

ON A LARGE SCALE.

Cornucopia Mines Making Improvements.

The Cornucopia Mines of Oregon company is carrying out plans for the operation of its mines in a most practical manner and on a scale never before attempted in Oregon.

The waters of Pine creek are to be harnessed and electricity employed to run all the machinery connected with the mines.

Mr. P. J. Cirkel, manager of all the western mining interests of Sugar King Searles, the chief figure in the Cornucopia mines of Oregon company, was in the city yesterday on his return from Cornucopia, and took his departure for the Rico mines in Colorado.

Mr. Cirkel gave out the information that the first shipment of machinery for the electrical plant was expected to arrive in Baker City early in the first of the coming month, and the balance would arrive during the month.

The machinery purchased consists of general electric generators and motors; a Ledgerwood Manufacturing company's electric hoist, the first ever introduced in Oregon; Pelton water wheels; a Sergeant-Ingersoll 12 drill air compressor. The general electric machinery consists of two 250-horse power generators; one 200-horse power motor; one 150-horse power motor. The whole aggregating 200,000 pounds in weight.

All work preparatory to placing the machinery in place is about completed and it is expected that the plant will be in operation 30 days after the arrival of the machinery.

From Baker City the machinery will be hauled by teams to the mines at Cornucopia, a feat of no small proportions in itself, but easy of accomplishment by those having the contract.—Baker City Democrat.

SHORT STORIES.

A ledge containing 92 per cent of magnesia has been discovered three miles from Albion, Idaho.

Walla Walla's fruit fair will be held from October 1 to 7, inclusive. The management is making extensive preparations.

The G. A. R. decided to hold their next encampment at Denver. Leo Rossieur, of St. Louis was chosen Commander-in-Chief.

The fusion convention of Washington, held in Seattle nominated Governor John R. Rogers. Rogers and Turner controlling everything.

Uncle Sam's boys found on reaching the "Temple of Heaven" that the occupants had vacated it as the hottest place in China.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Jas. J. Corbett defeated Kid McCoy in five rounds, before the Twentieth Century club in New York on the 30th. Corbett received about \$18,000 and McCoy \$6,000.

Boston has a population of 560,892, according to the new census. In 1890 she had only 448,447, or 25.07 per cent less. A remarkable gain for such an old city, almost a boom.

The census returns show that there is a couple of Indians living on what was the Nez Perce reservation who are each over 100 years of age. They are man and wife, were born in January, 1800, and were married 76 years ago.

Here is a story from Spokane: The Central Christian church owns a gold mine. Their pastor has gone to work in the mine, and will take out some samples and go east and sell shares, from the pro-

ceeds of which they will build a new church building.

Figures secured by the Boise Statesman claim that the population of the state of Idaho, as shown by the recent census, is close to 150,000. In 1890 it was 84,385. The largest city is Boise, with 8000. Pocatello comes next with 4000. Moscow has 3300 and Lewiston 3100. Nez Perce and Latah counties have each a little over 13,000, and Ada 12,000. Fremont county shows the greatest growth and has 12,000 people.

Formal announcement has been made by the officials of the Spokane land office that lands formerly in the north half of the Colville reservation will be open for entry at noon October 10. Accompanying this announcement is a warning to the public not to attempt to make settlement on any of the lands before that date and hour. Similar announcement has been made by the Waterville land office officials.

Seven hundred medals being presented by the state to the soldiers participating in the Spanish war and Filipino insurrection remain uncalled for at the office of Adjutant-General Gantenbein. One thousand have been delivered, and the adjutant-general is anxious to have the others claimed by their rightful owners. The medals for the Oregon Engineer Corps have been completed and are now ready for delivery at the same office. Address Adjutant-General Gantenbein, Portland, Oregon.

THOUGHT HIM A YANKEE.

It Was Because He Knew How to Get a Tree Out of Road.

Senator Vest has a story he sometimes tells to illustrate Arkansas character of the Hourbon mossback type. According to the narrative, the senator, in the days following the civil war, when he practiced law, had occasion to drive across one of the counties of Arkansas to keep a legal engagement. He thinks it was in the northeast part of the state, just below the Missouri line. The journey went very well until the Senator came across a group of natives on the road. Across the roadway a tree had fallen squarely. There was no way to get around and lay out a new road after the usual plan of dealing with such an obstruction in that country. The tree had to be moved. Neighbors had come from all around in response to the summons of the road overseer. They had strung their teams out and had tried two or three pulls without any result beyond breaking a couple of trace chains. They had stopped to deliberate on the next step. The senator looked at the tree and at the helpless crowd of Arkansas natives, and then said:

"Why don't you cut the tree in two in the middle and haul the ends out of the way?"

There was a moment of silence broken suddenly by one of the crowd who reached for his gun, and exclaimed:

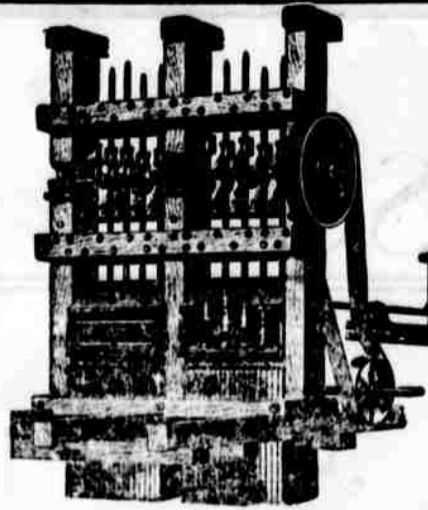
"Yankee, by gum!"

A PROMISING PROPERTY.

Development Work on the Oregon Chief Group Highly Satisfactory.

John Thornton, who is interested with his brother, Tom, and J. E. Donnelly in the Oregon Chief group of claims in the Cable Cove district, is in the city after having spent the past two months in developing the property.

The Oregon Chief group consists of several claims and is considered to be one of the best properties in the Cable Cove district. About 1400 feet of development work, all tunnelling, has been done on the property and the results are highly satisfactory to the owners. Four of the claims are on the same vein. The entire group is located on what is said to be the main lead in the district, and on the extension of the Grey Eagle group of mines.—Democrat.

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