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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

YELLOW WITH GOLD.

Rich Strike Made in Southern Oregon Mine Creates Excitement.

Medford—A strike was made in the Opp mine last week that eclipses anything that has ever been made on the Pacific coast, and even beats the great district of Tonopah and Goldfield, in a true fissure vein that is between slate and porphyry, which averages 15 feet in width. An ore chute was opened which is 100 feet in length and feet in width, all specimen rock, which will be exhibited at the Lewis & Clark fair, in Portland. This rock is literally covered with the yellow metal, and runs \$40,000 to the ton.

One man took out \$10,000 in one shift, and the rock is now on exhibition at the Medford permanent exhibition building. Some sacks go as much as \$1,000 per sack. This strike has caused the greatest excitement among miners and prospectors of anything that has occurred since the great Gold Hill excitement in 1865, which this exceeds.

Dr. J. F. Reddy came to Medford from Spokane, Wash., one year ago, in search of a quartz property, and was advised by many so-called experts that there was nothing in the district that would warrant an investment or expenditure of any capital along these lines, but as inasmuch as Dr. Reddy could plainly see that nothing but surface work had ever been done, save where a mine had paid from the grass roots, and having unbounded faith in the district, after careful examination, he decided to erect on this mine a ten-stamp mill, and since the erection of the same it has earned \$100 per diem net, which only shows that Southern Oregon today has more undeveloped resources than any territory west of the Mississippi river.

WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.

Pendleton Scouring Mill Has Bought Much Wool This Season.

Pendleton—The Pendleton wool scouring mills have purchased 3,000,000 pounds of wool this year and has its plant running day and night with shifts of 35 men each, cleaning the wool. Four thousand pounds of the scoured product are turned out daily from 16,000 pounds of the raw material put through the vats. The wool shrinks about 74 per cent in the cleaning process. The scoured wool is selling at 65 cents a pound f. o. b. Pendleton. This is being baled as fast as cleaned, and the grease wool baler will be started next week to bale such wool as will be sent east uncleaned.

The Furnish warehouse has received so far this season about 400,000 pounds of wool from north of the city, Echo and from the Pilot Rock district, with dozens of loads coming in daily.

A second baling machine is being installed, which will handle a larger amount than last year, which was over 3,000,000 pounds. The larger part of the wool being brought to town is sold and as soon as baled will be shipped to the Boston markets.

Ready for the Water.

Pendleton—One of the many meritorious irrigation enterprises under construction in Umatilla county is the Hermiston project, being finished up by the Maxwell Land & Irrigation company of Maxwell, or Hermiston, four miles west of Echo on the main line of the O. R. & N. A dam was built across the Umatilla four miles above the townsite and water diverted into the canal, which is about eight miles long. At present the company has 9,000 acres under the ditch ready for cultivation and has 160 acres in alfalfa and potatoes to demonstrate what the land will produce if water is put on it.

Make First Payment.

Grants Pass—C. N. Matthews, who has been interested in mining properties on Sucker creek for a number of years past, and who in conjunction with his partner, M. F. Hull, has reported some excellent properties in that district, was in the city this week and reported the first payment of \$1,000 on the \$6,000 bond recently taken by Frank Fowler and his associates upon the Gold Pick mine, situated on Bolen creek, in the Sucker creek district. Mr. Matthews reports the property showing up exceedingly well.

Settlers for North Powder.

North Powder—A letter received by a prominent citizen of North Powder states that 50 families, comprising about 200 people, from Iowa, Indiana and Illinois, have agreed to purchase tickets for this point. The advance guard is expected to arrive within the next 30 days.

To Reopen Hatchery.

Eugene—J. A. Talbert, of Clackamas, is at the site of the state salmon hatchery on the McKenzie river, 28 miles east of Eugene, making preparations to reopen it. He expects to be collecting spawn within a few days, as the salmon are collecting in large schools.

STATE ON CREDIT BASIS.

Referendum Petitions Stop Projected Improvements of State Institutions.

Salem—The filing of the petitions for the referendum upon the general appropriation bill with the secretary of state, throws the state upon its credit until the next legislature makes good the deficiency, unless the people see fit to sustain the action of the last legislature and adopt the measure at the June election of 1906. The general appropriation bill carries a total of \$1,454,379.90, and the invoking of the referendum upon it not only blocks the progress of the normal schools, inclusion of which in the bill was the direct cause of the referendum movement against it, but also seriously impedes the contemplated work of improvement and enlargement of the asylum for insane and other state institutions, which depend upon the appropriation for maintenance.

All this raises the question of what action the secretary of state and members of the boards of trustees of the different state institutions will take upon the act adopted by the last legislature, providing that all employees of state institutions, educational, penal, reformatory, eelymosenary, etc., shall be paid monthly, instead of quarterly. This act prescribes that at the end of each month and upon presentation of the duly verified and approved payrolls of any of the institutions by the superintendent or other authorized official to the secretary of state, accompanied by a surety bond in a sufficient sum to cover all liability, the secretary of state is required to draw a warrant in full of the amount of the payroll and in favor of the superintendent, who is authorized to draw the money from the treasury and required to pay the employees the amount due them for their labors.

CROP OUTLOOK GOOD.

Wheat, Rye, Barley and Hay Promise to Eclipse Josephine Records.

Grants Pass—Farmers from the outlying district report the cereal crop for the Rogue river valley in excellent condition this year, and to be heading from two to three weeks in advance of several years past. Larger quantities of wheat have been planted in the past year in Josephine county than ever before, and it is believed that a number of men who have recently purchased their farms, will pay off the first cost with the banner yield of this year. Wheat all over the county is three to four feet high, and has a uniformly heavy growth.

A great deal of rye and barley is being grown on the lowlands of the Rogue river valley this year, and these are proving very lucrative crops. The hay crop in the Upper Applegate, Williams and Slate creek districts will show a heavier tonnage than ever before in the county, and the second crop of alfalfa and red clover is ready for cutting in many localities.

Motor Car Arrives.

Portland—The Southern Pacific's new motor car for service between Portland and Forest Grove has arrived and is at the Southern Pacific shops in East Portland. As soon as possible, it will be put in condition and given a trial run over the West Side branch of the Southern Pacific. Some slight repairs must be made before the car is operated, but it is expected that the trial run will be made in a few days and as soon as practicable thereafter will be put in commission, running regularly between Portland and Forest Grove, making stops at way points.

Regents of University of Oregon.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed Judge R. S. Bean to succeed himself as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon. Senator M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, was appointed on the same board to succeed Charles Hilton, of The Dalles, whose term has expired, and J. C. Ainsworth, of Portland, was appointed to succeed the late Judge C. B. Bellinger, whose term on the board would expire in 1909. Judge Bean and Senator Miller are appointed for a term of 12 years each.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 85@86c per bushel; bleustem, 90@92c; valley, 85@90c.
Oats—No. 1 white, feed, \$29@29.50 per ton; gray, \$29@29.50.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18c doz.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17¼@21¼c per pound.
Apples—Table, \$1.50@2.50 per box.
Strawberries—Oregon, 10@11c per pound.
Potatoes—Old, \$1.05@1.15; new potatoes, 2@2¼c per pound.
Hops—Choice, 1904, 23¼@25c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Ore., best, 19@22¼c; valley, 27@28c per pound; mohair, choice, 31@32¼c per pound.

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