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GRAVE CREEK PLACERS MERGE

THREE BIG COMPANIES ARE CONSOLIDATED.

OPERATE TEN "GIANTS"

Leland Mining Co. Has Incorporated and Much New Machinery Will Be Installed.

The rumored consolidation of valuable Grave creek hydraulic mines is now an accomplished fact. The merger just perfected means that Josephine county will have in the near future one of the largest, if not the largest, hydraulic mines on the coast.

The consolidation includes the well known John C. Lewis, H. K. Miller and Brimstone mining properties. The combined acreage exceeds 700 acres and practically all of it is heavily mineralized; the land is nearly all contiguous.

Some of the oldest and most valuable water rights in the Grave creek district are included in the purchases. Fully 25 miles of ditch and many miles of steel pipe will carry the waters of Grave, Wolf, Brimstone, Rat and Tom East creeks to the property. The water rights are exceedingly valuable and ditches cost a fortune.

The richness of the gravel is beyond question. The properties are fully opened in a dozen places and there are numerous test holes and pits demonstrating values ranging from 10 cents to \$3 per cubic yard of gravel. Considerable platinum is present.

Preparatory work will be started in a few days. Several car loads of new pipe will arrive about January 1 and it is proposed to have 10 or more giants operating day and night as quickly as possible. A complete hydro-electric plant will be installed in the near future, new siphons will be installed and water ways enlarged.

The wasteful methods in vogue among placer miners will be eliminated. Patented grizzlies or concentrating devices owned by the Standard Reduction company will supersede the inefficient sluice boxes in the races. These devices screen (automatically) the gold-bearing gravels down from coarse sand to concentrates which contain practically all the gold and platinum values carried in the gravels. The gravel concentrates will be delivered to a large reduction plant, which will be immediately installed upon the property by centrifugal pumps or aerial trams where the coarse sands will be re-concentrated and treated by the Standard Reduction company. Their treatment is a new and efficient electro-chemical amalgamation, which recovers practically all the gold and platinum values. Many test runs at their plant in the building formerly occupied by the Grants Pass Canning company demonstrate that their amalgamation losses are only mechanical—in many cases fully 99 per cent of the assay values of the black sands were scraped off their cleverly constructed plate.

The new owners of the properties will probably operate under the name of the Leland Consolidated Mining company to be incorporated under the laws of this state. It is understood the total purchase price is close to \$150,000 and with the completion of their power plant, waterways and other preparatory work, the total investment will approximate \$200,000.

The John C. Lewis property is a valuable one; the Miller mine has been a consistent dividend payer for many years and it is stated by "old timers" that the Brimstone mine contains the richest ground in Oregon.

The consolidation of these rich properties, with the extensive water

ways and water rights included, was a master stroke of business. Charles E. Colber, the secretary-treasurer of the Standard Reduction company, effected the consolidation, which will give steady winter employment to from 10 to 20 men. The gold production of Josephine county will be materially increased when the properties are fully equipped and the new methods employed will undoubtedly be watched with intense interest by the mining fraternity in general.

DEATH CLAIMS LEVI NEAS, AGED 79 YEARS

Levi N. Neas died at the home of his son, Sam Neas, on North 5th street, early Thursday morning, heart failure being the cause of the death.

Mr. Neas who was 79 years of age, was in excellent health when he retired Wednesday night, making no complaint, his spirits being exceptionally good. He had spent Christmas day in visiting with his friends and relatives, and attended an entertainment with some of them in the evening. Thursday morning he did not respond to the call, the spirit having departed from him some time during the night. The final summons had come quietly and painlessly, and he lay as though ready to be awakened from the night's rest.

The deceased came to Grants Pass from Iowa last June, although he had visited in this city more or less for the past three years. He was born at Steubenville, Ohio, eighty years ago on the first day of March. He was married to Miss Marie S. Wheller in his native town 53 years ago last June, later removing to Sigourney, Iowa, where his helpmeet of half a century departed this life three years ago, and the remains of the husband will be taken to Iowa to rest beside those of the faithful wife.

Eight sons and daughters are left to cherish the memory of the loved one, three of them, Mrs. Mary A. Browne, Mrs. Edith Rehkopf and Sam Neas, residing in this city. The others are A. M. Neas of Sigourney, Iowa; Geo. W. Neas of Okaloosa, Iowa; Mrs. F. D. Doerflus of Weed, Cal.; and Claude and Earle Neas of San Francisco, Cal.

KING GEORGE IS BETTER.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—King George is reported today as almost entirely recovered from the illness which prevented his participating in the Christmas festivities at Sandringham.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby, the royal secretary, said: "The king had a slight chill yesterday, but he is well again this morning."

CHOLERA SPREADS AMONG THE BULGARIAN SOLDIERS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Dispatches received here from the Bulgarian front at Tchatalja say that cholera is rapidly spreading.

Czar Ferdinand has issued an official admonition to the soldiers to strictly obey the army sanitary regulations.

LEAVE WARLIKE EUROPE FOR PEACEABLE AMERICA.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The general fear of war which has been sweeping over central Europe has given a strong impetus to emigration. About 8,000 sailed from Bremen and Hamburg in one day for North and South American ports.

MILLIONS WITHDRAWN FROM AUSTRIAN POSTAL BANKS.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—The Austrian postal savings banks, which have two million depositors, have suffered to the extent of about \$5,000,000 to the extent of about \$5,000,000 withdrawn as a result of the war scare. Just how ignorant some of its depositors are may be gathered from the fact that many depositors have sold their bank books and deposits for less than 50 percent of the amounts to their credit.

PRESBYTERY IN SPECIAL MEET

SOUTHERN OREGON ORGANIZATION HERE TUESDAY.

RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

Comes to Consider Withdrawal of Rev. Robt. McLean From Local Pastorate.

There was a special meeting of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon held at Bethany Presbyterian church on Tuesday, called for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship existing between Rev. Robert McLean and the church. The Presbytery was represented by the ministers from Ashland, Merrill, Central Point, Medford, Rogue River and Roseburg, H. S. Prescott representing the local church. In joining with Pastor McLean in requesting the separation, Mr. Prescott presented in behalf of the church an expression of regret in part as follows:

"While the membership of Bethany church joins with the pastor in requesting his separation, we wish hereby to testify that such action is taken with the greatest reluctance and sincerest regrets, for we realize that he has occupied a place in the hearts of his people and among the Christian workers of this community that will be hard to fill. A quarter of a century of growth and progress in this church bears witness to the fact that he not only laid its foundation well, but wrought upon the superstructure with the hand of a master builder so that the name of Bethany church is lifted among the foremost in the commonwealth. It is only because we realize that he has been called to a vastly broader field, and that he is eminently fitted for the arduous duties of that field, that his resignation is accepted without a dissenting voice; and there is even a touch of gladness upon our regret, for we feel that Bethany church is, in a sense, honored in thus releasing her pastor to a mission that is of national importance."

Similar resolutions of regret were presented by a committee of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon.

Mr. McLean closes his work in Grants Pass with the end of the year and will leave for Albuquerque, New Mexico, to take charge of the work among the Spanish speaking people of that vast territory, comprising California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas and representing a population of 800,000 Mexicans.

DIAMOND MERCHANT KILLING Baffles CHICAGO POLICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Police and detectives here, who since the gagged and tortured body of John Logue, diamond dealer, was found in his office in McVicker's theater building, have been at work upon the case, admitted today that they are completely baffled. All theories which seemed to lead toward the slayer have been disproved, and not a single clue remains to the officers.

+ BRYAN SEES TROUBLE FOR DEMOCRACY +
+ LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.— "The democratic party is going to have another struggle in the senate and house over committee assignments, and it is again threatened with the blight of seniority," says an editorial in William J. Bryan's Commoner here today.
+ "That is," the article continues, "it will be asked to the ambitions and interests of individuals before the welfare of the party."

FOOTBALL IS ON FOR THE NEW YEAR

A group of the young athletes of the city have laid the plans for a pleasant surprise to the Grants Pass public for New Year's day, in the way of a football game. The affair promises to be a bloody battle indeed, for Medford is stung to the quick by the defeat given on November 23, and they have promised faithfully to make the local boys eat the old score with a lot more thrown in for good measure. Although the local boys won an easy victory last time they realize that they are up against a tough proposition for the old Medford high school team will be greatly strengthened by the addition of all the last year's players and some of the members of the alumni team. This will be practically the same aggregation which won the southern Oregon championship last year. Needless to say, they are fully confident that on January first Grants Pass people will see their warriors wallowed in the mud and Medford again triumphant.

However, the local boys are determined to fight out a victory if fighting counts for anything and the local public can count on seeing the real fighting spirit in working order. The boys began practice this afternoon and will get into the best shape possible for the game. The local team will be much strengthened by the return of several "stars" of old times and as near as can be ascertained the two teams will be pretty evenly matched, with Medford showing a shade the stronger.

Prospects are now bright for a record breaking crowd, as many dollars' worth of tickets have been sold already, and from the enthusiasm shown by people about town the entire public will be in attendance to help the boys win a glorious New Year's victory. In all probability the game will be played at the Athletic Club grounds so the public need not stay away on account of rain. This game will be the greatest athletic event of the season for the rival cities will be represented by exceptionally strong teams, aside from the fact that this is the deciding game, each team having won one game during the fall.

FLOWING BOWL ADDS TO FUNDS OF CITY

The police court docket shows that W. D. Utterbach, a transient, paid one-half of a \$10 fine into the municipal coffers Thursday morning as the price of a Christmas jag. He was allowed to go on depositing the "V" and agreeing to put up the balance in later installments. F. M. Nickerson at the same time came through with a "ten-spot" on a like complaint. Christmas morning W. J. Morphy paid \$5 for the privilege of pleading guilty to a charge of imbibing too freely.

BOISE H. S. WINS AT FOOTBALL.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 26.—Through their ability to work the forward pass, the footballers of the local high school are today victors over Wendell Phillips high school of Chicago by a score of six to nothing. The ground on which the game was played was covered with snow.

GAINS SWIMMING RECORD IN ICE COLD WATER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Johnny McMurray, Multnomah club athlete, is today holder of the world's record for amateurs in the 100 yard swim as the result of a Christmas race against a field of five in the chilly waters of the Willamette river. McMurray's time was 55 1-5 seconds. The water was just 42 degrees above zero, but the intense cold only seemed to put new life in the swimmers. There were entries from Eugene and other places. The swim was held under the direction of the Multnomah club.

M. M. Murray and family of Ashland spent Christmas with Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Croxton.

TRANSPORTATION NEED OF MINES

DEVELOPMENT OF COPPER FIELDS AWAITS RAILROAD.

PACIFIC-INTERIOR IS NEEDED

Surveyors Find 2,800 Foot Pass From Illinois Valley Through to Coast Side.

The miners in the hills and along the streams between Grants Pass and the coast are watching with the greatest anxiety the developments in railroad news from this center. Upon the success of the Pacific-Interior road hinges the success of the mining industry, for mines and prospects, proven in extent and in value, have waited for half a century the coming of transportation more certain than the burro or the pack horse.

J. M. White is here from his placer claim on Fall creek, a tributary of the Illinois, and he says that all the miners in his district are going to start extensive development as soon as they see work progress on the Grants Pass road. The new transportation line will not mean so much to the placer miner, but it is essential to make the mountains of copper ore or of low grade gold-bearing rock return values to the holders. Mr. White says that the owners of the Copper Mountain company claims have done considerable work this fall and winter, and that the extent of the ore body has been proven. Work has now been discontinued on the claims, but with assurance of the railroad, work on the mine will be resumed, and an extensive smelter built. At present there is only a small testing smelter on the property.

The recent presence of a party of surveyors in the lower Illinois valley is told by Mr. White. He says the party camped with him for a short time, but that they did not tell their mission in the district. They surveyed across the pass from Tin Cup creek on the Illinois valley side to Pistol river on the coast side of the divide, and announced that the elevation was only 2,800 feet high. This is nearly a thousand feet lower than the Waldo pass to Smith river. Mr. Smith says that a wagon road could be easily and cheaply built up Tin Cup creek, through the pass and down Pistol river to the coast, coming out at Brookings, where the big saw mill is being established by California people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shadburn of Portland, who have been visiting H. R. Shadburn for a week past, left Thursday for Yuma, Ariz., on account of Mr. Shadburn's health.

Oriando Hiller went to Wolf Creek Wednesday to visit his aunt.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Attacking the practice of manufacturers in attempting to fix a uniform jobbers' and retailers' price for products, the government here today entered suit against the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes company, and William and Wilfred Kellogg, as well as Andrew Ross.

MR. KROH WIRES CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COURIER.

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+ Grants Pass, Or.
+ Mail me immediately one
+ hundred copies first page your
+ paper nineteenth. Congratulations,
+ Good editorial work and
+ live newspaper methods so
+ great a factor in winning this
+ battle. Merry Xmas.
R. E. KROH.

FATE OF LABOR LEADERS NOW IN HANDS OF JURY

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Only the jury of their peers probably will stand tonight between the 44 labor leaders on trial here for alleged conspiracy to unlawfully transport dynamite, and either freedom or a prison cell.

After a most vitriolic denunciation of a number of the former officers of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, whom he charged with almost equal guilt with the McNamaras for the destruction of the Los Angeles Times, Federal District Attorney Charles W. Miller announced this afternoon that he would finish his address at four o'clock. Judge Anderson will then immediately deliver his charge to the jury. It is not known how long this will occupy, but the court has announced that he would be as concise as possible and he probably will finish in time for the jury to take the case tonight. It is expected that at least two days will pass in discussion by the jury before a verdict is reached. Each of the defendants is charged in two counts with conspiring to transport dynamite unlawfully, and each is also charged in 50 counts with aiding and abetting such unlawful transportation.

Under the cumulative penalty system, the maximum sentence possible if each defendant is convicted on all counts would be thirty-nine and a half years. From this, the sentences could range down to a fine or suspended sentence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—New facts in the twice-told tale of dynamitings which reached a climax in the murder of 19 persons in the Los Angeles Times explosion were given in the trial just ended here.

Herbert S. Hockin, former secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Iron Workers, who Ortle McManigal said started him on his dynamiting career, was branded by three government witnesses and newspaper exhibits, as the betrayer of his fellow unionists. The "great" detective work of W. J. Burns was shown to have consisted in Hockin telling L. L. Jewell, manager of a structural steel concern, who it was that was doing the "jobs" all over the country and Jewell told Burns. Later Hockin personally "double-crossed" his fellows to Burns. Hockin's motive was said to have been a desire to displace J. J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer of the union. When McNamara went to jail, a confessed dynamiter, Hockin was given the office. When the government's guns were trained on Hockin during the present trial, he was forced by his fellow officers to resign.

William J. Burns and his son Raymond both admitted that while they shadowed Ortle McManigal and J. B. McNamara, then known guilty of the Times explosion in hopes of getting men "higher up," the two dynamiters "pulled off" other jobs and destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property and endangered human life.

Ortle McManigal testified that the McNamaras were planning to blow up the city of Los Angeles and fry it "as a lesson" to open shop advocates there.

The story of the 100 dynamitings in various sections of the United States, told at the McNamara trial at Los Angeles, were rehearsed in the conspiracy trial. J. B. McNamara's claim on the train that was bearing him from Detroit to Chicago under arrest, that the American Federation of Labor was behind him, was repeated also.

The government presented through nearly 500 witnesses, mostly hotel and telegraph employees, evidence covering the movements of the defendants. With this testimony, Ortle McManigal's confession and the close relation shown between Hockin and J. J. McNamara and the indicted iron workers besides a mass of incriminating correspondence, the government built up its case in support of charges of conspiracy and of unlawful transportation of explosives.

The defense was a general denial by thirty-one of the forty indicted

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