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TRAPPERS FIND GOLD

Reticent About Discoveries Made in Kootenay District.

Bring in Fine Specimens of Ore Showing Visible Coarse Gold Obtained From Carbonate Float—May Be Lost Vein.

Nelson, Can.—Two trappers arriving from a district adjacent to Kootenay lake—they will not be more specific—have brought in a fine sample of ore showing visible coarse gold obtained from a carbonate float. They state the snow fell too early for them to locate the vein from which the float came, but consider it could easily be traced, as there is very little overburden in the locality. The advent of these trappers with a bulky specimen beyond suspicion of any "doctoring," has fired old-timers with enthusiasm. Some of them predict a minor stampede when the snow melts.

As in the olden times, the clew to the find is carefully guarded, but it is known to be within fifty miles of Nelson, and near the lake—which narrows the field of speculation, guessers are busy.

Old-time prospectors believe it must be the vein discovered by two prospectors many years ago round Kuskanook way, whose very names other than sobriquets are forgotten but it is recalled that they took \$12,000 out of their claim in two months, and "did it in" riotously. One of them was killed in a gamblers' quarrel at Kuskanook. The other stole an Indian's squaw in the Crow's Nest and fell by right of vengeance to the red man's rifle. Tom Proctor, after whom the town of Proctor is named, was to have been his partner, but himself died before a deal was struck. So the whole transaction was blotted out, and even the source of the gold faded into the land of legends.

Many prospectors have searched for the lost vein, and the idea is growing in Nelson that the two trappers have found it.

This history ringing as an echo of an almost forgotten past has stirred Kootenay prospectors more than anything which has happened in the last two years. The report, however, is unimpeachable, and is endorsed by prominent members of the British Columbia Prospectors' Protective association to whom the trappers are known and who are familiar with the ancient tragedy.

ASKS EX-KING TO PAY

Woman Claims William of Wied Owes Her 5,000,000 Francs.

Mrs. Roberta Menges Corwin Hill Tearle, Formerly of Brooklyn, Asks the State Department to Help Her Collect—Has No I. O. U.

New York.—Lending money to kings—a "privilege" which doesn't fall to the lot of everyone—is an experience which Mrs. Roberta Menges Corwin Hill Tearle, formerly of Brooklyn but lately of Paris, declares is exciting but not altogether profitable.

She arrived recently from Paris bent upon visiting the State department to see what the Washington officials could do to aid her in collecting 5,000,000 francs which she claims to have advanced Prince William of Wied, who occupied the throne of Albania for seven months before the outbreak of the war forced him to flee.

Mrs. Menges, who was known as "the Pearl of Sheepshead Bay" before she eloped in 1902 with Young Halsey Corwin, a Brooklyn millionaire, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ruth Menges, and her cousin, Capt. J. R. K. Jackson, upon whom she relies to substantiate her claim against Prince William.

Captain Jackson explained that Mrs. Menges was introduced to the king of Albania at Monte Carlo in 1913 by King Constantine of Greece, whom she was entertaining at her villa there. She had met King Constantine through Prince de Lyman, formerly a member of the Austrian embassy at Washington, to whom she had been introduced by her husband, Maj. Arthur Hill of England.

"Prince William renewed his acquaintance with Mrs. Menges at the Hotel Continental in Paris," said Captain Jackson, "and borrowed 5,000,000 francs from her then."

"Don't think me too easy," broke in Mrs. Menges. "You see, he watched me win 90,000 francs gambling at Monte Carlo, and living in a big villa there, and all that sort of thing, and he thought I had millions to burn."

"He promised to pay it all in a year," Captain Jackson added. "He also promised to make Mrs. Menges the unofficial ambassador of Albania at Paris, and said he would help her enlist the aid of continental police in finding jewels she lost in America."

"Have you a receipt from Prince William?" Mrs. Menges was asked. "You can't ask a king for an I. O. U.; you know that," she replied.

Elephant's Reflective Powers. John Burroughs says that while an elephant may not think, he at least reflects. He cites to prove this the fact that the elephant covers himself with mud to keep insects from biting, and uses branches like a fan to brush flies away from him.

Jots and Tittles

Short Stories of Happenings in Linn County Generally and in Halsey Particularly

The proposition "Resolved, That the Plumb plan for owning and operating the railroad system of the United States should be enacted into law" was debated at Brownsville Friday night by a Brownsville high school team in the affirmative and a team from the Lebanon high in the negative. Lebanon won. Prof. English, principal of the Halsey high, and Rev. C. T. Cook of the Halsey Methodist church were the judges. A return debate will be at Lebanon between a Lebanon team of the affirmative and a Brownsville team in the negative. The judges went over in Frank Kirk's taxi operated by Clarence McKern, Mr. Kirk not having recovered from his cold sufficiently to be willing to risk the trip.

The Linn county court limit-track loads on county roads to 1500 pounds.

Last Thursday the representatives of eleven northwestern states who are touring Oregon were shown at the S. B. Holt dairy farm, near Seio, a herd not one of which fell below 300 pounds of butter-fat production the past year, while some went over 600 pounds. Then

the W. A. Gilkey farm there was a demonstration of preparation of stock for exhibition by the club boys and girls that was a revelation to the visitors.

The Halsey Athletic club beat Company C team of Eugene Wednesday night at the Frum warehouse, 33 to 13.

Thomas Logan, aged 15, was accidentally knocked down in a basketball game at Shedd Wednesday and in falling broke a leg.

Brownsville's fair last year was such a success that she will probably try it again.

Donald and Linden Bramwell are the proud possessors of a new Overland [wagon.]

J. C. Harrison has been appointed administrator of the estate of his deceased wife.

The cold weather has played smash with the broccoli crop on the Santiam bottom lands about Lebanon.

There were a hundred farmers at Riverside Friday to witness the and-clearing demonstration on the Caldwell farm. The Zysel stump burner, which is not a new

and untried thing but has been tested for five years at O. A. C., was among the apparatus shown at work.

R. N. Blackburn is erecting a wireless station to communicate with stations in nearby towns.

Mrs. Charles Whitlatch and little son of Portland are visiting Mrs. Whitlatch's father, Grant Taylor.

D. E. Nebergall led the Portland market Monday morning by paying the highest price of the season for a choice lot of beef cattle from eastern Oregon. The meat is being sold at the First-street market.

Yesterday's Albany Democrat.

Tired of waiting for a community building, Brownsville athletes are preparing to install a gymnasium and shower baths over the South Brownsville garage.

Earl Stuard has written an article on "Cougars" which will appear, with illustrations, in St. Nicholas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Price and son Beryl went to Jefferson Saturday for a week-end visit.

Mrs. Ica Crawford of Brownsville spent the week end in Portland.

Mrs. Fred Applegate of Yoncalla and Mrs. C. H. Koppe of Eugene arrived Saturday to visit at Dr. Marks' home and at Mrs. Bassel's.

The Albany American Legion has bought the community building and will run it and the Brownsville legion proposes to build one.

Mrs. Fannie Starr is visiting her daughter in Corvallis.

E. B. Penland and wife were visiting at the J. R. Penland home in Albany Tuesday.

Alton Haverland and John Crabtree, young boys, were convicted of the Gustavson candy store burglary at Brownsville and fines were assessed and suspended.

State Boy Scout Executive McVain was in Halsey yesterday in the interest of the organization.

Mrs. Ida May Cummings, who conducts a real estate business in Albany but who was a Halsey girl, thus replies to the usual query: "How's business?" "I've made two sales this week. Mrs. A. Greenwood sold her home on Pine street to Mrs. L. Martih and Mr. Kiggins sold his house and four lots on the Santiam road to G. Newman.

Mrs. J. W. Hamlin of Medford went home Saturday after a couple of weeks visiting at the home of her son, Ray Wright, at Brownsville.

Mrs. J. W. Danley, who has been taking electric treatment for neuritis from Dr. McAllister at Eugene, is pronounced cured.

A woman interested in the sale of toilet preparations visited Halsey the other day and gave the schoolgirls an invitation to visit her at her room and witness a demonstration of the use of her wares. A lot of girls, mostly quite young, visited her and went to their homes painted and bedizened till they resembled the outcast women of the disreputable quarters of a large city. It is not likely that the agent's experiment was a financial success and it surely was not a success of any other kind.

Byron Taylor was here from Albany Saturday.

Mrs. E. C. Miller visited Albany Saturday.

The estate of J. J. Gross, who died recently of heart disease in Brownsville, is valued at \$122,500.

Harold Binson of Dever, brother of the farmer who is serving time for robbing the Jefferson bank, sold his possessions the other day and disappeared, leaving his wife \$50 and a note saying he had gone to Canada.

The Missionary society of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Corcoran Tuesday, Feb. 14, with Mrs. Karl Bramwell leader. Subject—"Mission Fields Around the World."

Miss Edith Forrest, county nurse, was in Portland last week visiting Linn county veterans in hospitals there.

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High School Notes

The last basket ball games of the season were played here last Saturday night, Feb. 4, with the Seio high school teams and is reported elsewhere.

The junior and senior debating teams gave their respective debates Feb. 7, at the city hall. The proposition in the first debate was: "The exposition to be held in Portland in 1925 should be financed by taxation." Senior (affirmative) team, Grace Kirk and Alta Hayes; Junior (negative) team, Louise Robnett and Willis Kirk.

The negative won by unanimous vote of the judges, Rev. C. S. Cook, Mrs. D. S. McWilliams and C. P. Stafford.

Second debate, "Oregon's present system of licensing motor vehicles is desirable." Junior (affirmative) team, Kenneth Cross and Wayne Robertson, Senior (negative) team, Glenn Frum and Alberta Koontz.

Negative won by a vote of 2 to 1. According to the point system the junior debating team proved to be the better of the two. Taking the decisions of the judges on both debates, four votes were cast for the juniors and two for the seniors.

The juniors and seniors are much elated over their rings and pins, which they received recently.

A meeting of the cooking club was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Moore Tuesday afternoon. After the business was concluded a program was given and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

All the members of the glee club are busy practicing their songs for the program, which is to be given March 11.

The regular student body meeting was held today.

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Pine Grove Pencillings

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Knighten and daughter motored to Albany on business Friday.

Miss Mary McNeil of Lake Creek gave a birthday party last Saturday when the guests had a splendid time.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Egle has been on the sick list the past week.

Ralph McNeil and Will McLaren spent Sunday afternoon with Fred Heinrich.

Stringtown turned out well at the stump demonstration near Albany Saturday. Mr. Nichol, Ed Chandler, John McNeil, Charlie Gibson, Floyd Nichols and Mr. Allen attended.

Mr. Martin of Eugene was a Stringtown visitor Saturday.

Dies at a Ripe Age

Mrs. Virginia A. Crawford was born Mar. 21, 1845, in Virginia and died in Halsey yesterday. She was united in marriage to A. J. Livick, Dec. 23, 1869. Seven children were born, 3 boys and 4 girls dying early in life. Mr. Livick died Dec. 26, 1886. In November, 1891, she married James Crawford at Dewese, Neb. She has resided in Halsey eleven years. She leaves three daughters to mourn her departure, Miss Fleeta Livick of Halsey, Mrs. H. R. Seabrooke of Erie, Pa., and Mrs. Myrtle Moore of Astoria.

Since 1860, when she was 15, Mrs. Crawford had been a faithful member of the M. E. church.

The funeral was today at 2 at the M. E. church, Rev. C. T. Cook officiating. Interment at Pine Grove.

The Rector Finds an Aid.

The rector was on his way to church when he met the gamekeeper. "Ah," said the rector, "how is it, my friend, that I never see you at church?" "Well," said the gamekeeper, "you see, sir, I don't want to make your congregation smaller." "What do you mean?" the rector said sharply. "Well, you see, sir," the keeper said, "if I came to church some of the others would go poaching!"—London Morning Post.

Poetry and Reality.

It is one of the misfortunes of progress that the tomb of Lalla Rookh is not in Kashmir vale, by "the crystal pools of Shalimar," but close to one of the rumbling little railroads that are modernizing Hindustan. Of course, the daughter of Aurnageb does not lie there, but it is no poetical location for even a legendary tomb of such a heroine.—New York Evening Post.



Halsey Christian Church

Church Announcements

Methodist:
Sunday School, 10.
Praying, 11.
Junior League, 8.
Intermediate League, 6:30
Epworth League, 6:30.
Praying, 7:30.
Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8.
Rev. C. T. Cook, Pastor.

Christian:
10. Bible school,
11. Sermon, "Christ's Picture of His Church."
Christian Endeavor, 6:30.
Praying, 7:30.
The book "Training for Personal Evangelism" is being studied in both the Bible school and Christian Endeavor. As many as possible are urged to take this work

Pine Grove Church:
Sunday School, 10.
Praying, 11, by Bro. Eggle.
Prayer-meeting, 7.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7.

Sunday School Lesson
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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 12
ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN

*LESSON TEXT—II Kings 4:3-7.
GOLDEN TEXT—Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.—John 5:25.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—John 11:1-46.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Elisha Brings a Boy to Life.
JUNIOR TOPIC—How Elisha Brought a Boy to Life.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Elisha Helping in a Home.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Our Ministry of Comfort and Help.

1. The Shunammite's Hospitality to Elisha (vv. 8-11).
1. Its occasion (v. 8). A wealthy woman of Shunem, observing that Elisha passed continually by her house in his journeys, was moved with compassion toward him. She determined according to her ability to supply his needs.

2. Its nature (vv. 8-11). "She constrained him to eat bread" (vv. 8-9). As a result of her earnest entreaty, as often as he passed by her house he turned in to eat bread. She received a prophet in the name of a prophet.

II. Elisha Endeavors to Repay Her

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