

DR. PEARCE'S ROMANCE

Went East to Take Curtain, Not Medical, Lectures.

Several weeks since Dr. Pearce slipped out of this town without telling any one that he was going, where, or what for. At Baker City a reporter caught him on the fly and demanded an explanation and he submitted what now seems to be quite a funny excuse. He told the reporter that he was going east to take a course of lectures, which every one would naturally conclude to be a course of medical lectures; when, as a matter of fact, he meant curtain lectures all the time, as the following press dispatch from Philadelphia, dated the twenty-first instant, demonstrates:

"The culmination of a pretty romance was reached Wednesday night, when the Rev. Father McNamara, of the church of the Gesu, married Miss Jeanett Elizabeth Hurley, of this city, and Dr. Claude S. Pearce, of Sumpter, Oregon. After being graduated from Jefferson Medical college, Dr. Pearce entered the hospital, and there met Miss Hurley, who was employed as a nurse. An engagement followed before Dr. Pearce left for the Pacific coast, where he has acquired a large practice. Miss Hurley, having been graduated from the training school of the Women's Medical college, still pursued her chosen vocation, always having in mind the bright future which awaited her in the newer field of the far Northwest.

"Dr. and Mrs. Pearce will make their future residence in Sumpter, Oregon, for which they leave in a few days."

Some of his friends here declare that they will not do a thing to him when he gets back.

WORLD'S GOLD PRODUCT.

During Past Fifty Years Nearly Seven Billions of Dollars.

Few people realize how much the world's production of gold has increased during the half century now closing. Through the 40 years represented in 1851-1899 the gold mines of all countries added to the wealth of the world the enormous sum of \$6,695,611,000. This is more than double the total amount of the world's gold production from the beginning of the year 1501 to the end of 1850. The production of gold during those three and one-half centuries aggregated \$3,129,720,000, according to the statement issued by the bureau of statistics at Washington, D. C., and approved by the director of the mint.

California has contributed to the world's stock of the precious metal since Marshall discovered it in the Sutter mill race at Coloma over \$1,400,000,000. This is equal to one-fourth of the total production of the half century from all sources, and is nearly one-half of the amount of the yellow metal mined between 1501 and 1850. California thus holds a supreme position as a gold producer, in not only the record of the latter half of the nineteenth century, but also in the record of the last four centuries.

During the past four years the ratio of the world's gold production has increased marvelously. This period shows an aggregate yield of \$1,043,491,000, and represents nearly one-sixth of the half century's contribution to the world's wealth. Of this amount \$247,414,000 was extracted from the placer and quartz mines of the United States, which lie chiefly in the territory west of the Missouri river. From this region the world is at present drawing one-fourth of its supply, another fourth having been obtained in 1899 from the Transvaal. The mines of the Rand would have made an even better record last year and the present one had it not been for the war in South Africa. They will make a very small showing, if any

at all, in the world's record this year, as there is now absolutely no prospect of an early resumption of operations in them.

The foregoing record shows that this is truly a golden age. The world may never have seen its equal before. But the increase in production of the precious metal in recent years has been so extraordinarily disproportionate to that of any corresponding period of which we have a record, that a wide field for speculation is opened up for political economists. Mining methods have been so simplified and reduced to such economical basis that the area of production has been immeasurably enlarged, while the processes of extraction are so perfect that all factors of waste have been virtually eliminated.

The prospect is, therefore, for a much greater increase in the ratio of gold production of the world during the next half century than has occurred during the one now closing. The question, may, consequently, be asked, with some concern as to the answer, is the time approaching when there will be an overproduction of gold in the world.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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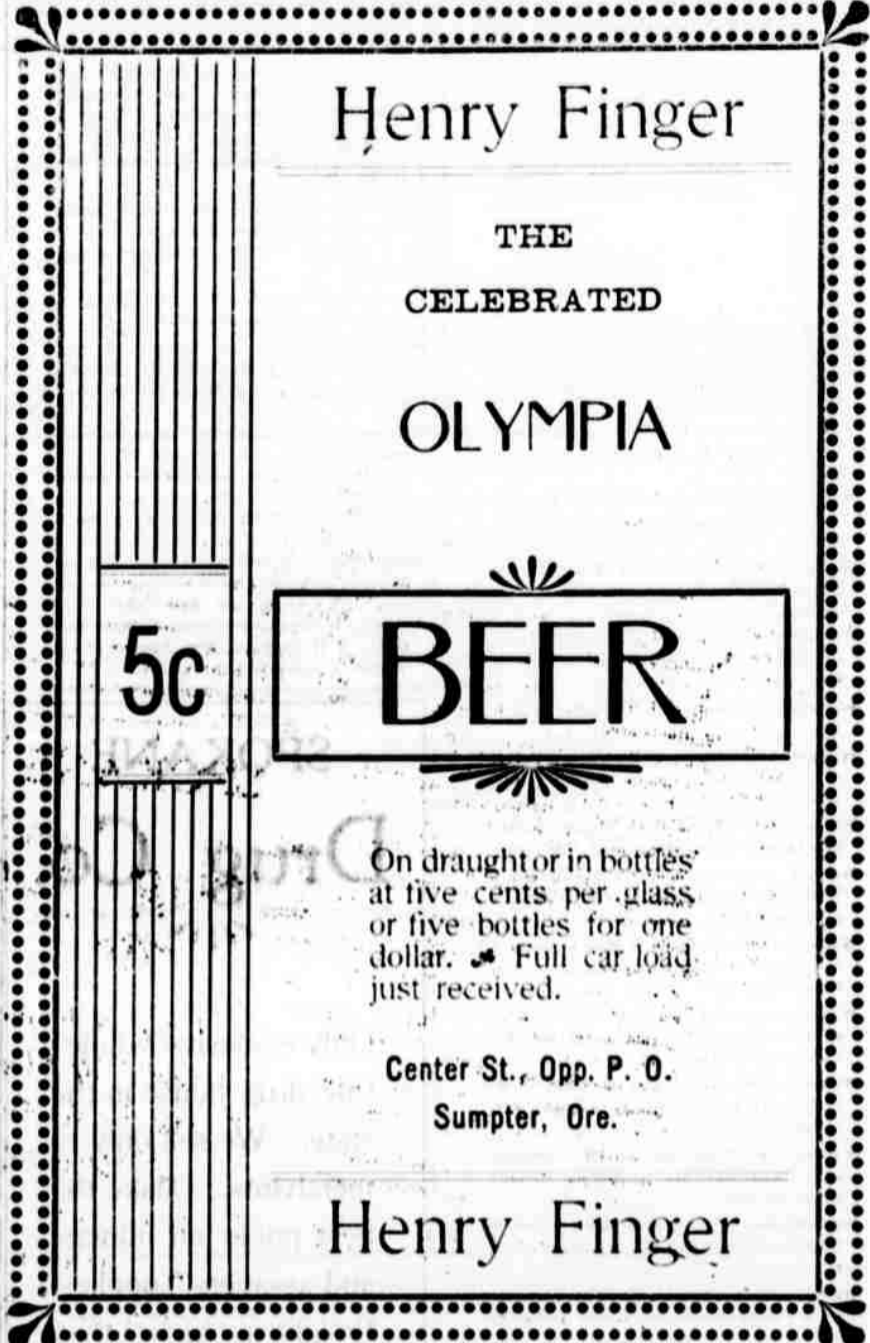


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