

**MINING NEWS**

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**THE LEADVILLE CALIFORNIA BOOM**

There have been many inquiries at Bureau headquarters concerning the silver lead strike in California, about seventy miles out in the Mohave desert, from Los Angeles. Much interest has been shown too in the latest gold strike in British Columbia. "The grass grows green a long way off," is truer of mining than anything else we can think of. As we have frequently called to attention in these columns, even if the newspaper reports are to be accepted at their face value, nothing much better has ever been reported than is in plain sight from our doors. There is less claimed for Leadville, California, than is acknowledged to be in Galice alone. For some reason, a bright penny on the other side of a glacier or a desert, looms larger than a double eagle in the front yard.

There is an old adage that "Good wine needs no bush," and we have always taken the attitude here that a real mining district would eventually come into its own, without the need of so-called high pressure advertising. We may be wrong, but we are going to stick a while longer to just that stand. Of course the new "strike" is near Los Angeles, a very substantial town built on nothing but persistent boosting, just now in need of something to offset the Florida boom and the smallpox scare, but that might not argue conclusively against the finding of metal near. So far as the evidence goes, however the present boom looks very much like a preparation for a run of suckers.

**LOCAL MINING NEWS**

It is reported that the one hundred ton run of the Wedge Mine at Rogue River has been completed, and that the cleanup was very satisfactory.

L. E. Llumpp, owner of the Greenback, has located permanently in Grants Pass, having purchased a residence there.

Frank Silver, of Rogue River reports having struck a good sized vein on his property, and that he is about to start to open it up.

The Red Boy, at Gold Hill has, we understand, been financed by Eastern Oregon capital, and promises

A horseshoe pitcher of reputed skill is James Watkins who was in the city today from Central Point, the reputed home of all good pitchers, so he says. Mr. Watkins comes to Medford often to show local adepts "how to pitch 'em over," and according to local players he often succeeds.—Mail Tribune.

Roy F. Jones, local merchant, is still confined at home and unable to resume his duties at the store, as the result of an exceedingly serious ankle sprain received while playing tennis on his court several weeks ago. As yet, Mr. Jones is unable to use his foot to any great extent; however, his ankle is slowly improving. The sprain seems to be of a more serious nature than the usual type due to the fact that the injury was deeply seated.

Mrs. Burgdorff of Klamath Falls, sister of Mrs. Ray Henderson, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Myers, arrived here Tuesday from Portland where she underwent a successful operation for the removal of goitre.

Chester W. McDonald, president of the Jackson County Bank, and Mr. Fehl, former editor of the Pacific Record Herald, were in this city transacting business with L. F. Pickett Tuesday.

Among the local fishermen on the banks of the Rogue Tuesday evening were Postmaster Guy Tex, Mr. Pankey and L. F. Pickett.

Carl Duane of New York City, Madison Square Garden fighter, who is in the west on a short vacation, was in this city Monday night attending the Gateway theatre dance.

Guy Tex, local postmaster and W. E. Morris of the Table Rock district were among the local fighting fans at the boxing bout in Medford Tuesday night.

to begin development work within a few weeks.

Dean Charles E. Newton spent Saturday in Grants Pass, as the guest of P. S. Woodin. He was accompanied by Mrs. Newton. Professor Batchelor of the Corvallis School of Mines spent some time lately at Galice with Harry Sordy, his young son having the misfortune to cut his foot badly during his stay.

The usual number of spring investigators are in evidence in Holland. There is a rumor that the Boswell will start work this spring. The copper deposits at Takilma are also attracting a good deal of attention.

H. L. Williams of Ilwaco was a recent visitor at the Pass. He is interested chiefly in copper.

It is reported that two carloads of ore about ready to ship from the copper mine at Riddle, specimens of ore from which have attracted so much interest at the Bureau. The opening of this immense ore body will mean more to the Umpqua valley than all the other natural riches combined.

Placer runs are about clean up for the season. With but one exception all report a good season for such a very short one. It will take only a little persistent work to disprove the assumption that because there is not so much placer mining here as formerly, the placers are worked out. The bones of the present generation will be green corn before the placers are worked out hereabout.

Thomas Loban of Wolf Creek, O. H. Butler of Holland, E. E. Carter of Medford, E. W. Liljegrann of Jacksonville, Gene Reed of Placer, A. W. Hayden, Robert Goff, J. R. Bates and W. W. Bouvier were out of town visitors at Bureau headquarters this week.

Jack Harvey, well known to all mining men, and recognized for his ability as a cartographer and statistician, has been elected secretary of the local chamber of commerce.

There is one thing about the mining of gold which sets it aside from all other business, as a safer risk. The price of its produce never falls. Try that out on your Victrola, you who complain about the gamble in mining. There are others, to which we will call attention, from time to time.

Frank Peck, formerly connected with the Central Point Meat Market has accepted a position in Ed Binns' Meat Market at the Economy Groceries in Medford.

Leon Boomer, local resident of the city, formerly employed at the Tomlin Box factory has accepted a position as assistant foreman of the Paul A. Sherer orchards.

Miss Marie Kittredge and Miss Eleanor Saubert, teachers in the local high school of home economics and commercial department respectively, spent the week end with Miss Kittredge's parents near Silver Lake, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. George March and daughter Delva, were in Medford Saturday night.

Miss Gladys Richmond was a visitor in the Prospect district yesterday with friends.

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**JUNIOR PLAY CAST SELECTED**

The Junior play to be given April 30 is well under way as the third act, of the three-act play, "The Wrong Mr. Wright," is completed. The cast is as follows:

- Seymour Sites (a millionaire) ..... Ivan Skyrmar
- Wayland Clingstone (a boy of long ago) ..... Harold Head
- Fred Bonds (a young college graduate) ..... Roger von der Hellen
- Captain Crosby (a captain in U. S. army) ..... Rafael Benson
- Lord Brazenface (an Englishman) ..... John Blackford
- Front (who runs the hotel) ..... Scott Hamilton
- David Clews (a fearless detective) ..... Donald Wilson
- Julia Bonds (Sites' Niece) ..... Leota Reames
- Arrabella Clingstone (old maid sister of Wayland Clingstone) ..... Bertha Eicher
- Tillie Bird (Miss Bond's maid) ..... Gertrude Shaw
- Henrietta Oliver (a fin de siecle detective) ..... Marian Patterson

A move, that may later develop into something material, was suggested today by W. E. Morris who was in the city from his prosperous ranch in the Table Rock country. He declares the identical spot, known only to John Ross, well known Central Point resident, and son of the famed Indian fighter, Colonel George Ross, where the peace treaty with the Rogue River Indians was signed during 1850, should be marked with a monument. The spot, he declares, is located between the two Table Rocks near the "old Harper place," approximately two miles from his ranch, a short distance south of the Bybee bridge.—Mail-Tribune.

A two-inch water meter was received at the City hall this week and will be installed at the high school in the near future. As the school uses a large amount of water it was necessary to obtain a larger meter.

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