

PROFITS IN PLACERS.

General Revival in This Branch of Mining.

R. H. Donaldson Selby came in from the Burnt river placer district Saturday, and reports much activity there. His opinion is that Eugene Way, working the Holdman creek placers, and Charles Wilcox, of the Spring gulch placers, will make handsome cleanups.

These diggings are between Lockhart and Herford, in the Auburn section, where they will have a full two months run of water. Mr. Selby says he helped Charles Wilcox pick up \$75.00 on his ground one afternoon.

Isaac Neil also came in Friday. In partnership with M. B. White he has been working a placer claim near Devore & Ashbury's diggings on the "Old Chanell" about five miles west of Sumpter. Mr. Neil tells how, on a 78 hours run with 35 inches of water, with which they worked about twenty-five by eighty feet of gravel, they cleaned up 65 ounces of gold, which they exchanged for double eagles at the Sumpter bank on the basis of \$17.25 per ounce.

As has been predicted by THE MINER would be the case, placer mining is again receiving more attention all over eastern Oregon and much money is being invested in placer properties by men whose means will make these rich grounds yield large profits. It is a fact well known that rich ground has been open in all directions for years, where water was not to be had without heavy cost for constructing ditches and flumes, but some of the more farseeing ones have calculated the results to accrue from spending a few, and often many thousands of dollars to secure the necessary water to wash the rich grounds that are to be had for comparatively small sums, and have accordingly put up their money, well knowing it would return to them many fold.

Prairie City the Coming Camp.

E. A. Miller, of Milwaukee, is at the Knutsford on his way back from eastern Oregon to attend the mining congress. Mr. Miller is a mining man of considerable experience and is heavily interested in mines around Baker City, Oregon. He says that this year's clean-up from the placers in eastern Oregon will exceed anything in the past few years and that the dredger which is working on Burnt river is meeting with astonishing success. The coming camp of that country, he says, is Prairie City, in the John Day valley. Here new strikes of rich gold ore are recorded almost daily. In the Copper King mine a short time ago a body of ore was uncovered which ran \$120 in gold, \$1800 in cobalt and two per cent copper. At Quartz City, seven miles from Prairie City, a strike was made the day before he left, in a thirty-eight foot shaft, which was something wonderful. A vein of gold ore was encountered which ran away up in the thousands. Prospectors are flocking in, and it is one of the busiest places in the west. The new district is reached from Sumpter and in some forty miles away from the railroad, but the road from Sumpter is promised to reach Prairie City before the close of the season.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Japs Driven out of Union Mills.

Some time ago the management of the Union Woolen Mill found it impossible to secure the necessary help in the mill and brought a number of Japanese to work in the factory. The presence of this "foreign labor" became distasteful to certain unknown parties here, judging from the sequel. On last Saturday night these Japanese, who were peaceably domiciled in one of President Eaton's houses, were

attacked by these unknown persons and forcibly driven from town. In doing this, Mr. Eaton informs us, about \$40 damage was done to the building. Up to this time no arrests have been made, but it is probable that these parties who have thus taken the law into their own hands will be brought to justice in the immediate future.—Union Republican.

FOREST INSPECTORS.

At Work in Blue Mountain Timber Near Prairie City.

A. J. Johnson, forestry botanist for Oregon, is experting the timber and shrubbery in the Blue mountain range of mountains and is now inspecting the timber belt in the Prairie City district.

His work consists of finding out the number of acres of out-standing timber, varieties, distribution of each variety, the number of sawmills and the amount of lumber cut by each, the area of timber destroyed by forest fires, the time fires were set and who set them, the result of destruction by forest fires and the result of reforestation.

Not only the timber is looked after by Mr. Johnson, but the different species of shrubbery, and when his trip of inspection in the different timber belts of Oregon is completed, a statistical report will be prepared and forwarded to Washington. This report will be used in making a new map of the state of Oregon by the government and when completed this map will show where the timber belts lie and the different species of shrubbery growing thereon.

Mr. Johnson has experienced some difficulty in running down the originators of forest fires, but has been successful in most cases. One case took over two years but the guilty one was finally brought to justice.

In early days the timber in some parts of the coast range was almost completely destroyed by fire and the natural supposition is that it was set by Indians, but Mr. Johnson claims these fires were originated by the Hudson Bay company, and were set with malicious intent.

Mr. Johnson is now in the Strawberry range and is being piloted by Cal Johnson of this city. It will take about two months of hard work to complete his labors in the Blue mountains.—Prairie City Miner.

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