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Dr. Derwent Assayer For Smelting Co

One of the first acts of the Precious Metals Recovery & Smelting company, owners of the smelter in Cave City, was to employ the best assayer available. They wanted a local man, if possible, one the miners knew, and they were exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Ernest Derwent, of Grants Pass as the assayer for the smelter.

With 34 assays last Tuesday, Dr. Derwent started his work under handicaps, being outdoors where the drafts of air sometimes played havoc with his work, nevertheless, he succeeded in making all his assays, and two of them tallied exactly with two assays of the same mineral sent to Portland demonstrating the fact that he was making accurate assays, even under difficulties. This will be remedied in the immediate future, as the smelter will have a permanent home soon.

Dr. Derwent is well known to all the local miners who have great respect for his ability. He is much more than an assayer—A metallurgist and analytical chemist with all the degrees known to mineralogy and its allied sciences, Dr. Derwent is well qualified for any position of trust in his profession.

He was educated in England and is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, registered in New York. There are only 28 members of the Institute in Oregon, and Dr. Derwent is the only Oregon member who is a metallurgist and chemist.

With a back ground that would put most of the mining engineers to shame, as well as being an expert metallurgist and chemist, it is no wonder that the smelter people feel that they have the best man they could obtain to help them solve some of the problems they may be called upon to handle.

Being an apprentice under Dr. John E. Stead, F. I. C., F. R. S., D. Mat., for four years is enough recommendation for any mining man. Add to this a graduate of Sheffield Tech., of England; graduate of chemistry in Guild's Institute of Technology, London, just about caps the climax for knowledge that this district is in possession of. Dr. Derwent has so much faith in this district that he has spent the last 20 years here and knows all of Southern Oregon and its mineral formations. He is not only an authority on precious metals, but knows chrome, iron and other base metals. In a contest in England where there were several hundred students participating, Dr. Derwent won third place in the manufacture of iron and steel.

R. C. Merrill and Rene Roth, officials of the smelter, were very happy to know that Dr. Derwent, after studying their equipment and making exhaustive assays of their tailings, accepted the position offered with enthusiasm. Dr. Derwent has a great deal of respect for the smelter, for he has been unable to find the faintest color, under powerful microscopic glasses, from the tailings of the smelter. This is prima facie evidence that the smelter is doing its work and doing it well.

Dr. Derwent will be available to all the miners of the district as a metallurgist, assayer and chemist. His knowledge of this district is unsurpassed and his services to the miners cannot be measured in monetary sums. He is a priceless asset, and will be a mountain of strength in helping develop the mineral resources of this section.

Arlene Coats of Klamath Falls was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Thrasher at Kerby during the week end.

Union High School Opens Next Monday

The Union High School at Kerby opens for the years work on Monday, September 13. In order that registration of students may be completed in the forenoon, Fred W. Jones, principal, would like to have all students arrive at the high school between 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. Book lists will also be distributed at that time. After noon the faculty will meet to complete some details of the class program. Classes will meet according to schedule on Tuesday.

Several recently adopted text books will be used this year. These new books are on sale at Wilson's store at Kerby. Mr. Jones states that many used books will be needed and hopes the students will bring their own books to school Monday so that arrangements for sale or exchange can be made.

A number of improvements have been made at the high school plant during the past month. The west end of the gym roof was rebuilt to prevent the leaking of rain water onto the halls and floors. Floors have been thoroughly cleaned and varnished. The tinting of the walls and ceilings greatly improves both the appearance and lighting effects of the rooms. The new Home Economics department is located in the room north of the office where cabinets, kitchen work tables, electric stoves, hot and cold water, sewing machines and tables, and other articles of equipment have been installed. Laboratory science equipment was moved into the north east room where it will be housed in a new cabinet being constructed there. Typing will be conducted in the north west room where it is likely a number of new typewriters and tables will be added. A new filing cabinet and other office equipment has been provided for the office. Some new books will be added to the library during the year. Plans are being made to put the field east of the gym into condition for outdoor athletics.

After studying the school situation in this locality for the past six weeks, Principal Jones says that he believes the high school of District No. U-1 is destined to expand with other rapidly developing factors in the community and that the people of the Illinois valley could support a high school which would provide educational advantages for their children equal to what is offered in the best high school in Oregon.

Besides the principal, the other high school faculty members are Miss June Dahlgren, Mrs. H. Wilson and Dan Jones.

Meeting of the Jubilee Committee Friday

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Jubilee committee that a business meeting will be held Friday evening, September 10th at 8:30 in the Chamber of Commerce building.

There will also be a miners meeting at the same time. This meeting is called for the purpose of getting the business men interested in an organization to protect the miners interest.

All business men who are interested in helping develop the mining industry of the valley, should attend the meeting. It will precede the Jubilee meeting, and the business men can leave as soon as it is over if they choose, but they are invited to remain and hear the report of the Jubilee committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harker of Prineville, Oregon, are spending a few days with Mrs. Harker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher of Bridgeview.

The First Payoff



R. C. Merrill of the Precious Metals Recovery & Smelting company is handing L. E. Bidache of Cave City, the first check issued by the company for his gold "button" after his concentrates had been through the smelter.

Smelter Arrives

Having been in the valley less than one day, the smelter boys spent little time in getting things percolating. Hastily setting up their equipment under a tarpaulin they announced, just 10 hours after their arrival, that they were ready to do business. And, evidently, business they did. Because, their Manager, R. C. Merrill, at least if we are to believe photographs and our own eyes, unlimbered his right arm and scratched out a check payable to L. E. Bidache.

If you think the above is a record for speed, well here one that tops that: according to reports from the smelter, they had hardly got themselves squared around when out of the hills comes Ark Kelley with a bag of concentrates that assayed \$24,222.00 per ton. A young fortune.

It is hard to tell who was the more surprised, whether it was Mr. Roth, the superintendent, Dr. Derwent the assayer, or Mr. Kelley the miner. It is doubtful if either of the three thought such values were kicking around the neighborhood.

It has always been our contention, and we have fought tooth

and nail to make other people see eye to eye with us, that we have the richest valley in the world and with the smelter now going full blast and a competent assayer assaying our ores, by the love of Harry we can prove it.

We have been informed by the management of the smelter that they are looking for concentrates that have not been cleaned by the use of lye and quick silver, as it is not only a costly method for the miner to employ, but that in order to smelt their concentrates to the best advantage it is necessary to have a proportional amount of gold and silver to the platinum content, otherwise a satisfactory recovery is impossible.

Their charge for smelting is the lowest in the country—just 20 per cent, with no sampling charge or assay charge tacked on to take the dollars out of the miners pockets. This will give every one a break and there is no earthly reason why we all should not start mining, as a matter of fact your humble scribe has more than once cast a glance at "them tar hills."

Coming Attractions at Cave City Theater

Manager Jones of the Cave City theater has booked two high class shows for this week end and some of our finest stars will be seen. Starting Friday evening, September 10th, Spencer Tracy demonstrates his phenomenal ability in "They Gave Him a Gun."

This is an adaptation of one of the best sellers by William Joyce Cowen, former soldier, who expressed his hatred of war in the novel.

The picture has Tracy, Gladys George and Franchot Tone in the principal roles. The story deals with two men and a woman. Tracy is a circus barker who enlists in the regulars. Tone is a small-town clerk who finds his way to the army and up in the front lines. A gun gives him courage. Gladys George is a Red Cross nurse.

For Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12, 'Pennies from Heaven' will be shown. This should pack the house to the limit. It gives

Bing Crosby a sparkling vehicle in which to go to town, and so to town he does, with some of the catchiest songs you have ever heard.

PERFECTION

There was a kid who never did a mean thing in his life. He never took toys from other boys or was the cause of sordid strife; The little bird's nests were safe at rest, on ground or in a tree, like little girls, with dangling curls, he would always let them be. He'd never bat another brat or grab his cake or pie, things not his own he'd let alone and wouldn't pass them by; he wouldn't lie to any guy to shield a thing he'd done, or torture cats or tie brickbats to dogs to see them run.

To manhood he grew, as boys do, and maintained his boyish ways, he had no fights to guard his rights throughout his life-long days. Not an enemy, no, not one had he upon this mundane stool, this you may believe when you perceive, that he was born a fool.

Happy Camp Road Drive Under Way

Support for an all-year Happy Camp-Illinois valley highway was pledged Sunday afternoon at Cave Junction by an informal association which met to discuss road improvement.

Happy Camp, Illinois valley, Crescent City and Grants Pass sent delegates and representatives from the forest service of the districts were representde.

Surprising figures were presented showing the present road carries more traffic than some of the main east and west roads of Oregon on which millions of dollars have been spent. One of the Siskiyou highway department reported a traffic count of 125 cars for 16 hours.

Glenn Mitchell, Siskiyou forest supervisor, opened the meeting by describing the forest service work on the road, and the purpose of building it. He suggested proper steps to take by the different communities in order to get the approval of and finally reach the objective, an all year highway.

Mr. Hustes of Happy Camp gave an outline of their tonnage, and their need to get a short way to market. They are about equal distance from Yreka or Hornbrook and Grants Pass. There is only 20 miles of finished highway down the Klamath river from Hornbrook that is modernized to Grants Pass, total of 77 miles, there is more pavement and a lower freight rate for their ore shipments to a smelter at Tacoma.

G. H. Grover suggested forming an organization, which was accomplished. Present members of the organization are Happy Camp, Illinois Valley, Crescent City and Grants Pass.

J. R. Harvey was elected secretary of the new organization and temporary local chairmen are Glen Ireland, Crescent City; Mr. Hahn, Happy Camp; and Elwood Hussey, Cave Junction.

Petitions will go to the forest service districts and highway commissions of both states setting forth the need of improved highways. County courts, granges, and all organizations of the districts will be asked to lend their support, and it is hoped by next year these two large trade areas will be joined by an all year road.

150 Anniversary of The Constitution

This year is the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the constitution of the United States.

The president has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the Republic to unite in a patriotic observance of this historic event.

In obedience to the call of the National committee appointed by congressional action interested citizens in the Illinois valley are arranging a patriotic program for Friday night, September 17th in the Cave City theater following the first show.

Through the courtesy of O. E. Jones the manager, patriotic songs will be sung. Mrs. Fred Galeno accompanying on the violin. The guest speaker is Rev. William A. Brown, D. D.

DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING HERE

The News was handed a letter from O. V. Humrick requesting the farmers of the Illinois valley to send him the number of goats they were raising. Mr. Humrick is president of the Rogue River Valley Dairy Goat association of Josephine county.

A meeting will be held in the valley in the near future at which time the objects of the association will be fully explained.

Support the Fire Department.

Jubilee Made History For Illinois Valley

History was made in the Illinois valley at the Miners' Jubilee. So stated papers up and down the coast and so stated those who attended the First Annual Miners' Jubilee.

It really started Wednesday evening at the Cave City theater when the announcement was made of the election of the queen and her princesses. The house was packed and the election seemed to be a popular one by the applause given the girls.

Then there was a lull until Saturday night when the queen was crowned by Art Drews, president of the Jubilee corporation. The queen in turn crowned three Princesses and knighted several others of the court. The affair was very colorful and was aided by Capt. John White and four of his men from the company of guardsmen at Grants Pass in full dress uniform. Master McLean as a Cave-man carried the crown over to the queen throne. It was a bright spot in the coronation.

After the ceremony those gathered proceeded to enjoy themselves tripping the light fantastic to good music.

Sunday was ushered in with the elimination in the gold panning contest which was decided Monday morning at Kerby when Bill George was declared winner and Bill Moker second. Sunday afternoon the Rodeo held the crowd until late afternoon.

The concession street known as "Sailors Diggins" was filled with people most of the time and there was a group of miners continually milling around the smelter, one of the principal attractions of the Jubilee.

At this date your reporter would like to state that the smelter erected by the Precious Metals Recovery & Smelting company of Seattle, Washington, has awakened the miners to the great possibilities in the valley and that was the express purpose of the Jubilee, so those who worked so hard to put it on can pat themselves on the back for the success of the undertaking. It is reported that every bit of placer ground is being looked over again with a view of re-working.

Sunday evening the pageant was given for the first time and while there were several long waits between scenes, not one of the actors could be blamed for they worked like seasoned veterans of the stage and each and every one scored a personal success.

The pageant started off with the singing of the "Indian Love Call," from Rose Marie, delightfully sung by Sonia Bunnell of Portland, and from then until the final curtain after the minuet danced gracefully by the group of ladies, not a soul left their seat.

Monday was the big day. In the costume contest Mrs. E. J. Wilber won first prize with Mrs. Ida Wing second. For the best whiskers, Jim Payne and Jack Martin were adjudged a tie, the ladies deciding the contest by their applause. The costume contest was decided by the applause from the men.

The parade was one of the high spots of the pageant and all of the valley took part. Ancient vehicles, horse drawn, and old autos which had to be toed were in line. The jack and burro were in evidence as well as the horse and miners with their packs walking along as they did years ago, made the modern youth wonder if they would be as good when they reached middle age.

Monday afternoon Professor Vining of Ashland gave a wonderful inspiring address in the Cave City theater and after the address, delegations from Happy

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