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WILL SOON RIVAL GREAT TREADWELL

THE ALMEDA MINE OF THIS
COUNTY MAKING HISTORY

IS A WORLD PROPOSITION

Much Practical Development of the
Mine Has Been Going on from
the Very First.

Josephine county has a mining proposition that will some day rival the famous Treadwell mines of southeastern Alaska. This big mine up north turns out regularly between two and three millions dollars annually, and it has been doing this for more than a quarter of a century, with no prospects of giving out. The rock is low grade, often running down to two dollars and seldom going as high as five. Many hundreds of men work night and day in these great mines and the lowest wage is never less than \$3 per day. It is a deep mining proposition and for the past three or four years work has been going on in the 1600-foot level; but mining is carried on in the most scientific manner, mining engineers planning the underground workings four years in advance, and great care is taken to avoid accidents. The owners are liberal and to insure a better class of workmen they have of late commenced to build homes for their men and their families. The climate is severe, as it rains something over a hundred inches annually, but all discomforts are put aside because not only the mining company but the employes make money. Much work is done by contract and expert miners often make as high as \$300 to \$700 a month. To do this miners club together and bid on either shaft or tunnel work.

The mine which is to rival this great producer is the Almeda in this county, which must in a few years yield as much gold annually as the Treadwell. The mountain of ore is being opened up on the Treadwell plan and so far there appears to be rich mineral bodies penetrated by every tunnel. These numerous tunnels, running into the mine from the Rogue river side, now cover several thousand feet in length and the main shaft, which is intended to go down 1000 feet, has now reached a depth of nearly half that distance. From this shaft tunnels will be run into the ore bodies from either side and in this manner the mineral contained in the mine will be blocked out ready to be mined for the smelter. The rock is well mineralized and will average double the value of the Treadwell proposition. It contains both gold and copper, and there is every reason to believe that the formation will be inexhaustible for centuries to come. From the very first the work on this property has been done in the most scientific manner and everything has been made to count to the very best advantage in the development problem. In short, no money has been wasted. The men in charge have both experience and ability and the consequence is that the stockholders will be handsomely repaid for the capital they have invested. The great problem to be solved is not the wealth that the mine contains but transportation. The new traction engine and automobile road from the mine to Leland has reduced the price of hauling one-half, but as important as this is the time will soon come when an electric line must be built along this route and that it will come within a year or two there is every reason to believe. The Almeda is making mining history fast and when conditions are right the returns from the property will be as large as those from the great Treadwell, which is now the best producing mine in the world.

Look for Big Potato Yield.

Nearly all professions, trades and vocations have a representation among the fruit growers of the Rogue River valley. Office and pro-

fessional men in large numbers are finding homes where they can get next to nature. Among the recent arrivals is A. T. Guetter, formerly a court reporter engaged with Edward Simms, U. S. attorney at Chicago. Mr. Guetter with his mother and invalid father have secured 35 acres on this side of the Applegate river near the lower bridge. He now has a two and a half acre potato patch which he thinks will break the record for production. It was planted according to the rules laid down by the agricultural department and the growth at the present time is certainly wonderful. The vines are thick and heavy and stand from two and a half to three feet high, and four stalks which were pulled up showed 66 potatoes. The seed before planting soaked with a solution to prevent scab and a quantity of potash fertilizer was placed in each hill, and as the place is irrigated there is every promise of a crop which will run from 500 to 700 bushels to the acre.

REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY IS TO BE HELD

At the Court House on Sixth Street
Saturday, July 16, at
2 p. m.

On Tuesday the republican meetings took place throughout the county for the election of delegates to the county assembly, and the assembly which will be held at the court house next Saturday, July 16, at 2 p. m. The county delegates have not yet been reported, so we are able only to furnish those from the city, which are as follows:

North Grants Pass.

A. Morris, L. L. Jewell, O. S. Blanchard, Jos. Moss, Tom Galvin, Jas. Holman, J. N. Johnston, C. H. Clements, R. L. Coe, M. L. Galvin, M. L. Opydyke, J. P. Martin, F. B. Bartlett, Ernest Lister, R. L. Bartlett, E. S. VanDyke, I. A. Robie, H. C. Bobzien, C. C. Presley, Tom Fry, S. W. Phillips, L. B. Hall, W. C. Hale, John Randall, F. W. VanDyke, Fred Cheshire, W. H. Fallin, H. L. Gilkey, J. E. Hair.

West Grants Pass.

G. H. Parker, R. W. Clarke, J. F. Galbraith, A. C. Hough, Ben Dimmick, Wm. Huggins, Dr. Stricker, C. B. Fowler, J. D. Wurtzbaugh, A. H. Gunnell, H. L. Truax, H. Carrick, A. G. Hood, E. Chalson, Geo. Cronk, Harry Marsh, W. H. Knox.

South Grants Pass.

Geo. W. Colvig, Fred Williams, Jas. Trimble, J. R. Gunning, W. C. Ahlf, M. J. Anderson, Herbert Smith, Eugene Coburn, H. C. Mitchell, F. O. Wilcox, Geo. Lewis, J. C. Smith, H. L. Herzinger, W. T. Coburn, P. P. Proctor, W. C. Smith, L. McGrew, F. E. Hobson, Alonzo Jones, W. S. Coutant, S. Kienlen, John Hanna, Ed. Wade.

Medford's Church Outlook.

The Presbyterians of Medford are financing a \$40,000 church edifice, and following closely in their wake other churches will have greatly improved buildings. The church element in our sister city is asserting itself and we need not be surprised if it has within the next two or three years several fashionable churches. These institutions as a rule follow prosperity.

Governor Benson Will Soon Return.

A dispatch from San Francisco states that Governor Frank W. Benson of this state will return to Salem in about three weeks. The governor has been taking treatment for an affection of the nose which has given him great trouble in the past. We are glad to learn that he is improving and will soon be able to resume his position as governor and secretary of state. He has been away from Salem about six weeks. It is said that he will be a candidate this fall to succeed himself as secretary of state.

Mammoth Elk Convention.

The annual convention of Elks now going on in the city of Detroit, Mich., is by long odds the largest gathering of Elks in the history of the order. The grand parade was the most important affair of the kind that ever took place in that city. Fully 40,000 Elks were in line and no less than 60 brass bands furnished the music.

THEY'RE COMING 100,000 STRONG

THE GRAND ARMY OF COLONISTS
WILL INVADE NORTHWEST

LET US INVITE THEM HERE

Not a Moment Must Be Lost in Getting
Our Advertising Matter
Before Homeseekers.

Information comes to the Courier that this fall will witness the largest influx of colonists into the Northwest known in the history of western colonization; nearly 100,000 of them. The states of Oregon and Washington will get the most of these people and it is important that Grants Pass and Josephine county should secure their share of the new comers and the capital to be invested in lands, manufacturing and in general business. We have many thousands of acres of fruit and alfalfa lands to be cleared and it is highly important that we take the necessary steps to bring about this development.

Josephine county has done no advertising for many months and this seeming neglect is liable to make us lose the race when we line up to secure our share of the colonist business. If we are to make an effort to attract the attention of the vast army of home seekers who are coming to the northwest in the early autumn, we must prepare our advertising matter and commence its distribution now. This should receive the attention of the Grants Pass Commercial Club and it should be asked to take up the subject with as little delay as possible. It goes without saying that the trustees and board of manager stand ready to do the work if the merchants and citizens generally of the town show a desire to have our section advertised. Other towns in Oregon are in the field and never before has there been so much printed matter issued by the various towns in the state. Ashland, Medford and Roseburg have been making strenuous efforts to have the colonists come to them and there is every reason to believe that these invitations will be accepted by the homeseekers.

As far as Grants Pass is concerned it has been content to do nothing and this policy, if continued, must be highly injurious to our city and county. Our municipality is doing some public improvements that would do credit to a city of ten times its size. The bitulthic pavement on our broad business thoroughfares and the handsome cluster lights which will adorn the wide sidewalks, together with the numerous business blocks now under construction or soon to be started, all point to the importance of issuing invitations for these expected homeseekers and capitalists to visit us during September and October. It must be remembered that there are two things which we need to make Josephine county and Grants Pass all that they should be and these are added population and capital. Neither will come if we hide our light under a bushel. Let us place it where it will be seen by every man and woman seeking a location in the northwest. Now is the accepted time and we must act without hesitation or those seeking homes will pass us by. Remember that every new settler that comes to us adds to the wealth and prosperity of our county and to the volume of business transacted in our city. All we have to do is to request the Commercial Club to take up the subject of advertising. Let us put all other lesser matters aside and give attention to this subject now.

Extraction Plant for Merlin.

The Metals Extraction Co., a company organized for the purpose of treating platinum ores and the saving of oxidized and flour gold, is preparing for the erection of a plant at Merlin, near the coke bunkers. The plant is to be more in the nature of treating samples to ascertain the

best method of handling the ore, and samples will be accepted in any amounts from 100 pounds to 1000 tons. C. A. Phelps, who has been operating by his special process for a number of years, will have charge of operations and he expects to have the plant in operation within twenty days. He visited Portland this week in the interest of the business.

County Surveyor Resigns.

County Surveyor Fred Mensch has resigned the office of county surveyor on account of the necessity of being out of the district for a length of time attending to government contracts. The county court at its last session appointed R. A. Dean as surveyor to fill the unexpired term.

Mr. Mensch, who is a deputy U. S. surveyor, left Thursday morning for Peel, Douglas county, where he has a government contract which will require his absence some three months. In the party were also Earl Allen, Dan McFarland, Joe Saura and Clyde Lee.

SEASONABLE HINTS FOR FRUIT GROWERS

The County Inspector Has a Few
Words to Say to Those
Interested.

Fruit growers should not neglect the final spraying with arsenate of lead for codling moth. I am glad to say that after a thorough examination of the large commercial orchards I find them practically clean of this pest, which means they are going to be able to market the entire crop, instead of leaving a large part of it in the orchard to waste as heretofore.

We must keep up the good work by constant vigilance. It is a pleasure to walk through some of the orchards and note the change made in the past year. It pays every time, and some of our up-to-date fruit growers are going to realize it this year by an increased bank account; while those who have been careless are going to lose. This year every fruit package must be stamped with the grower's name, and the penalty for first offense for placing on the market diseased or pest infested fruit will be \$25. The law will be strictly enforced. It is our only safeguard. The bitter rot or dead spot has made its appearance in the apple crop. For this trouble we can do nothing at this time. The remedy should be applied in the spring. Use Bordeaux mixture full strength just when the buds are swelling. After the blossoms fall, spray again with half strength, so as to fill the calyx with the poison. And spray again when the apples are the size of walnuts. This will free your trees of bitter rot, dead spot, apple scab and all fungus diseases. I have noticed a great deal of pear blight in the country this summer. Have instructed all dead limbs to be cut out and a thorough spraying this fall with Bordeaux.

A few growers have considerable scale this year, notwithstanding they sprayed well with Sampson's spray, which leads one to think the spray was not up to standard in strength. A careful test should be made of all sprays before application, else we may have our labor for our pains.

I have never seen better fruit than we have this year in Josephine county. Taken as a whole, showing gratifying results of our campaign against the fruit pests. J. F. BURKE,
County Fruit Inspector.

Handsome Cement Brick.

M. J. Howard, the builder, has furnished the Courier with some handsome specimens of cement brick manufactured by him. These bricks are intended for topping out chimneys and to be used in other places for ornament. Mr. Howard has within the past year done a considerable amount of concrete work and has recently finished the main walls of the Schmidt building on Sixth street.

Anton Opperman, a St. Louis gardener, has won five acres near Holister, Mo., as a prize for the best plan of a model five-acre farm. The award was made by the Missouri Immigration commission.

Keep your chickens healthy and clean with the Conkey Remedies. Sold by Cramer Bros.

FIERY SERPENT THREATENS CITY

FULLY 25 SQUARE MILES OF
FOREST BURNED OVER

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE

Fire Extends From a Point Near
Merlin to West Line of Grants
Pass.

The aftermath of a sane Fourth at Merlin brought a forest fire of great magnitude which has been burning all the week and has so far covered 25 square miles of territory, extending from a point near Merlin up to the very gates of Grants Pass on the west. The real origin of the fire is not satisfactorily known. Some claim it was from Merlin proper and there in a report that some passengers on a passing train threw firecrackers out of the window of a coach, and these resulted in the terrible forest fire. There was little real heavy timber burned, most of it being cut-over land, but the cutting had been done years ago and there was inflammable material on the ground at this time and the fire made a mad rush mostly on a direct-line east toward the county seat.

The ranchmen within the prescribed territory fought the fire with determination, but on it came in mad glee and laughed at the puny efforts of man. Then, determined not to be outdone by the roaring elements, the settlers started back-fires to save their property and this, as it turned out, did more damage than the original fire. The timber through which it passed was second growth oak and some fir and pine. There were ranchers interspersed and the families occupying these were much frightened. There were some barns and outbuildings and many miles of fences destroyed by the conflagration. When it reached the big barn of A. G. Hood, two miles west of town, it destroyed his large barn filled with grain and hay. Forty tons of the latter was burned with a considerable amount of farm machinery on which there was small insurance. Mr. Hood's loss will be great and he will have the sympathy of many people.

Ever since Sunday the citizens of Grants Pass have been anxious about the fire and several times a day the fire bell rang for recruits to go out and do duty on the fire line and many feared that a favorable wind might carry the fire to the city itself and had it not been for the devotion of volunteers who stayed night and day, a disastrous conflagration would have been to report.

Ranchers to a considerable number suffered considerable loss, but no figures are at hand. On Wednesday night the volunteer fire fighters did good service. A considerable number of these returned to the city and reported that the fire along all lines was under control, when nervous people, who had been watching the smoke on the west were greatly relieved. During the evening, W. B. Sherman loaded his auto with coffee, boiled ham, many loaves of bread and other substantial such as tired and hungry men need on such an occasion and hurried out to the fire line and distributed his load among the fighters. His thoughtfulness was thoroughly appreciated. As we go, to press there is considerable smoke but the fire, it is thought, has been subdued.

Dean Grooms has sold his six-acre tract south of town and on Thursday morning he and Mrs. Grooms left for Modesto, Cal., where they will visit Wilson Peake and family, and it is not improbable that Mr. Grooms may go into business there.

Civil Service Examination.

The Civil Service commission announces that on July 1, 1910, the Eleventh Civil Service district was reorganized with headquarters at Seattle, Wash. Hereafter applications for all positions in the field or automobiles. Elmer S. Shank,

service in the state of Oregon should be made to the secretary of the Eleventh Civil Service District, Post-office building, Seattle, Wash.

Examinations for the following named second class post offices will be held annually when eligibles are needed, due announcement of which will be made, and application blanks will not be given out until examinations are announced: Albany, Astoria, Ashland, Baker City, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Hood River, La Grande, Medford, McMinnville, Oregon City, Pendleton, Roseburg, The Dalles.

First grade or clerical examinations for the custom house, internal revenue and mint and assay services, and all clerical positions requiring similar qualifications in all field branches of the service, will be held annually on the first Saturday in February at the following named places in the state of Oregon: Albany, Astoria, Baker City, Eugene, Grants Pass, La Grande, Pendleton, Portland, The Dalles.

GRANTS PASS DAY AT ASHLAND CHAUTAUQUA

Concert in Afternoon—Lecture of
Ex-Governor Folk in the
Evening.

A great part of Grants Pass will have their headquarters at Ashland next Monday, which is Grants Pass day at the Chautauqua. Arrangements are being made for a special train, to leave here about 8 o'clock and return after the close of ex-Governor Folk's speech in the evening, thus giving the full day at Ashland without the necessity of spending the night there. Already 125 have signed up for the trip tickets and it is probable that many others will come forward in the next few days.

A chorus of 40 voices under the direction of Prof. W. B. Field will be on hand to render two selections in the afternoon concert. The Commercial Club orchestra and band will also attend and have a place on the program. There are a large number of Grants Pass people now at Ashland attending the Chautauqua and it is desired that all who possibly can will be on hand next Monday morning. Let us make the number 500 on Grants Pass day.

Commercial Club Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial Club was held at the club rooms on Tuesday evening. The attendance was small, owing to the change of date, the warm weather and other good reasons.

The matter of attending the Chautauqua at Ashland on Grants Pass day, next Monday, was brought up and the club took steps toward ensuring a good attendance.

One other matter of importance was to have been brought up regarding the move to close Rogue river to commercial fishing, but as the committee was not ready to report a special meeting will be called before July 25 to hear the report of the fishermen's committee.

Bishop and Mrs. Chas. Scadding arrived in Grants Pass Wednesday afternoon and left the next morning accompanied by Rev. S. M. Dorrance on a missionary trip extending over five weeks. They go first to Crescent City, Cal., and then up the coast to Coos Bay, and following up the Umpqua river to Drain, where they take the railroad for home. The bishop spoke at S. Luke's church Wednesday evening.

Fire in Cypress Hedge.

While burning the dry grass in a vacant lot adjoining his place on C street Tuesday evening, Judge Hale had the misfortune to have the handsome cypress hedge on the west side of his property burned to a cinder. The flames caught in the hedge, which is of a highly inflammable nature, and before the fire department could render any service the fire had done its destructive work.

Dangerous Forest Fires Are Raging.

Your home is in danger. We have just acquired the insurance business belonging to Amy Booth Holmes, consisting of sixteen of the most substantial companies in the United States. Let us insure your home, household goods, stock, hay, hops, and automobiles. Elmer S. Shank,