

SELLS FOR \$5,000.

Landed Here Last Fall With Four Dollars.

Monday Guy Reeder sold to the LaGrande Mining company three claims for \$5,000. They are the Grand, Salem, and Bull Run and are located on the divide between Boundary and Onion creeks, three miles from Granite.

Mr. Reeder located these properties last fall and did more or less work on them during the winter. The LaGrande Mining company put men to work on the properties several weeks since to prospect them, and was satisfied as to their value before making the purchase. A force of men will be sent out today to begin development work on an extensive scale.

Guy Reeder is an experienced prospector from Colorado. He landed here last fall with four dollars in his clothes. He worked until he increased this sum sufficiently to buy what grub and other supplies needed and started out to find a ledge. He found it, located the claims, worked on them whenever he could during the winter, to show up what was there and as soon as he was sure he had anything worth showing, began to look for a buyer. This he found also. Now he is on plenty of velvet and is in shape to turn another deal at his leisure and to the best advantage.

Part of the purchase price was paid in cash; just how much is not known. The locator also retains an interest, represented in a block of stock.

Great Mining Activity.

This is the way the correspondent of the Portland Telegram sizes up the mining activity in the eastern Oregon gold fields: Now that mountain roads are becoming passable, reports of new strikes and rich veins opened in old mines are so numerous that it is almost impossible to keep pace with the news. Old miners say that they never saw anything like it. Everywhere one goes the busy prospector—the advance guard of civilization—is hunting for ledges or staking out claims, putting up his corner stakes and posting his location notices for record. Pack train after pack train has left this city during the past few days, the buoyant fortune seeker, with his trusty rifle strapped to the saddle, sitting proudly erect, whistling as he goes down the street followed by a packer loaded with camp stove, blankets and grub; or, riding quietly along with that determined expression of countenance that marked the pioneer of but a few years ago, pushes forward for the hills of golden promise to the east, north, south and west, knowing full well that there is treasure at the end of his rainbow if he can but get there first. On the other hand, capitalists and investors' agents are coming in on every train and are seeking where they may plant a dollar to make it grow into two. Great activity has commenced in all the old camps, and the big producers are daily increasing their output.

Boundaries of Greenhorn District.

The boundaries of the Greenhorn Mining district, which was recently organized at Alamo, are as follows: Commencing south of Robinsonville and following the Baker county line to the headwaters of the north fork of the John Day river, thence down the north fork to the intersection of Desolation creek to the lower divide between Desolation and Calder creeks, thence along the summit of Greenhorn mountains to Robinsonville.

Mill Street Improvements Cost \$800.

The property owners on Mill street met in Engineer Fenner's office a few days since and apportioned the expense of grad-

ing and graveling that thoroughfare. The cost of improving the two blocks, from Granite to Auburn, was about \$800, most of which has already been paid. The street has been vastly improved in appearance, and the money wisely invested. Next fall, after the rains have gotten in their work, it will be known whether this graveling process or planking is the better method of street improvement, and future operations can be governed accordingly.

Story of the Brazos Mine.

The recent sale of the Murphy group of mines, one of which is the Brazos, revives an old story: This is the mine in which S. F. Murphy, then city treasurer of Baker City, eight years ago sunk \$4,000 of the city's money, when he defaulted. His friends did the best they could at that time to save him, but the property was not then salable. Today it promises to be one of the big producers of the district. Mr. Blewett already has ten men at work developing the property, ready for a large mill which will be erected this season.

Lon Cleaver and His Townsite.

Lon Cleaver passed through yesterday, en route from Prairie City to Portland. He goes to the Webfoot metropolis on business connected with his townsite proposition over there, which he says is booming along a trifle faster than he anticipated or is prepared for. He will also see officials of the Columbia Southern road regarding a site selected for the depot, shops and grounds. It is thought that the deal will be closed in a few days for constructing the water works system.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I am not a candidate for the office of Supervisor of roads of the Sumpter district, and I desire that my name be withdrawn from the republican ticket. Signed:

GEO. B. TEDROWE.

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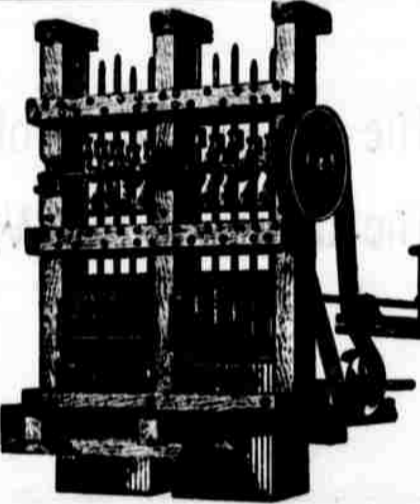
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