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THE MINING CONGRESS A GRAND SUCCESS.

The Mining Congress, with its good work has passed into history, but it will be long remembered as the most successful meeting of the kind that has ever occurred in Oregon. "Comparisons," we are told, "are odious," yet we can only get the proper comprehension sometimes by using a comparative statement. The Mining Congress at Ashland last year was an important gathering and successful. The State Mining Congress in Portland, held on May 16, 17 and 18, was an important event and did much good to the mining interest of Oregon, but neither of these gatherings was as large or as grand in any particular as the Congress which has just closed its session in this city, and, yet it may be said that the success of the two former meetings led to the greater success of the third. The character of the proceedings of this Congress proclaim that the mining interest of this broad district is in the ascendant and that mining gold and copper is a legitimate and prosperous business in southern Oregon and northern California.

DEVELOPING OUR MINERAL RESOURCES.

The character of the mining addition of The Daily Courier will, we hope, commend itself to mining men at home and abroad. It has been the purpose to furnish important and useful information to that large and honorable class who mine the precious metals and are bearing their part in the development of this industry. It is a noticeable fact that there have been discovered many promising prospects, and the difficulty surrounding them is the lack of capital to do the developing work. They are not mines until they are developed, and the reason that this has not been done in many instances is that the prospector is trying to sell them at bonanza prices. He demands that the investor takes all the risk. This policy is holding back active mining in every direction, and it will continue to be so until the prospector is willing to accept a fair remuneration for his labor. The Scientific Press, of San Francisco, has a paragraph, which touches on this subject:

"Apparently, a large number of our readers have prospects for sale. The trouble is just that; the properties are but prospects and have not been developed sufficiently to prove what value they may possess. It is not for us to disparage a good prospect; without such there would never be mines. When engaged in the active work of the profession, we put money into more than one good prospect that subsequently belied its indications, but we have no regrets. Every mining man may properly be expected to spend his quota in developing the basis of the industry. Prospects, however, are not salable; at least, in the sense that they can be appraised, bought, and sold on their merits alone, as can mines."

This illustrates the matter under discussion and places the facts properly before those who have undeveloped properties for sale. It must be born in mind that little can be done in legitimate mining without money, and holding on for a big price, when there is a lack of development work, is poor policy.

OIL SOUTH SIXTH STREET.

The Courier has mentioned several times the importance of using oil on our streets, especially upon the macadam of South Sixth. This matter should receive the attention of the mayor and council without delay. The subject has been talked about, but it seems hard to get beyond this point. Oil is inexpensive and will serve a good purpose in this instance. The Quincy (Ill.) Journal has the following editorial squib on this subject, which can be read with interest at this time.

"Oil on the streets of Quincy is making Quincy a much more desirable place in which to live. It keeps the dust out of our homes, and what is of far more consequence, out of our bodies. Dusty factories are unwholesome places in which to work, and dusty streets are unwholesome places in which to live. Crude oil is a panacea for dusty streets and, therefore, a great sanitary agency."

Among the many handsome displays made by the mines of this district, some stand out in bold relief. The ore on exhibition which comes from the Alameda mine is well worthy of careful examination. Near the pile of rich ore is a collection of matte, the product of the new smelter belonging to this mine. The two taken together show the practical methods in vogue at the Alameda. The large development work done on the mine, taken in connection with the modern smelter, tells its story of enterprise worthy of up-to-date mining.

The next thing in order is a revolution to take place in Nicaragua. Political leaders have the matter in hand, and it is believed that it will be pulled off before the year is ended. Those South American republics are nothing if not enthusiastic and troublesome.

BLEEDING THE OTHER PERSON.

It must be that times have changed since the good, old days. Today, when a man parts with his blood that his wife's health may be improved, the fact is heralded across the continent. But we can remember when physicians drained their patients of pints and quarts of blood presumably for the patients' good. Drawing much blood from patients, used to be as common as was drawing money from their pocketbooks. How times have changed! People of forty or fifty years of age cannot realize how copiously sick people were bled sixty and seventy and eighty years ago. Surely, things are not as they once were. The doctors of long ago, undoubtedly thought by bleeding their patients nearly to death they were doing what they presumed would be the cure, but bless their ignorant souls they didn't know any better.

NEXT CRUSADE—GOOD ROADS.

The next crusade in Josephine county will be along the line of good roads. It is estimated by those who give per cent of the money for repairing roads is judiciously expended. The trouble is that few men know anything about road making. Let us have more light on this subject. There are those who can tell us how to build good roads and it is the service of these gentlemen that we need at this time. When our highways have become death traps it is time public attention was called to this important subject. It is said that "where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise," but this is certainly not such a case, though there may be ignorance enough on the part of certain men who have our road construction to look after. Let us pray that no more people will be killed or badly injured in this county through the neglect or ignorance of the road maker.

KEEP OUR MINES BEFORE THE WORLD.

The importance of this mining district keeping in touch with Portland mining men was well illustrated in a speech made in the Mining Congress by F. E. Steffy, a mining man of large experience in Montana. The speaker related how he had called on the secretary of the State Mining Congress of Portland and asked for information in regard to mines and ores in Oregon and was advised to attend the Mining Congress at Grants Pass, where he would see the identical ores he was in search of. He said that he was not only pleased but surprised at the big exhibit of fine ores he found here. Mr. Steffy is a concentrator man and he advises the erection of concentrators for most of the ores in this section. This address was one of the very best delivered at the convention, and it all came about through this district having representatives at the State Mining Congress and the interest that Secretary Mahone takes in all matters with reference to the development of the mines of Oregon.

The Courier has made every attempt possible to bring the wealth of our mines before the reading public and it has advocated the display of our ores at all gatherings, where such a thing is possible. It has urged the people of this district to join the state association and the American Mining Congress, as these things put us in touch not only with miners of experience, but men of large capital. Our Mining Congress in this district is all well enough but we must go before the world and secure experience as well as capital. The exhibits at this Mining Congress are worthy of the attention of the best mining men in the country, and if we will show them to this class it will be the most important move that we can possibly make. The Grants Pass gathering of miners will prove to be the best thing that has yet been done in southern Oregon. It will be seen that its importance to us is to keep in touch with various mining organizations. This will enlarge our opportunities to get the necessary capital to operate the mines of this section.

CHICAGO CAPITALIST

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is a railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City. What is being done about it?"

The Courier representative related to the Chicago capitalist recent history and hopes of the people here.

"Well somebody should build that road," replied Mr. Stout. Then he asked:

"What about Hill? Where is he going?"

On being informed that Mr. Hill was building the Oregon Trunk to connect at Butte Falls with the Pacific & Eastern, Mr. Stout replied:

"Where is he going to with the Pacific and Eastern?"

"Presumably to the coast, possibly Crescent City through Grants Pass," said the Courier representative, who also added that in an interview with John F. Stevens in Medford last winter, Mr. Stevens refused to give out the plans.

"Possibly Stevens himself didn't know," commented Mr. Stout. "Hill is a secretive man," he continued, "and his own boys do not know, often, what he intends doing."

"An industry greatly needed in

this region is the erection of metallurgical plants to properly treat the enormous tonnage of refractory ores that can be mined in Josephine county," said the newspaper man, "and if you, Mr. Stout, will mention this matter to promoters of worth and capital seeking investment in industrial enterprises, you will do an act much appreciated by the people in this region." The Chicago man then asked for facts and was told briefly of the large mineral fields lying dormant for want of transportation and proper handling by smelters and other proper treatment, several new processes having recently been perfected, notably the Rankin and McKelvey, both originating in Colorado. The question interested Mr. Stout, and while he made no "rash" promises, yet it is probable that he will do some missionary work along these lines among eastern men.

Railroad Officials Uneasy.

The conversation drifted to national questions and to corporations, particularly to the railroad world.

"The railroads are sick," remarked Mr. Stout. "Men responsible for their welfare are much at sea. War on the railroads in high government circles is having a serious effect

First it is one thing they are told to do; then another. And this has been going on now for about six years. I do not believe you people in the west will get many improvements until some order comes out of this chaos. Certainly there can not be much headway until after the next presidential election. Railroad officials are anxious to know what and who they will have to contend with. The west lost a great friend when Harillman died. He had extensive plans for development of this western country. His was a Napoleonic mind, and America lost a genius in his passing."

Mr. Stout then asked: "What news have you of crop conditions in the middle states?"

"Report are not encouraging," answered The Courier representative, "most of the Mississippi valley states are suffering for rain; Kansas and Texas particularly so."

"Well, I am sorry that," said the Chicagoan. "I had hoped for a bumper crop this year, one which would have greatly aided the railroads of the country."

Referring to the prosecution of the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company, Mr. Stout said:

"Yes, the supreme court has ordered them to do so and so, and Attorney General Wickersham has the job to see that they do so and so, but how, is the question. The oil company and the tobacco company are complex and gigantic aggregations of capital and physical properties. To merely say off hand they must work a certain way is easy; to put it into practice is not easy."

"The bad in all corporations should be eliminated; all true Americans are of one mind on that; but there are two sides to the corporation question. The public often forgets that a large part of the stocks of the industrial corporations of America are held by people of only moderate means. Do you think it wise to destroy these holdings, or cripple them, or confiscate them?"

"The country should have a rest from this drastic agitation, with its source in Washington. All of us, rich and poor, high and low, would

fare better and the country could move ahead with unclogged wheels." Mr. Stout's car was attached to No. 16 Sunday night and the party went north. It is possible that the Chicago visitor will make another trip here before many months, as he is interested in the development of the region from Grants Pass to the sea.

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(Statement given Sept. 14, 1907.)

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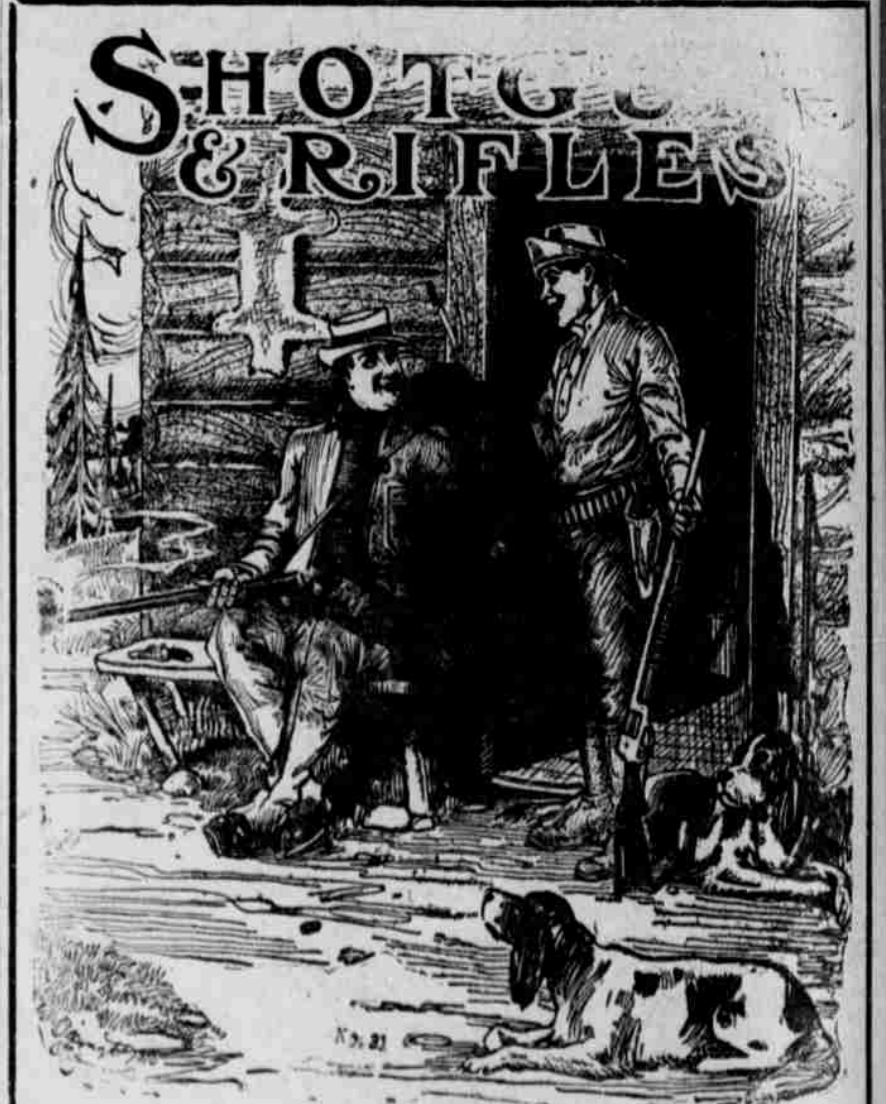
Mrs. Ira Tompkins left last evening for a trip to relatives in Kansas City, Mo., where she will spend several weeks.

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