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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

STRIKE IN THE MONUMENTAL.

New Discovery Made in a Well Known Old Mine.
Granite—A strike has just been made in the old Monumental mine, near here, that bids fair to cause no little excitement and prove of great value to the mining interests of Eastern Oregon. It was made in a winze being sunk from the lower level of the mine. The winze is now down 100 feet and for some time Manager Allen has had a crew drifting from the bottom. The new discovery shows a vein 20 feet wide. On the hanging-wall side of the ledge is two feet of solid quartz, heavily charged with antimonial ruby silver, characteristic of the deposits of silver ore formerly found in this old mine, while on the opposite side of the vein is a strong seam of gold ore carrying three ounces of gold per ton. The silver ore runs not less than 500 ounces per ton. Between these two rich shoots the entire vein is of a good milling grade. This discovery was made at a depth of about 600 feet below the apex of the Monumental ledge.
For the past four years the property has been owned by the Portland Mining & Reduction company, of which C. J. Allen, of Portland, is manager.

Logging Engine for Curtiss Road
Albany—An immense logging engine for use on the new logging road of the Curtis Lumber company, in the Cascade mountains near Mill City, has arrived in Albany, and will be put in operation on the road this spring. The engine comes from the Lima Locomotive works, in Ohio, and is the first of its size and kind to be put into use in the lumber business in Oregon. It is of a type calculated to do very heavy, rather than speedy, work, and marks the beginning of a new epoch in the lumbering industry in Linn county.

Will Have Special Car.
Independence — The Independence Improvement league is making arrangements for a special car to take its members to Portland to attend the State league convention April 26. The Lewis and Clark club will be asked to decorate the car, and the "Blue Ribbon" county will be well represented by enthusiastic members of the league. The league is taking up the matter of beautifying the town, and a large committee of both ladies and gentlemen will be appointed to look after this work.

Rogue River Fruit Unharmed.
Medford—The recent light frosts in the Rogue river valley have done comparatively no harm; in fact, have been a benefit by thinning out the fruit somewhat on overloaded trees, and the best apple and pear crop ever raised in the valley is now practically assured. With the exception of some apple orchards which were allowed to overbear last year, and in consequence which could not set fruit buds for the present season, the fruit bloom was never better locally than now.

Heading Off the Standard Oil.
Astoria—The city attorney has been instructed by the public property committee to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the next meeting of the council forbidding the storage of crude oil or other explosives in larger quantities than 100 gallons at any one place inside the city limits. The reason for presenting this ordinance is the announced intention of the Standard Oil company to erect a large storage tank on its property near the foot of Sixth street.

Fish Cannot Get Over Dam.
Pendleton — Complaints are coming from residents on the Walla Walla river that trout are unable to get over the Northwestern Gas & Electric company's dam across the river and that above the dam there is very little fishing. The dam is seven feet high and is not fitted with fish ladders. Those who have visited that locality say that fish are constantly seen leaping in their endeavor to scale the obstruction.

Gives Roseburg a Chance.
Eugene—The local directors have decided that the Second Southern Oregon District fair shall not be held in Eugene this year and Roseburg has been given the privilege of giving it there. It was thought that the interest taken in the Lewis and Clark exposition by Eugene people would detract from the success of a district fair, so the matter of holding it here this year was given up.

Orange Boxes for California.
Marshfield—General Manager Valagin, of the Coos Bay Furniture factory at North Bend, announces that he has made a contract with Southern California shippers to manufacture 3,000,000 orange boxes, and that his factory will be kept running night and day for a year. He is installing this week his own sawmill, which will cut 50,000 feet of spruce lumber daily.

DEBTORS MUST GIVE UP HALF.

After May 18 One-Half Their Wages May Be Taken by Creditors.
Salem—Oregon merchants will have a good remedy against many of their bad debtors after May 18, when the act of the last legislature regarding the exemption of wages from execution will go into effect. This act amends the law by making one-half the earnings of the debtor subject to execution proceedings if the debt be for family expenses. Prior to 1903 all the earnings of a debtor for 30 days next preceding the service of an attachment, execution or garnishment were exempt if the earnings were needed for the support of a family. Under that law men with considerable monthly incomes would escape the payment of their debts. The legislature of 1903 amended the law by limiting the amount of earnings exempt to \$75, but leaving the law otherwise the same. As there are comparatively few men working for wages who receive over \$75 a month, this law still enabled men to avoid debts which they should be compelled to pay, and the legislature of 1905 amended the section still further by adding this clause: "Except when the debt is incurred for family expenses furnished within six months of the date of the service of such attachment, execution or garnishment, 50 per cent of such earnings shall be subject to such attachment, execution or garnishment."
As construed by the courts, the term "family expenses" includes such items as provisions, fuel, rent, furniture, wearing apparel, pianos, organs, jewelry, medical attendance, etc.

Oregon Days at the Fair.
Portland—Oregon days, as set apart by the Lewis and Clark fair management are as follows: June 5, Monday—Salem, Dallas; June 6, Tuesday—Baker City, Sumpter; June 7, Wednesday—Pendleton, Heppner; June 8, Thursday—The Dalles, Prineville, Moro; June 9, Friday—Oregon City, McMinnville; June 10, Saturday—Astoria, Hillsboro; June 12, Monday—Albany, Corvallis; June 13, Tuesday—LaGrande, Union; June 14, Wednesday—Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville; June 15, Thursday—Grants Pass; June 16, Friday—Roseburg; June 17, Saturday—Eugene, Cottage Grove.

Specialty of Fine Chickens.
Milton—W. C. Hopson, manager of the Milton Fruitgrowers' union, is raising chickens on a large scale on his farm four miles up on the Walla Walla river. He has four large incubators and four brooders. Mr. Hopson is making a specialty of raising fine chickens, keeping several varieties of pure bred fowls. At present he is hatching Rhode Island Reds and is marketing the tiny chickens at \$3 per dozen, with a ready market for all he hatches. A number of other residents of the vicinity of both Milton and Freewater are purchasing incubators and engaging in the poultry business.

Arranging Clackamas' School Display
Oregon City—Having been assured by a member of the executive committee of the Clackamas county Lewis and Clark exhibit that the necessary funds for installing the educational exhibit will be forthcoming, the members of the educational committee in this county met at the courthouse to arrange and classify this department of the Clackamas county display. This feature of the exhibit will comprise all kinds of papers and drawings, together with some manual work, and will be to the credit of the schools.

Cancel Deeds if Fraudulent.
Salem—In reply to questions submitted by Governor Chamberlain, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion holding in substance that the state land board has authority to cancel all deeds and certificates to school lands wherein fraud appears on record, but that it is not within the power of the board to take arbitrary action in the matter. In other words, fraud must be alleged and proven before the board has authority to cancel certificates of sales.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Wheat—Club, 86@87c per bushel; bluestem, 92@94c; valley, 88c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@29 per ton; gray, \$27@28.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18½@19c dozen
Butter—Fancy creamery, 18@22½c.
Potatoes — Oregon fancy, \$1@1.10; common, 80@90c.
Apples—Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25.
Hops — Choice 1904, 23½@25c per pound.
Wool — Valley, 20@24c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15 @ 18c; mohair, choice, 31@32½c per pound.

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