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RACES BEGIN TODAY.

THIS MEETING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SUNDAY.

Burns Horses, Eight in Number, Have Not Yet Arrived—Ideal Weather—Pool Selling Slow Last Evening—Program for Each Day—Special Race for the Mosby Purse.

The races commence this afternoon. The weather couldn't be improved on. Though the sun is shining brightly, the temperature is not too high for comfort. The track is in as good condition as could be expected under the circumstances. It requires time and constant work to make a race track really fast.

There are only twenty horses here thus far—this is written today at noon. Fully twice that number were expected. From Burns came applications for the entry of eight horses. None of these have shown up. No reason for this is assigned.

There is already quite a large number of strangers in town, mostly men who make a business of following the races. The crowd of mere spectators is not very dense around the streets on this opening day. It is hoped, however, that the grand stand will be comfortably filled.

Last night an effort was made at the Louvre to sell some pools on the races today, but the buying was not very lively. The entries are not sufficiently well known to those who play the races to inspire them to a point of enthusiasm which prompts them to bet their money. When the runners get on the track and people can see what they look like, the pool privilege will probably pan out more satisfactorily.

This is the advertised program of the meet:

Wednesday—Free for all, quarter mile dash, \$75; special, \$50; free for all, half mile dash, \$125.

Thursday—Free for all, five-eighths mile dash, \$125; special, \$50; saddle race, horses that have never run for public money.

Friday—Quarter mile dash for Baker county horses, \$75; pony race, \$25; free for all, three-eighths of a mile dash, \$150.

Saturday—Handicap, three-eighths mile dash, \$75; special, \$75; free for all, three-fourths mile dash, \$150.

Sunday—One mile novelty, \$50 each quarter, \$200; special, \$75; half mile and repeat, \$150.

In addition to this there will be another race for the W. H. Mosby purse of \$150. Mr. Mosby has given the Association lot 3, block 28, Sumpter Townsite company's first addition, raffle chances in which are now being sold. The drawing will be held towards the end of the week.

Machinery for the Red Cross.

Lee Hodges, owner of the Red Cross property about fifteen miles southwest of this city, left here last evening for the mine to take charge of the putting together of a new stamp mill that has just arrived on the property. The mill is one of the most complete ore grinders that has yet been set up in that section of the district. It contains all the latest improvements and will prove, no doubt, to be a great advantage over many of the mills around this city. The Red Cross is a new prospect and has not heretofore produced ore sufficient to justify the manage-

ment to place a mill upon the property, until about three months ago, when the permanent ledge was opened up which is from five to fifteen feet in width. Mr. Hodges has been visiting in San Francisco for about a month, during which time he has secured the machinery which is now being placed upon the property. He is an experienced mining man, having been engaged in Cripple Creek, Colorado, having had charge of some of the largest producers in the west. He has just employed a force of men who will begin work in a few days.—Republican.

Pine Creek Nugget Worth \$107.

J. H. Brown returned a few days since from a prospecting trip through the Burnt river country, having located some good claims near Malheur and done his location work thereon. He says that the day he passed the Pine Creek placers a \$107 nugget was taken from one of the claims, the name of the owner of which he failed to learn. Mr. Brown thinks that is the poor man's mining region of all the eastern Oregon gold fields.

FOR GALVESTON SUFFERERS.

Ball Will Be Given for Their Benefit Friday Evening.

Mrs. Tom McEwen has worked energetically to make a success of the ball to be given Friday evening at Ellis opera house for the benefit of the Galveston storm sufferers, and has about completed the arrangements. Its success is assured. It has been decided to have no ladies on the committees.

Frank McDevitt will act as doorkeeper. The floor managers are: W. W. Looney, Al Jones, A. P. Goss, E. C. Steffen, George Baker, C. K. DeNeffe, H. M. Lee.

Reception committee consists of R. L. Neill, J. H. Robbins, E. L. Edwards, Cato Johns, H. G. Wood, A. W. Ellis and Tom McEwen.

Of course it is unnecessary to point out how entirely worthy the object of this charity ball is, nor to urge the citizens of Sumpter to give it their united support.

Toward-Orwell Wrestling Match.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to place in the hands of stakeholder named below \$500 (five hundred dollars) a side to wrestle, Cornish style, the best three in five, the winner to take 75 per cent of gate receipts, and the loser the balance. The style to be wrestled as rules call. The match to take place in Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, September 29th, 1900. The men to be in the ring at 9 o'clock, p. m., sharp. The one failing to appear as above stated shall forfeit \$250. The remainder of the stakes to be placed in the final stakeholder's hands on the day of wrestling. F. J. M. Rowe to be final stakeholder. Referee to be selected on day of wrestling.

Signed TOM TOWARD,
JACK ORWELL.

Witnesses: H. SWEETAPPLE,
C. H. MOORE.
Sumpter, Oregon, September 26th, 1900.

Shaw Company Saw Mill Sold.

The Shaw Lumber company has sold its saw mill here to J. H. Stellings, of Salt Lake, who has already taken possession and is operating the mill. A. B. Bloomer, the manager for the Shaw company, who built the mill, left yesterday for his former home in Tacoma. He says he has seen his family only four days during the past year, and there are ominous complaints coming from that source. The Shaw company people are good folks to have in any community and THE MINER regrets to see them leave this field.

NEITHER WILL DIE.

Fred Kane and His Wife Both Recovering from Wound.

Dr. Tape reports this forenoon that both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kane, the people who were shot a week ago, are doing well and are liable to recover. Dr. Anderson, a former army surgeon, who was called in consultation, says he has rarely seen wounds yield so readily to treatment. Both were shot through the lungs.

The whys and wherefores of this shooting scrape have not yet been revealed. The two victims tell stories diametrically opposite to each other. The woman's side was told in THE MINER last week; which was to the effect that the husband, while apparently demented, shot the child, herself and himself. At that time Fred Kane stated that a man with a black mask had shot him, but no one paid any attention to the statement, thinking that his mind was still clouded.

Since he has regained complete consciousness, he tells a tale that knocks the props from under his wife's narrative. Of course, that old repulsive hag of jealousy, conjured into reality by a foolish, faithless wife, is at the bottom of the troubled tragedy. He says that when he returned to the cabin from a short walk through the adjacent woods, in search of game, he found a man in bed with his wife. Naturally, trouble ensued. The two men had a scuffle, in which, declares Kane, his rifle was discharged accidentally killing the child and wounding the woman. He then went to his brother's cabin, a quarter of a mile away, where the villain still pursued and shot him.

The reader will note that this is rather a "fishy" story in some of its details, but it supplies a reasonable motive for the crime—the insanity theory didn't hold water for half a day. Some people believe implicitly what Kane says about the affair, basing their faith on the fact that when it was thought he was going to die, he made a confession to his priest and was absolved. They say that had he confessed to self destruction, he would not have been absolved, that being against the tenets of the church. This theory is based entirely on faith, which cuts no ice in a criminal court.

Kane refused to tell who the man in the case is; said he would reveal his identity in case that his death was inevitable. The inference is therefore drawn that in the event of his recovery he will settle the score without the aid of the law. A whole lot of people claim to know who the man is, but no effort is being made to arrest him. Officials evidently don't believe that he did the gun shooting and house burning.

Norris Worswick Strikes It Rich.

Norris Worswick's many friends in this section will be pleased to learn that he has at last received his deserts, has opened up a large vein of rich ore in a mine he owns over in Idaho. His sister, Mrs. Brock, received a letter from him yesterday announcing this fact, also samples of the ore. Some of it carries "gray copper," which is nearly all silver—just why it is called gray copper no one knows. What was considered an average sample was assayed here. It carried values amounting to \$48.80, silver, gold and copper. Mr. Worswick and his brothers have been working on this mine for seven years past, pinning their faith to it and investing their hard earned

money in it. The tunnel cut the ledge when in 260 feet. The tunnel is without a timber, going through rock all the way. Mr. Worswick worked in the Columbia for several years and is well and favorably known in that district.

Ice Factory for Baker City.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for the Artificial Ice & Storage company. The incorporators are well known local capitalists, J. T. Donnelly, William Polman and Bela Kadish. The capital stock has been placed at \$15,000, which has been fully subscribed. The company will put in a complete and up-to-date plant for manufacturing artificial ice. They will also handle coal in large quantity. It is acknowledged that the ice put up at this place in the past has not been the best in the world, and grave doubts have been entertained as to its healthfulness. The ice that will be manufactured through chemical process will be absolutely pure and clean. We understand that work on the new enterprise will begin at once and will be pushed to completion. The works will be located near the O. R. & N track in the neighborhood of the depot.—Democrat.

Inquiries About Oregon Mines.

One of the best evidences of the attention Oregon and her resources are attracting throughout the country is found in the many requests for information received by the different railway companies. In the large batch of mail received by General Passenger Agent Hurlburt, of the O. R. & N. Co., yesterday, were several letters in which the writers asked for information in regard to the mineral resources of eastern Oregon. One of the writers, a resident of southern California, states that he had received an O. R. & N. folder on the mineral wealth of eastern Oregon, issued in 1897, and wanted to know whether any later publications had been issued. Mr. Hurlburt states that the supply of O. R. & N. folders issued this year does not begin to supply the demand, and that another large order will have to be placed with the printer in a very short time.—Telegram.

Many Looking Towards Sumpter.

Prominent business men report that they have had more inquiries regarding Sumpter and its prospects during the last three weeks than in all the rest of the past year. A number of men of means have expressed their intention of visiting here soon to look up investments, and several are now in town to place money if the properties bear out the representations which have been made to them. It is gratifying to note that Oregon investors are becoming more numerous, as until recently this region, which should have been the exclusive field for home enterprise has had to depend upon outside capital for its development. John E. McManus, the capitalist, is expected to return October 10, accompanied by a friend who desires investments in free milling properties, and has considerable money to place if he can find satisfactory openings. Two men who have been operating in Nelson, British Columbia, on an extensive scale, will be here during the middle of the month with a view to locating. A party of Illinois investors who have been investigating Cripple Creek, but found the high altitude disagreeable, have written that they will be here soon to look over Sumpter, and probably will engage in business with this city as their headquarters. And so the list might be lengthened almost indefinitely with every name representing dollars seeking investment, not caring so much for present earnings as for the promise of future profits, the gold from the mint winning the gold from the mine just as the tame animal decoys his wild mates.—Sumpter Correspondent in Telegram.