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RICH DIRT FOUND IN OLD PLACER

HOISTING MACHINERY INSTALLED IN DEEP GRAVEL

PROMINENT MEN INTERESTED

Well Known Placer Mine Has Been Worked in Smaller Way Since 1878.

Kerby and the whole Illinois valley country is experiencing a boom in the mining industry. Boom is hardly the correct word. It is rather a tardy realization of the possibilities of the district. Reports from that town say that never before was business so good in all lines for many years as it is now and it is due to the renewed activity in mining.

Today hoisting machinery of the latest and most efficient type is being placed on the Deep Gravel property near Waldo. Colonel Frank Leland, president of the Greenback mine, representing the Mineral Adventure corporation, of 42 Broadway, New York, has been prospecting the property for some time and has struck gravel that is said to be rich at a lower depth than the property has been worked before.

This is one of the well known placer mines in the country and was first worked in 1878. However, the surface was merely skimmed. Improved machinery makes it possible to work the deep gravel. A full carload of such machinery, including a thirty-horse-power boiler, has been hauled out to the property the past week.

Many reports of activity on nearly all the creeks in the district are heard and a prosperous season is in sight for the Kerby country.

HILL MAY OPEN THE PORTLAND APPLE SHOW

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—James J. Hill will probably open the Portland apple show, according to advices received at the office of the show. The railroad magnate is expected to speak at the meeting of the Oregon Development league at Salem probably on the second day, November 29, and will come to Portland to open the apple show on November 30.

The Oregon Development league has been very insistent in its invitation to Mr. Hill. It was understood that Mr. Hill would also open the apple show should he come to the development league meeting. While no word has been received directly from Mr. Hill, the development league telephoned its success in securing him and it is supposed that he will preside at both affairs.

Professor Arthur L. Pack, W. K. Newell, C. C. Chapman and J. Beebe have been secured to talk before the horticultural society meetings which will be held in conjunction with the apple show.

Work was maintained all day yesterday on the interior of the Majestic theater building at the southwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets. A large crew of men is at work tearing out debris and rewiring and cleaning the place. The show colors of Spitzenberg red and apple leaf green are to be used in decorating and it is believed the combination will make a beautiful background for the fruit.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 2, Friday.—Remember the date for the bazaar of the ladies of Newman M. E. church. 9-9-11
Dec. 5, Monday.—City election.
Dec. 9, Friday.—Bazaar by St. Luke's Altar society at Guild hall, afternoon and evening. 5-1-
Dec. 13, Tuesday.—Apron bazaar by Baptist ladies. 9-16-11

WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 23.—After being out since four o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of the State against Della Totten today brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

CRIPPEN PAYS PENALTY FOR DASTARDLY CRIME

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Among a score of unmarked flagstone-covered graves in the yard of Pentonville prison today lies the body of Dr. H. H. Crippen, while Miss Ethel Claire Leneve, for whom Crippen committed the crime for which he paid with his life, is being borne toward America on the liner Majestic.

Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, hanged today at Pentonville for the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore-Crippen, is one of the most remarkable criminals that ever sprung a trap on any gallows in Merrie England. Whether Crippen confessed the crime to his spiritual adviser, Carey, after embracing Catholicism shortly before his brief journey to the gallows, whether he confessed the details of a horrible murder to Solicitor Newtown, his counsel, or whether he held spurious or bona fide confession to the London Evening Times to provide Miss Leneve with a competence will probably never be known. The Times reiterated today that the American physician confessed a cunningly planned crime; Father Carey, Miss Leneve and Arthur Newtown, Crippen's counsel, denied knowledge of any confession.

The doomed man's last night on earth was a wakeful one. He called often to the death watch to ask the time. Father Carey, of the church of the Sacred Heart, arrived at dawn and administered the last rites of the church. Crippen engaged in earnest conference with the priest and apparently did not brood over his approaching end.

Frequently during the talk in the dimly lighted cell Crippen referred solicitously to Miss Leneve, who had seen him for the last time. Breakfast was served at 7 o'clock, but Crippen would not eat. At 8:30 the governor of the prison notified the condemned man that he must prepare for the march to the scaffold. Jailers pinioned Crippen's arms and bared his neck for the easier adjustment of the rope. The little throng, consisting of the doomed and two wardens, led by Father Carey, who intoned prayers for the dying, crossed the few yards separating the condemned cells and the gallows, where John Ellis stood waiting.

Crippen, without hesitation, as though he had rehearsed his part in a mimic tragedy, mounted the gallows with a firm step. He did not falter, and he did not break down. To the few onlookers—the governor, the sheriff, the priest, the jailers and two representatives of the press—Crippen seemed acutely conscious that his time had come. He did not speak, however, and stood firm while the black cap was being adjusted. Outside the jail a morbid crowd had gathered, but a heavy fog enshrouded the building and cloaked the view of the gallows. Even the forbidding black arm of the gallows tree near the rear wall could not be made out.

At 9 o'clock a specter of a black flag was hoisted to the top of the flagpole near the prison gate and a few cheers, some hisses and many groans sped Crippen's shrunken soul on the last flight. Crippen had paid his debt to justice and his obligation to the efforts of Scotland yard.

MANY ACRES OF LAND CLEARED AND PLANTED

H. E. Gale, of the Riverview ranch near Hell Gate, who was in Grants Pass Monday, states that the work of clearing land for planting is going on at as rapid a pace as men and money can do the work.

A donkey engine and a crew of six men are at work clearing the land. It is expected that a hundred acres will be cleared this fall and winter. Besides that, six men are at work cutting wood from the land to be cleared.

Mr. Gale has ordered 2500 pear trees, which will be set out this winter. Teams and men have been sent to the Meadows ranch at the mouth of the Applegate and the work of planting will be commenced at once.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The population of the state of New York is 9,113,279, as announced by the census bureau today.

OFFICIAL VOTE ON ALL THE MEASURES

TWENTY-THREE AMENDMENTS ARE DEFEATED

THE SENATE AND HOUSE

Republicans Have a Big Majority in the Lower House of Oregon's Government.

The following are the measures that have been adopted and complete vote on each:

An act authorizing the location, construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum in eastern Oregon—

Yes 47,875
No 40,364

Majority for 7,511

A bill providing for the support and maintenance of the Monmouth Normal school—

Yes 50,404
No 40,043

Majority for 10,361

A constitutional amendment empowering the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county regardless of constitutional restrictions or state statutes, and abolish poll tax—

Yes 43,989
No 42,337

Majority for 1,652

Home rule liquor bill—

Yes 52,641
No 47,914

Majority for 4,727

Employers' liability law—

Yes 55,641
No 33,529

Majority for 22,112

A bill prohibiting the taking of fish from the Rogue river except by hook and line—

Yes 49,657
No 33,451

Majority for 16,206

Good roads amendment—

Yes 50,875
No 32,825

Majority for 18,050

Presidential primary law—

Yes 43,253
No 41,574

Majority for 1,679

Three-fourths jury amendment—

Yes 44,545
No 33,307

Majority for 5,238

23 Amendments Defeated

The following is the complete state vote on all defeated measures:

Woman's suffrage amendment—
Yes 36,200
No 58,459

Majority against 22,259

Constitutional convention—
Yes 25,427
No 59,753

Majority against 34,326

Legislative districting amendment—
Yes 23,281
No 54,251

Majority against 30,970

Amendment eliminating phrase "and all taxation shall be equal and uniform"—
Yes 37,347
No 40,246

Majority against 2,899

Railroad district amendment—
Yes 34,013
No 46,121

Majority against 12,108

Amendment directing a uniform rule of taxation except on property

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NOMINEES NAMED FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Three of the caucuses held Monday evening were quiet affairs. The Second ward caucus, however, proved to be an interesting session and a large crowd turned out.

In this ward, a meeting was held in a business office before the caucus, it is said, where things were fixed. At any rate, there is a lot of talk going around today.

Following are the nominations in the four wards:

First ward—J. M. Tetherow and Dr. Stricker.

Second ward—Two-year term, J. F. Wolfersberger and J. A. Slover; short term, S. W. Phillips and Dr. W. W. Walker.

Third ward—Charles Burkhalter and V. S. Grout.

Fourth ward—H. L. Herzinger and Ed Allen.

J. L. Meyers was unanimously nominated for mayor and James Holman for city treasurer at the city convention held Tuesday evening. The affair was one of the quietest ever pulled off in this town. Ten minutes sufficed to transact all the business.

The court room was full when J. N. Johnston arose and asked for nominations for chairman of the meeting. Joseph Moss was selected without opposition and Mr. Johnston was made secretary.

Mr. Moss called for nominations for mayor and J. D. Fry placed J. L. Meyers in nomination. No other nominations were offered and on motion the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Myers.

Mr. Holman was then nominated for city treasurer with equal unanimity.

This morning discussion is rife on the streets as to who will be brought out to run against Myers. Many of the leading business men are using their influence to have but one candidate at the election, but there is talk of bringing out an independent candidate. The curious thing about it is that no one can be found to urge that someone else be placed in nomination. The talk is all to the effect that this or that element will bring out another candidate.

Before adjourning the convention passed a motion made by J. N. Johnston that a vote of thanks be given the present city administration and J. D. Fry, chairman of the property owners' committee, for the work that has been done.

THOUSANDS LOST IN FLOODS

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Nov. 22.—More than 1000 natives are dead or missing as a result of a sudden flood at Kwang Ngal and in Arras province. The total of dead is expected to reach even more than 1000. The property loss was enormous, four hundred boats with merchandise being reported lost.

LOS ANGELES MEN LIKE GRANTS PASS DISTRICT

E. F. Wann, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Monday purchased a tract in the Country Club orchards. The tract contains six acres and sold for \$550 an acre. Mr. Wann will not move to the place at this time, but when his trees get into bearing he may live here.

J. L. Celler, formerly of Los Angeles, has just moved into a modern bungalow on one of these tracts. He was so delighted with the Rogue river valley that he has persuaded his son and a friend, Ben Jack, to desert Los Angeles and they have purchased tracts. W. A. Geller has contracted with the company to build for him a modern bungalow on his property and work on the building commenced yesterday.

The Country Club orchards has its own water system. The supply is taken from a well and is pumped into a reservoir twenty-four feet square and ten feet deep. Six inch mains carry the water to all parts of the tract. The company has offered to supply the town of Merlin with water and the matter is under consideration now.

Twelve miles of road have been built and eighteen miles of fence is being built at this time.

MEXICAN REVOLT BECOMES GENERAL

BLOODY BATTLES ARE FOUGHT IN SEVERAL PLACES

DIAZ COMMANDS THE ARMY

Americans Are Not Molested by the Insurgent Troops Under Madero

MONCLOVA, Mex., Nov. 22.—(via Eagle Pass, Tex., Nov. 22.)—After desperate fighting, three Mexican towns, defended by government troops surrendered to the insurgents today. Severe losses on both sides are reported to have been sustained.

Torreon, Gomez Palacio and Lerdo, with a population totalling 75,000, are in the hands of the revolutionists, according to railroad men arriving here.

The heaviest fighting was at Torreon, where millions of dollars of American money are invested in smelters.

According to the meager advices received here, the fighting began at Gomez Palacio. After a stubborn resistance the federal garrison surrendered and then joined forces with the insurgents. This force, acting in conjunction with a rebel detachment of 1000 men, captured the hills overlooking Torreon and began a fierce bombardment.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—United States Consul Ellsworth, at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Mex., advised the state department today that the revolutionists captured Gomez Palacio, near Torreon, at 3 a. m. today and that government troops recaptured the town later.

While in control the insurgents released all prisoners from the jails and cut the telegraph wires. Officials at Torreon assert that the government is still in control, according to Ellsworth's despatch.

Consul Freeman at Durango telegraphed the state department that the American consular agent at Torreon advised him that the trouble started at Gomez Palacio last Sunday night. At the time Freeman received the message from his agent several persons already had been killed and the fighting was still in progress. The message advised that American citizens were not being molested.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 22.—After an all night fight near Parral scores of revolutionists were defeated by the Mexican federal troops, according to unofficial information arriving here today. The government casualties were reported as slight; the revolutionists are said to have lost 14 killed and many wounded.

Mexican cavalry and rurales were pursuing the fleeing insurgents.

EL PASO, Nov. 22.—It is reported insurgent troops have captured Parral and a trainload of Mexican infantry is preparing to dislodge them today. The troops advanced cautiously owing to reports that the revolutionists, aided by miners, sacked the dynamite warehouses at Parral and planted explosives at various places in the trails leading to their stronghold.

Word of a battle is expected here hourly, and the community is in a fever heat.

General Terrazas today notified President Diaz that he expected an attack by insurgents upon the city of Chihuahua, of which state he is the governor. The government has commandeered the telegraph lines throughout Mexico in an effort to suppress reports of the revolt and clashes between loyalists and insurgents.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Nov. 22.—Francisco Madero issued this afternoon a manifesto to his followers urging them to respect foreign interests. Madero declares that American citizens own stock in the national railway, smelters and mines and that these properties must not be damaged. The revolutionary lead-

WOOLLEY TELLS ABOUT MAKING A NEW HARBOR

The assembly room of the Commercial club was well filled yesterday afternoon to hear H. S. Woolley, president of the St. George Trust company, explain his proposition to create a new harbor near Crescent City. George W. Warren, president of the Astoria National bank, is vice-president of the company.

Mr. Woolley showed maps giving in detail the plans he has made, substantially as told in The Courier a couple of weeks ago. He explained that he was not endeavoring to sell stock in his company and that all he wanted was the moral support of the community.

Mr. Woolley is very enthusiastic over his scheme and in an interesting talk he showed the advantages that would come to this country by the building of such a harbor as he had in mind.

He pointed out that everything that is produced in this country and shipped away has to be hauled by railroad to Portland or San Francisco before it can reach tidewater. That is also true of goods shipped into this country.

With the completion of the Panama canal, Mr. Woolley pointed out, great savings could be effected by having a seaport at Crescent City. It is approximately 500 miles to Portland and back from this point, so that it would be possible to save 1000 miles of distance in shipping the goods through the canal which are produced in this part of Oregon, besides the railroad haul to Frisco and Portland.

The territory east of the mountains also could be brought to this new port more cheaply than to any other.

er seeks to prevent intervention by the United States in Mexico.

EL PASO, Nov. 23.—A fierce battle between a force of 1,000 rebels under the command of Francisco Madero, the revolutionary leader, and an equal number of loyal Mexican troops was fought early today at Castro Cienegas, according to reports received here at 4 o'clock.

The result of the engagement could not be learned up to that hour. At 3 o'clock, two hours after the battle began, the rebels were reported steadily gaining and about ready to storm the town. According to the meager details received, the insurgent force quietly occupied a hill top outside the town under cover of darkness and at midnight moved to the attack. At 1 o'clock a sentry challenged the vanguard and the immediate fighting began. It is impossible to estimate the casualties, but from the most reliable accounts it is believed the losses on both sides were heavy.

MEXICO CITY, via Laredo, Tex., Nov. 23.—Southern Mexico, particularly the state of Jalisco, is aflame with rebellion and many small conflicts have been fought, according to private advices received here. It is reported unofficially that throughout southern Mexico bridges have been burned and isolated federal stores burned. The information indicates that the insurgents expect to capture Vera Cruz in three days. It is said that the revolutionary successes in Coahuila, Chihuahua and Durango have been duplicated in the south.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—It was learned today on the highest authority that the state department is suppressing reports that Ambassador Henry L. Wilson, of the United States, warned President Diaz that the Mexican army was too concentrated to cope with a revolution.

The foreign office refused to discuss a report that General Reyes had arrived and taken charge of the revolutionary army. It was admitted that Reyes was given "a Paris berth" to get him out of the country before the last elections.

The officials denied the existence of any plot to assassinate Minister of Foreign Affairs Creel, President Diaz or Vice-President Corral.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 23.—A reward for the capture, dead or alive, of Francisco Madero will be offered by the Mexican government this afternoon, according to an intimation at the foreign office.