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THE SCHOOL MA'AM.

CENTRAL POINT has been honored and brightened during the past few days by the presence of a hundred or more of the "Best People on Earth." We refer to the bevy of bright and winsom school ma'ams who captured the town last Sunday evening and held it in willing subjection till Wednesday night.

The school ma'am is one who every good citizen delighteth to honor. She it is who takes a roomful of unkempt, uncultured, untutored and, alas, too often unwashed little savages, and by dint of hard work, infinite tact, many smiles, an occasional tear and, in some extreme cases, maybe a little judicious use of Mother Nature's spanking machine, she tames and civilizes them and evolves from the sundry bunches of elemental atoms of mind and matter ingots of that precious product from which later great and good men and women are moulded and presidents, millionaires and editors are coined. The school ma'am is an optimist. After devoting years of her life to training the pure, innocent and flexible child-mind in the ways of righteousness and knowledge, only too often, in later years, to see her male pupils develop into dudes, convicts or decorations for the reverse end of a cigarette, she is not discouraged, but with a "sublime audacity of faith" in herself and the animal called man she resigns her \$40-a-month job in the district school and accepts a salaryless position as private governess, housekeeper, cook and maid-of-all-work for some big, overgrown kid whose chief stock in trade is a big bump of self-esteem, the whiskey and tobacco habits, a propensity to "lick" everybody who is smaller and weaker than himself, a pair of heavenly eyes and a beautiful whisker; and, God bless her, she starts in to make a gentleman out of him and sometimes she succeeds.

Schoolmasters are all right in their place, but it is the dear little school ma'am that editors and other great men most love. It is her whom we delight to honor and to her, the great educator and civilizer of mankind, we lift our hat with reverence and respect.

The Mineral Resources of Southern Oregon.

The gold mines of Southern Oregon were discovered in 1857. Since said date the mines of Jackson County have yielded to exceed thirty-five millions of dollars of gold in value, principally from the shallow placers and from prospect holes of an average depth of not to exceed twenty feet. This territory is in a great part drained by the Rogue River and its tributaries, namely, Jackson Creek, famous for its rich placers; Gold Hill Gulch, at the head of which gulch was the famous Gold Hill pocket, from which in 1866 over half a million of dollars was extracted from an excavation 24 feet in length and 18 feet in depth; Water Gulch, Kanes Creek and its branches in the Blackwell Hills, noted for the richness of their shallow placers; Galls Creek, Sardine Creek Fooths Creek and other streams and gulches too numerous to mention, all of which creeks and gulches yielded a golden harvest to the early miners who with pick, pan, rocker and sluice box delved and toiled for the king of metals.

Those creeks and gulches have for ages poured into the Rogue River their waters laden with gold bearing gravel and sand from the placers and the detritus from the numerous gold bearing quartz ledges, veins and stringers

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that like a network rib and vein the mountains and hills constituting the water shed of the Rogue River.

The Winter floods from the mountains and hills, carrying in their waters the gold laden detritus poured into the Rogue River, where the auriferous detritus was agitated and concentrated, as it were, in a great natural sluice and the precious metal has accumulated in favorable spots in the bed of the river, where it remains to this day.

The course of the Rogue River between the town of Gold Hill and Gold Ray station is in the form of a great semi-circle, half encircling the mountain known as Gold Hill. The river forms, as it were, a great bend in the form of a horseshoe. If a tunnel were excavated through the mountain known as Gold Hill from a point on the Rogue River where the south line of the north-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section thirteen intersects the Rogue River to again intersect the river at a point in the north-west quarter of the south-east quarter of section ten and above the dam of the Gold Hill Canal Company, such a tunnel would drain and lay bare over two and one-half miles of the rich channel of the Rogue River, without interfering with the water power of the Condor Water and Power Company or of the Gold Hill Canal Company. On examination of the Rogue River it is evident that there are two channels, the present channel and an ancient channel, running parallel with and adjoining each other. In other words, when we take into consideration the present channel and the ancient channel, such a tunnel as above mentioned would drain and lay bare about five miles or 25,400 feet of river channel. The necessary length of such a tunnel would be about 9,240 feet. Cheap electric power with which to operate the drills and to move the cars bearing the debris from the tunnel may be obtained from either of the two companies above mentioned. All necessary timber is obtainable at reasonable prices in the immediate vicinity; the climate is simply ideal. Such a tunnel as above mentioned would not only drain the two channels of the river, but would in itself furnish a great water power for the generation of electricity. The tunnel in its course would cut many of the gold bearing ledges and veins known to exist in the mountain known as Gold Hill. Among said ledges would be the Gold Hill Ledge, which in 1866 yielded over half a million dollars, as above mentioned, and would enable said ledge to be worked cheaply, as it would obviate the necessity of expensive hoisting works and would also drain all of the mines on said mountain, and would furnish ample water power with which to generate electricity sufficient to run all necessary stamp mills.

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