

#### ANOTHER MINING ROMAN CE.

## 160 Acres."

The following from the Portland Telegram is published as the prize winning specimen of altalfa inspired composition. A prospector trying to describe a society girl's ball gown couldn't make any more breaks" in the same space:

George H. Lucke, of 1125 East Taylor street, formerly a member of the firm of Lucke & McCloud, tailors, has returned from the mining districts of Sumpter, Or., after an absence of several months.

Mr. Lucke has proved beyond a doubt that there is something in a name. Several months ago he went up to Sumpter an a prospecting trip, accompanied by an East Side carpenter, who was to build him a cabin. Mr. Lucke did not know the first thing about mining, but he resolved to learn, and learn he did, as shown by his good fortune. He was told that what he wanted to look for was a float-that district, but was unsuccessful. He did not lose patience, however, or give up in despair, as some would have done.

mation of a hillside, he picked up a float, basis .- Butte Inter-Mountain. which seemed to him to be quite rich. Overjoyed at his find, he immediately repaired to the city of Sumpter, two and a half miles away, to have the ore assayed. It proved to be quite rich, assaying \$12 to river, including miles of ditches, flumes, the ton. He at once took up 160 acres, pipes and other improvements, were sold comprising the place where the float was found and the vicinity.

from Sumpter to do some prospecting, the Wm. Muir and J. E. Foley. Mr. Muir carpenter, who had not yet been informed immediately transferred his interest to Mr.

When he had got through talking, Mr. Lucke quietly pulled out the assay ticket Tenderfoot "Finds a Float and Takes Up and the claim certificate and showed them Raising Sugar Beets the Industry-Every to him, without a word. The man's eyes nearly bulged out of his head, and he went half crazy with delight.

> Mr. Lucke has now three claims staked out which show some exceedingly fine terested in the sugar beet industry of the values in ore. It will be an easy matter to develop the claims, as an English syndicate will furnish him all of the money needed for machinery and other expenses. Mr. Lucke will return to his claims immediately.

### Sinking Contract for 200 Feet Let.

W. F. Cobban returned yesterday from a business trip to Sumpter and other parts for sale at wheat land prices, in tracts contract for sinking an additional 200 feet will not be required to raise beets, but on some mining property owned by him- will be offered every inducement for so self and others near that place. The doing. property comprises twelve claims, and Mr. Cobban says the chances for it to become On some tracts beets will be raised witha gigantic producer are most excellent, out water, and on others the efficacy of wherever a float was found rich property While absent he visited another mining irrigation will be tried. If at tife end of was sure to be in the vicinity. For a long centre in northern Oregon and saw some the first year the land is found to be well time he prospected in different parts of the fine looking gold bearing quartz. It is adapted to beet growing, the company will practically a new discovery. The town of either build a railroad or a pumping plant, Sumpter, says Mr. Cobban, is not boom- by which the juice of the beet is conveyed ing, but it has a business appearance, to the factory. Either plan would entai One day, as he was looking at the for- having settled down to a substantial over \$100,000 expense, and the company

## French Syndicate Placers Sold.

The Camp Carson placer mines up the yesterday afternoon in Slater's law office, at auction, by N. E. Imhaus, representing When Mr. Lucke returned to his claim a French syndicate. They were bid in by of his find, was in despair and disgust at Foley. The price paid is not given out, live in town and enjoy community life the country, saying that there was not a but is understood to be ridiculously low. while working upon and managing their farms. The new town will be called Nibdollar's worth of gold in a hundred miles. The Woodley house was purchased by lev, in honor of C. W. Nibley.—La He advocated a speedy return to Portland. Charles Nersley.—LaGrande Journal.

#### MODEL TOWN OF NIBLEY.

## Lot an Acre and a Quarter.

George Stoddard, C. W. Nibley and George Eccles, who are all personally invalley, were in La Grande this week and made final arrangements with M. L. Causey for the disposal of the large Conley tract recently purchased by the Oregon Land company. The survey is practically complete and the land ready to be placed on the market. In order to secure a large number of purchasers four men will be placed in the field and Mr. Causey will act as home agent. The land will be offered of Oregon. While at Sumpter he let a from twenty acres up. The purchasers

Next year will be an experimental year. does not wish to rush in without having proved the success of beet growing on the Conley tract.

One interesting feature of the survey is that a town has been laid out on an eminot to be a cramped and dirty business town, but a residence city of fine lawns and orchards and magnificent views. The blocks, which will be divided into four lots, contain five acres each. The site can be seen from La Grande, and from it any town in the valley can be viewed. It is the intention that the farmers shall

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