

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 or 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 Shaniko, 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 Rosslund Miner gives these facts regarding a new type of drill: In addition to this there are three drills of a new type which it is thought will be a great improvement over the old drills. The drills are hollow and a stream of water under pressure keeps the drill holes clear of muck. Mr. Rogers says the makers of these drills guarantee that they can be run with just half the power of the old style of drills. The theory is that the small pieces of rock that are chipped off by the drills are removed as soon as they are broken off, by the water running under high pressure, and as a consequence the bits work directly on the rock all the time, whereas in the old drills the small pieces of rock taken off by the old fashion drills act as a cushion and prevent the drills from taking hold. Mr. Rogers says if the drills operate as well as expected it will revolutionize drilling. As soon as the Tom Thumb company is satisfied that these drills are a success several more will be ordered.

John Day Has Incorporated.

The city council organized last Thursday night by the mayor, aldermen and other city officers present taking the oath of office, after which committees were appointed and an adjournment was taken until Monday night of this week. At Monday's meeting several ordinances were introduced and read, but only one, an ordinance regulating and licensing

saloons, 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 occurrence, but the formal and legal abandonment of corporate municipal existence is not a common incident, though it is reported to have occurred 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 "addition", 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 potatoes 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 16½ 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.

Wants to Buy 2000 Horses

Mr. W. P. Wood, representing the firm of W. P. Wood & Son, stock commission merchants of Greencastle, Indiana, is in the city. Mr. Wood is here to purchase, if possible 2000 head of range horses. He states that representatives of the English government have recently purchased in the state of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio 35,000 head of horses for use principally in South Africa, paying per head from \$125 to \$150. Owners of horses in Baker county had better interview Mr. Wood at the earliest moment for his stay here will be brief unless he secures the number of horses he requires.—Baker City Democrat.

Big Nuggets From Long Gulch.

Mr. Henry J. Kinnison, ex-deputy postmaster of this city, came in yesterday from his placer claims on Long gulch, near Bridgport, this county, with several hundred dollar's worth of gold nuggets, the largest piece weighing \$50. In the assortment left at the First National bank were numerous pieces of gold quartz, which indicates that there is a mother lode or ledge in close proximity to the placers, and this Mr. Kinnison will attempt to find as soon as his placer run is over. This last cleanup is one of several made by Mr. Kinnison, and his last cleanup, which will be made in about three weeks, Mr. Kinnison thinks will be a handsome one.—Baker City Democrat.

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