commercial Club and the entertainment they receive here will be an index of that extended at other Oregon points where they make stops. The purpose of this excursion is to induce the thousands of tourists now in California to return to their homes by way of the Northwest route.

Big cargoes of lumber are leaving Portland to be used in the construction of the Panama canal.

### K. of P. Elect Officers.

Thermopylae Lodge, Knights of Pythias held their annual election of officers at their lodge hall Tuesday evening, resulting in the election of the following persons to hold office for one year:

C C—P P Proctor.  
V C—W H Sogardth.  
K of S—Lincoln Savage.  
M F—M T Ulter.  
M E—Jos. Moss.  
M W—W T Coburn.  
S A—Jos. Chance.  
I G—Morgan Powell.  
O G—T W—Williams.

After the election the members and wives and the Rathbone Sisters sat down to an elaborate feast and listened to interesting speeches.

The installation of officers will be held Tuesday, February 18.

**Bethany Church Election.**  
The annual meeting of Bethany Presbyterian church was held at the church Thursday eve. Reports from the various departments of church work were read and the following of officers elected: Elders, J Pardee and P H Harth, both re-elected; Deacon, George H Parker; Trustees, H O Kinney, four years, T P Cramer, two years, W E Willis, one year. Treasurer, Geo. P Cramer; Clerk, A E Voorhies; Sunday School Superintendent, H C Kinney; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs W L Ireland.

## APPLEGATE VALLEY TELEPHONE CO. GROWING

Eighty Phones Will Soon Be in Place—Constitution and By-Laws of Organization.

The Applegate Valley Telephone Company, organized under the laws of Oregon less than two years ago now has a membership of nearly 200 fully paid up stockholders and a list of 60 phone subscribers. This will be increased to 80 or more when the two additional lines which are now under construction are finished. Since the company was organized it has constructed 19 miles of line, not including about 39 miles of line which the company assisted in erecting into the forest reserve. When the two lines now under construction, which are each 10 miles in length, are completed there will be nine lines running to the company's central at Provoit, and extending to Grants Pass, Williams Creek, Thompson Creek, Steamboat and Blue Lead, at the headwaters of the Applegate river.

The officers of the company who are chosen at the annual meeting in January are C O Bigelow, president; H D Kubli, vice-president; W S Bailey, secretary and John W Pernoll, treasurer.

The telephone company in order to form a more perfect organization for the transaction of the company's business, and the enforcement of such rules and regulations as the company shall deem necessary to protect the individual interests of each member, as well as the company at large, have adopted the following constitution and by-laws:

Section 1. This company shall be known as the Applegate Valley Telephone Company. Its principle place of business shall be at Provoit, Oregon. This company shall have power to do a general telephone business and to build, own, lease lines and install central office at such places as its business may warrant.

Sec. 2. The Capital stock of the Applegate Valley Telephone Company shall consist of \$1000 in shares of \$5 each, and the amount of this stock, or the value of the shares shall neither be increased nor decreased, nor an assessment levied on the stock except on two-thirds affirmative ballot of all the stockholders. This ballot to be taken only at a regular meeting of the stockholders and of which 30 days notice has been given by notices posted at the central stations of this Company.

Sec. 3. Only stockholders of this company can become subscribers for telephones, and only one vote shall be allowed for each fully paid up share of stock. A stockholder desiring to transfer his share of stock shall first give this company the preference to purchase same, and shall not receive for it more than the par value of \$5. Any stock so purchased by this company shall be held as common stock until such time as it can be sold to new members.

Sec. 4. The Applegate Telephone company shall equip and maintain all central offices and shall erect all wire lines connecting these offices, and also all connecting wires with the systems of other telephone companies with which traffic arrangements may be made. All branch lines connecting telephones with the centrals shall be erected at the expense of the stockholders using such lines, such construction work and installing phones to be done under the rules and regulations of this company; the proportionate cost of such lines to be adjusted between the builders on a basis established by this company. On the completion of these branch lines they shall become the property of this company and be maintained under the general regulations governing the lines of this company.

Sec. 5. All traffic arrangements with other companies shall not be in effect until approved by a majority of all the stockholders of this company. The fixing of monthly telephone dues and of salaries of officers shall be made on two-thirds ballot of all the stockholders.

Sec. 6. This company shall have the power to make such rules and regulations governing the installing and using of telephones as the efficiency and economy of the service may require. Whether the telephones used on this company's lines shall be owned or leased by each stock-

holder or owned or leased by this company shall be decided by a two-thirds affirmative ballot of all the members.

Sec. 7. No property of this company shall be sold, transferred or leased except it is authorized by a three-fourths vote by ballot of all the stockholders at a meeting of which 30 days notice has been given by posting notices at all the Company's central stations, said notices to state the proposition to be voted on.

Sec. 8. This company shall, immediately after the adoption of this constitution, and annually thereafter, elect a board of nine directors by a majority ballot of the stockholders present at such meeting, who shall serve until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The directors elected at such meeting shall qualify by taking the prescribed oath of office.

Sec. 9. The officers of this company shall consist of a President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected annually by a majority ballot of the directors at a regular meeting. Officers elected at such meeting to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Any officer who removes both his place of residence and business from the territory covered by the telephone system of this company shall forfeit his office.

Sec. 10. The president shall preside at all meetings of the company and of the board of directors and he shall decide all questions that may arise on points of order, subject always to an appeal to the house, and preserve order and decorum in the meetings and see that the rights of all the members are respected. He shall enforce the provisions of this constitution and by-laws and act in conjunction with the directors in securing the best possible efficiency in

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## IN REGARD TO RAILROAD LANDS

Office of the Commissioner, Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, January 2, 1908.

To Registers and Receivers, United States Land Offices, Gentlemen:

There has been industriously circulated by way of newspaper advertisements, and otherwise, over the name of F. P. Rolfe, statements to the effect that Congressman Tawney, after a conference with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, advised his son that persons filing on the Oregon and California railroad lands would, without doubt, be able to secure the lands. These advertisements are untrue and misleading. The tendency of such advertisements is to impose upon innocent and unsuspecting persons. You will please give as wide publicity as possible to the above set forth.

Very respectfully,  
R. A. BALLINGER,  
Commissioner.

Barney Oldfield, the speed demon, who broke the world's record last year on the Irvington track has signed this year and will again enter the New York Automobile races. Oldfield had announced that he had quit racing but the excitement of the race is too much to be given up.

## BIG SMELTER ORDERED FOR SOUTHERN OREGON

Alameda People Have Placed an Order in Portland For 100 Ton Smelter for Galice.

Down on the Rogue river in the Galice mining district a few men have been drilling and blasting for the past eight years, uncovering the largest body of copper bearing ore known in the Pacific northwest. Work has been quietly done and the result is shown by the placing of a contract Saturday by the Alameda mine, a local corporation with the Willamette Iron and Steel company, for a 100-ton smelter to cost \$10,000.

Bids were called for recently from manufacturers of smelters and the local concern was not overlooked. Much to the surprise of the mine management the best proposition was submitted by the Willamette people, who begin construction this week.

The plant will consist of a standard waterjacketed furnace 36 by 72 by 84 occupying a building at the mouth of the mine 80 by 110, which will house the engine, boilers and ore crusher with charging floor of 200 square feet. The company owns its own saw mill and is cutting thousands of feet of lumber for the building, ore bins, etc.

It is expected that the plant will be in active operation by the last of April and another dividend paying property added to the already growing list of southern Oregon. Josephine county will then be the possessor of the only two copper smelters in the state.

The present installation on the Alameda will be followed by further series as fast as conditions warrant giving employment to a large force, which will add considerably to the increasing pay roll of the county. Considerable of the capital in the Alameda mine comes from Iowa, which should be doubly interesting at the present time, considering the recent difficulties, and speaks well for the Alameda property and its management.

In the face of recent conditions the carrying out of this project is certainly a credit to the mine management and should entitle the mining interests of Southern Oregon, for it is one more link forged in upbuilding of the industry that is rapidly making the southern part of the state, and particularly Josephine County, known throughout the United States as a section warranting the investment of capital in no uncertain manner.

The Alameda property proper is located on the Big Yank ledge, which is acknowledged by mining men to be the largest body of copper-bearing ore in the Northwest.

## COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR WARRANTS

There are funds in the Treasury to pay all warrants registered prior to September 15, 1904. Interest will cease from this date.

January 30, 1908.  
J. T. TAYLOR,  
Co. Treasurer.

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