

FIFTY DOLLAR ROCK.

From the Cleaver Properties in Strawberry Range.

If any one doubts for a minute that the Strawberry range does not carry as high values in mineral as any other section of the Prairie City mining district, all they have to do is to cast their optics over the four hundred pounds of surface samples on exhibition at Joe Reese's assay office.

The samples were brought in Monday by Elmer Cleaver from the Jonathan Bourne ledge of the Will Cleaver group. Mr. Cleaver will take them, besides specimens from the other rich properties in this district, to the street fair at Pendleton next week, and place them on exhibition. From there the collection will be exhibited at the Spokane exposition. They will also be placed on exhibition in Denver, Colorado, next month.

The Jonathan Bourne ledge, from which these specimens were taken, will average from three to thirty feet wide and the croppings can be traced for four claims in length. The assays already made average fifty dollars, mostly gold and copper, but some silver.

The Will Cleaver ledge in the same group is about the same in width, but can be traced for six claims in length, and the character of the ore is the same as that on the Jonathan Bourne, and the assays average about the same.

Two pieces of rock were picked up 6000 feet apart on this group and the character, formation and other peculiarities were identical.

The Will Cleaver group consists of twenty-six claims, and Mr. Cleaver says that with a 3000-foot tunnel at least twenty ledges would be cut and 3000 feet of depth attained.

The other day while a crowd was examining the specimens, a Quartzburg miner picked up a piece of the ore and said: "You throw that into a bin with Quartzburg ore and you would never be able to identify it again. I never saw such a resemblance in character of ore from different sections."—Prairie City Miner.

Ranchers Against Water Pirates.

War has been declared by the ranchers in the lower valley against all parties taking water from Pine creek above the head of their ditch, usually known as the Woods, or McMullen ditch. Attorney Crawford came in from Union last week in their interest and after talking the matter over, returned to his home at Union. As a result of the declaration of war meetings are being held almost every evening by the numerous ditch companies and individuals interested in the other side of the case. The matter has been brewing for several years past and has been the cause of a good deal of wrangling among the parties interested. An equitable decision in the matter will be welcomed by all, and we trust that all parties will be treated justly and without prejudice. A law suit is an expensive luxury, even if you win, and should only be a last resort. It seems as though the matter could be settled without resorting to expensive litigation, and we hope the parties interested will be able to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of the matter without a suit.—Carson Tocsin.

Didn't Prospect the Siberian Coast.

A press dispatch from Seattle dated the 11th inst., says: The syndicate expedition which went north last spring in the steamship Samoa, with a concession from the Russian government to prospect a thousand miles of the Siberian coast, is a thrilling fiasco. The Samoa recently returned to Nome with thirty or more Russians aboard, practically the prisoners of seven Americans. The vessel was placed

in charge of American soldiers, and later the situation was investigated by Colonel Evans and Lieutenant Jarvis, of the United States treasury department. As a result the Cossacks will be sent back to Russia, while the Americans will return to San Francisco in the Samoa. The whole affair will be reported to the authorities at Washington and correspondence will probably be opened at once with the Russian government to ascertain what Russia's future position will be in regard to the American concessionists. It develops that when the Samoa was off the coast of Siberia the Russian transport Yokout was sighted and hailed, and at the instance of a Russian in the party named Dadouneditch about thirty Russians were transferred from the transport to the Samoa. Dadouneditch said the Russians were laborers, but as soon as they were aboard he volunteered the information that he had now thirty armed Cossacks at his back and proposed to depose George D. Roberts as head of the expedition. He also disclosed the fact that not only was he the representative of the Russian syndicate interested in the expedition, but was also an agent of the Russian government, and that the Cossacks aboard were soldiers. The Americans armed themselves that night, and while a majority of the Russians were asleep the Samoa was headed for American waters. It is believed that some international complications may arise as a result of the trouble.

Will Survey Eleven Townships.

George S. Nickerson, of Klamath Falls, at the head of a special government surveying party, arrived here today and will lay in supplies for a two-months stay. The surveying crew is composed of eight men, and they will start for Rock creek, this county, tomorrow, to complete the surveying and platting of eleven townships of desert land lying in Lake and Harney counties, near the lines, which were started by Mr. Nickerson in June, but was compelled to be temporarily abandoned until now. The surveying of this land will make available 253,440 acres of valuable land to intending settlers. All this land needs to make it productive is water, which can be had either by reservoirs or artesian wells. A constant flow of artesian water can be had, as proved by numerous experiments near this same land, at a depth of from 100 to 300 feet and at a cost of about \$1 per foot. The land is nearly all first class, sandy soil, and all lies in Oregon.—Harney County Item.

Scenic Line of the World.

For an enjoyable trip east, take the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, Scenic Line of the world. Three daily trains between Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and all eastern points, and all points on the Pacific coast. Most magnificent scenery on this continent. The leading feature in connection with the trip is that the through trains pass through the scenic attractions of the Rocky mountains in Colorado by daylight, thus affording passengers a cool, pleasant and enjoyable ride, free from dust and the annoyances experienced via other lines. Superb dining car service on all through trains. Service a la carte, pay for what you order. Through standard and tourist sleepers. Stopovers allowed on all classes of tickets anywhere between Ogden and Denver. Call on your nearest ticket agent for tickets, rates and all information, or address, B. G. NICHOL, General Agent, Portland, Ore.

Water Notice.

The lawn sprinkling hours are from 6 to 6:30 p. m. Consumers are restricted to their own grounds, and will not be permitted to sprinkle the public streets. Running water through an open hose at any other hour than those mentioned cannot be allowed. The water will be "shot off" whenever these rules are violated. SUMPTER WATER CO.

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