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### ONION BED A GOLD MINE.

## Nugget Found Clinging to Roots, Near Canyon City.

Another gold mine will probably be added to the list of mines surrounding Canyon City, in the near future.

Whether this mine has received a name of not, we are unable to say. The Onion Patch placers, however, would be a suggestive name.

The discoverer of this placer mine, which no doubt will become famous, was Mrs. M. J. Chambers, wife of the Elkhorn hotel proprietor, while the owner is Joe Oliver.

The discovery was made in this way: Mr. Oliver, who supplies the hotel with milk and vegetables, brought a box of green onions, which he had taken from his onion patch, to Mrs. Chambers on Tuesday last. While Mrs. Chambers was washing the onions, preparatory for dinner, she discovered a shining gold nugget, embedded in the soil surrounding the roots of the onions.

It is rumored that Mr. Oliver will employ a force of men to pull up the onions and pick off the nuggets, which are hanging to the roots, before he markets them. -Grant County News.

#### **Trains Now Run to Shaniko**

Passenger and freight trains are now running into Shankio, the present terminus of the Columbia Southern railroad, and Portland is reaping a good trade from the district. The rates connected with the O. R. & N. are as low as those to points along that line. The Columbia Southern people report that they have all the freight they can handle. The trade is much larger than they expected and that is saving good deal. How long Shaniko will remain the terminus of the Columbia Southern is a matter of speculation. The managers are not telling their plans, but it is reported that the road's surveyors are still busy arranging preliminary lines to Prineville. The other survey party which went into Central Oregon from The Dalles a month or so ago, has not been heard of yet. It is keeping its movement well under cover. In fact some people interested doubt if any such a survey party is in the interior of Oregon, but as a large party were seen to go in and not come out again, there is reason for believing it is still there .--Portland Telegram.

## New Type of Rock Drill

The Rossland Miner gives these facts Wants to Buy 2000 Horses regarding a new type of drill: In ad-Mr. W. P. Wood, representing the dition to this there are three drills of a firm of W. P. Wood & Son, stock comnew type which it is thought will be a mission merchants of Greencastle, Ingreat improvement over the old drills. diana, is in the city. Mr. Wood is here The drills are hollow and a stream of to purchase, if possible 2000 head of range water under pressure keeps the drill holes horses. He states that representatives of clear of muck. Mr. Rogers says the makthe English government have recently ers of these drills guarantee that they purchased in the state of Indiana, Illinois can be run with just half the power of the and Ohio 15,000 head of horses for use old style of drills. The theory is that principaliy in South Africa, paying per the small pieces of rock that are chipped head from \$125 to \$150. Owners of off by the drills are removed as soon as horses in Baker county had better inthey are broken off, by the water running terview Mr. Wood at the earliest moment under high pressure, and as a consequence for his stay here will be brief unless he the bits work directly on the rock all the secures the number of horses he requires. time, whereas in the old drills the small -Baker City Democrat. pieces of rock taken off by the old fashion drills act as a cushion and prevent the Big Nuggets From Long Gulch. drills from taking hold. Mr. Rogers r, ex-deputy pos if the drills operate as well as expected it master of this city, came in yesterday from will revolutionize drilling. As soon as his placer claims on Long guich, near the Tom Thumb company is satisfied Bridgport, this county, with several that these drills are a success several hundred dollar's worth of gold nuggets, more will be ordered. the largest piece weighing \$50. In the assortment left at the First National bank

s doons, was passed by the council. At a late hour Monday night another recess was taken until Tuesday night, when various proposed ordinances were passed, one of which fixed the salaries and bonds of the city officers, and the other providing for a tax on the city canies. The council is very carefully considering every proposition brought before them, and from the start made, it is apparent that the voters of John Day acted wisely in selecting its present council.-Grant County News.

#### City of Necanicum Disincorporated.

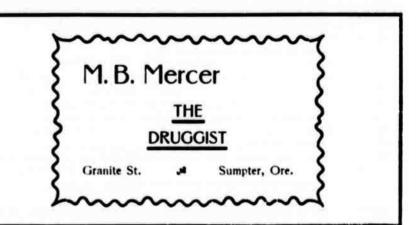
The incorporation of towns and "cities" in this western country is of frequent occurence, but the formal and legal abandonment of corporate municipial existence is not a common incident, though it is reported to have occured this week in the case of the "city" of Necanicum, in Clatsop county, the sufficient and sensible reason given being that the land was much more valuable for farming purposes than for town lots. The same is true of a large part of a good many of our western "cities", and many "additions" thereto. A considerable portion of the area of Portland even, platted into town lots and called this or that "adddition", would be put to better use, and would be of more profit to the owners and to the community, if it were devoted to raising pottaoes and cabbages, apples or berries .- Portland Telegram.

#### **Combination Manipulating Copper Values**

In its review of the copper market for the past week, the Boston News Bureau says: The market for copper has been gradually tending to a lower level. Subrosa terms considerably below published official quotations have been possible for some little time, but consumers and exporters have adopted an exceedingly conservative policy and as a consequence sales have been difficult to effect. Meantime values have been settling and have reached the level of about 1612 cents, with more sellers than buyers. Business is heard of at figures inside of prices popularly quoted, but the quantity was not large, and the brand other than lake. The feeling is that the market will have to become more settled before activity can be expected. The London situation remains the same; it looks as if the policy of the combination were to allow the selling to go on while the wave of depression lasts, and to support again when the tendency improves.

were numerous pieces of gold quartz,





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#### John Day Has Incorporated.

The city council organized last Thurs- which indicates that there is a mother day night by the mayor, aldermen and lode or ledge in close proximity to the other city officers present taking the oath placers, and this Mr. Kinnison will atof office, after which committees were tempt to find as soon as his placer run is appointed and an adjournment was taken over. This last cleanup is one of several until Monday night of this week. At made by Mr. Kinnison, and his last clean-Monday's meeting several ordinances up, which will be made in about three were introduced and read, but only one, weeks, Mr. Kinnison thinks will be a an ordinance regulating and licensing handsome one .- Baker City Democrat.

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