

MINING NEWS

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Changes Being Wrought in Metal Mining

The doors leading into 1926 are ajar and within a few brief hours they will be flung wide open to the world. The year just closing has been a prosperous one in the realm of metal mining and everything indicates that 1926 will be vastly more prosperous.

Metal mining conditions everywhere are on the mend—the slumbering period has passed and everybody identified with the industry is wide awake and on the go. This applies not only to the prospectors and small owners of prospective mines, but to the powerful interests that buy and utilize the metals that are wrested from the ores produced in mining, as well.

This important change in mining methods has been in process of consummation in Utah for several years past and is still going on. Park City, Tintic, Bingham and the Cottonwoods are all exemplars of this most potent sign of the times.

What is happening in Utah is also being planned and worked out in our sister mining states. Colorado has grasped the idea and is working fast. Claim owners and small operating companies in all portions of that state are being made to see the opportunities ahead and they are working. The smelter concerns of moment and the railroads of the state are all "boosting the game," while capitalists, bankers and big industrial concerns are joining hands to bring the metal mining industry into the limelight again.

Similar movements are discernable in Nevada, in Idaho, in Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and Montana. Each and every one of them are falling into line and, as a result it will not be long until the individual claim owner, the miner and the small operator will see their ships coming in with the substance that will repay them for their life time efforts and make them strangers to want and privation and make them independent.

We are unable to see in the offing any particular evidence of a wild stock-selling orgy; we are unable to visualize a scramble for mining stocks representing nothing but sage brush hillsides and shallow holes in the ground, capitalized for millions and selling for hundreds of thousands of dollars. There will always be suckers and sucker lists and there will always be sharpers to prey on the gullible and unsophisticated; but we believe the percentage is growing less and less and that the real money will be made in the future through the legitimately priced mines and prospects and through investments in stocks that have established their rights to recognition and worth.—Mining Review, Salt Lake.

The present is a mining era of unbounded proportions. There is probably more money available for legitimate mining today than ever before in the history of the world. Large capital is looking for developed properties—properties where the ore is blocked out and all factors are known. Owners of properties of this character need have no fear but what there is a market, provided reasonable business proposition are made. With large capital available for developed properties, it naturally follows that plenty of money is available to place undeveloped properties in shape to pass on to the large interests and owners of prospects thus have an opportunity to secure the development of their properties, provided they are willing to be reasonable in their dealings. Experienced mining money does not work on a hit and run policy, but on a well defined and conservative line. Those who meet such requirements should have no difficulty in securing the assistance they need during the current year.

Mine Platinum on Tulameen Formation of a million dollars corporation in London to operate on Tulameen River in British Columbia in placer mining for platinum, is reported by Fred A. Starkey, British Columbia mining commissioner in England, in a letter to the British Columbia Chamber of Mines.

Collapse of platinum mining in Africa, in which British capital had invested heavily, has resulted in the unemployment of large sums of money, Mr. Starkey pointed out. In seeking outlet, some of this capital was being attracted to British Columbia's best known platinum ground, which is the area through which the Tulameen and Similkameen rivers run.—Mining Truth.

REPORT OF GAME KILLED

(W. C. Leever, agent for the State Game Commission, hands us the following record that must be filled out before a new license is issued:)

Table with columns for License No., State Game Commission, Portland, Oregon, Gentlemen: I give below a complete report of all birds and animals killed by me during the year 1925, as follows: (If none of the below named birds or animals were killed merely write "none" here) Kind Number, Deer, Bear, Gray Squirrels, Ruffed Grouse, Chinese Pheasants, Bob White Quail, Geese, Ducks, Shore-birds (state species), Stray house cats, Crows, Magpies, I hunted in \_\_\_\_\_ county, (If more than one county, state kind of game in each) Number of separate days on which I hunted (Be sure to fill in this space) Date of report: Name Address

COMMUNICATION

Dear Mr. Editor: Say, the little ole home town sure is a comin' to the front haint it? Ole Alexander the Great sure wuz a hankerin' fer jist what we've got when he cried cause they wuz no place left to conquer.

That bird wuz way behind the times; why say if he'd a knowed about this valley o' climate, fertility, mineral wealth an' pleasin' prospects, he'd a plum forgot the rest o' the world as not wuth fite fer.

An thars that ole Di-og-nee-z who made 'em think he'd gon clean bugs a lookin' fer "a man" with a lantern in broad day lite.

Say he could a jumped into a site that'd shore a made his pessimism turn a backward summersalt an land head up with his face to the sun if he cud a dropped into the little ole home town last Sunday.

Talk about men! Say Boy! why look a hair Mr. Editor I betcha they haint a town in the ole U. S. A. no bigger oun with a class o men, real honest to goodness fellers what shows up 70 or more strong twice a month!

Say! didja see Guy Tex? Well sir, he had a flamin red tie and a red handkerchief a stikin' outa his coat pocket an a plum rosy outlook on life that throwd a halo o' efferve-cent Red with variations over everything in general an the prospects o' the "reds" in partickler.

Guy sez hes jist a gittin started an the tramp o' the "reds" a comin' in on Sunday mornin' will make the ole timers think they's a stampede o' cattle in town. Why say I wuz a standin in a store tother day an Guy he comer in and sez sez he, I want a can o' tomatoes, he sez,

let's have something with red labels on 'em; a good label goes a long way with me, he sez.

Say Mr. Editor didja bear the last rumer? Well they say same o' them "blugs" come to class last Sunday without beard or man!!!

Say the race 'tween the reds and blues is sure a runnin neck an neck—an nobodys been beat mor'n two men, but boy; watch everybody's amog next Sunday. I seed a feller tother day and he sad over 300 enrollment cards are out an 1000 more wuz printed an wuz a goin' like hot cakes. I see the janitor o' the Cowley Hall an' he sez sez he why we're puttin' in seats for 150 fer next Sunday an extra seats will be handy in case morn that's needed, sez he.

Well Mr. Editor they's eats ahead an' somebody's sure marchin' into the job. I don't know whose a goin' to put it up but I know a feller what'll be on the job at the eatin'. B. A. BOOSTER

LAND SETTLEMENT ITEMS

Portland C. of C. The fame of Oregon has penetrated the Orient, and from the province of Chihli, Northern China, far beyond the Yellow Sea, comes a letter to the Land Settlement Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

After years spent in the Mongolian land, John Erskine Glen, an European, is about to retire, and is casting about for the world for a suitable home for his family.

The inquirer explains in his letter that he has a modest income and a family of three children, who are at present attending school in England. Himself a Scotsman, he is of the impression that England does not offer the opportunities for the rising generation that she once did, and that on account of his family and their future prospects, he feels impelled to seek elsewhere for a permanent home.

Advised by a friend, who at present is visiting in China, Mr. Glen has written for information on the opportunities of Oregon.

The voice from far off China, not alone predicts a year of real land settlement activity for Oregon. Since New Year's Day fifty-five agricultural inquiries have come from all points of the compass to the Land Settlement Department. Every day brings fresh inquiries.

During the month of December thirty-two new settlers, with a capital investment of approximately \$100,000, were reported. The Chicago Land company of Grants Pass, has just sent in the names of 13 families from other states located in the past 60 days.

NEW YEAR'S EVE OBSERVED

On last Thursday evening a large number of people gathered at the Federated church and spent the evening in a social way. The younger members of the party entertained themselves at the home of Mrs. J. E. Boswell until 10 o'clock at which time they came to the church where they partook of refreshments.

At 11 o'clock the congregation met in the auditorium for a religious service which was extended to the midnight hour and into the year 1926.

Bells sounding from various parts of the city proclaimed the advent of the New Year.

ANNUAL TELEPHONE MEETING

The directors and delegates from the sections connected with the Mutual Telephone company held their annual business meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Reports of the year's work were read and approved.

Mr. Jones tendered his resignation as telephone operator, the resignation to go into effect February 1. No decision as to whom the new operator will be was made as yet.

Mr. Jones has many friends both in a business and social way and his service in the capacity mentioned has been first class in every respect. His resignation is regretted.

Buttons covered at Faber's.

C. C. Sanderson and wife of Beagle, were visitors at the home here this week.

Miss Saubert is driving a new Chevrolet Coach.

Mrs. L. L. Norcross returned from Vassalia, California, last Friday night, where she had spent the holidays with her daughter. Miss Norcross has again resumed her duties as teacher in the school at that place.

Mrs. Price has recently returned from Oakland, California, and is laying the foundation for a new residence on her lots here. Frank Clark has taken the contract for the work.

Mrs. Jenny Merritt of Gold Hill, was a guest this week of Mrs. B. B. Sanderson, her daughter.

The W. R. C. members of Central Point are invited to be guests at a dinner given today at Medford by the W. R. C. of that place. Eight of our ladies are in attendance.

The Masonic and Eastern Star members were privileged to listen to a very interesting address on the history of the foundation of Mascruy at their meeting Wednesday evening, by Mr. Glen Fabric, of Medford.

Prayer meetings at the Federated church this week are in keeping with the World Week of Prayer. Mr. Randall, superintendent of Sunday school work in southern Oregon has been driving down from Medford to attend and help in the services.

Roy Kelly of Central Point, fell off the carriage at the lumber mill Monday night about 8:00 o'clock and was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital, but was returned home Wednesday.

MARRIED

Mr. Lester Spencer and Miss Myrna Clark, who spent a part of their Christmas vacation with relatives in Sisson, California, were married at Yreka on December 28.

They will make their home here. They have the best wishes of their friends for a long and pleasant life.

UNION CHURCH

Title of Sunday school lesson: Adoration of the King. Matt., chapter 2.

Outline—(1) Heralds of the King, vs. 1, 2; (2) Hatred of the King, vs. 3-8, 12-18; (3) Honor of the King, vs. 9-11; (4) Haven for the King, vs. 19-23.

The study of the Gospel as given by Matthew is very interesting and helpful; and if you are not a member of the other Sunday school of the city you are urged to join one of the Bible classes of our school.

At the morning church service the pastor's theme will be: "The All Sufficiency of God."

In the evening service will be given the first of a series of sermons on the subject: "The Spiritual Significance of the Sermon on the Mount."

The Mid-Week meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. This meeting is worth your while. A short Bible study and prayer services. You can't afford to miss these meetings. Public is invited.

The Ladies Aid Society, every 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Paul Martin, president.

The Dorcas Society, every 2nd Thursday afternoon; Mrs. E. E. Scott, president.

The Missionary Society, every 4th Thursday afternoon; Miss Helen J. Carlton, president.

Choir rehearsals Thursday evenings at 8:00 p. m.; Mrs. H. W. Davison, director.

If you are not a worshipping elsewhere, we earnestly invite you to join us; you will be most welcome.

Rev. J. M. Johnson, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH "TEAM WORK"

Or Common Sense in Success, will be I. G. Shaw's morning subject and "The Fraternal Spirit of the Gospel" will be the theme at the evening service, Sunday.

Miss Kittredge enjoyed a visit Wednesday from her parents who were on their way from Portland to their home at Klamath Marsh.

The jury in the case of Walter Williams gave in a verdict this morning of guilty of the charge which has placed him in the hands of the courts for some time.

Mrs. I. G. Shaw left Sunday evening for Tacoma, Washington, where she was called because of the critical illness of her mother. Word from Mrs. Shaw states that on Tuesday morning the mother was still living though very low.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The students who were home for Christmas have gone in various directions to their temples of learning to complete the year's work.

Buttons covered at Faber's.

A local alarmist insists that the number of "Reds" are increasing at an astonishing rate, and as a result certain of our business and professional folk are feeling quite blue.

Mrs. W. P. Grimes is confined to her home this week, because of sickness.

Gateway Theatre Central Point, Oregon TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY—ART ACORD in—"THE CALL OF COURAGE" Comedy—"TOUGH TENDERFOOT" THURSDAY AND SATURDAY—(AN ALL-STAR SPECIAL) "OFF THE HIGHWAY" UNIVERSAL COMEDY EVERY TUESDAY—OUR REGULAR AMATEUR VAUDEVILLE Did you hear Lorenz and his accordion? EVERY THURSDAY—COUNTRY STORE. WATCH FOR THE BIG PRIZE Dance Every Friday Night —FIELDS AND HIS ORCHESTRA—

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