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RICH PLACER STRIKE.

ON GIMLET CREEK NOT FOUR MILES FROM TOWN.

First Pan With Bedrock Yields \$1.25—From Ten Square Feet 2 1/2 Ounces Are Taken—Sale of Pine Creek Placers—Active Work at the Griffith Claims—Building Flume 1000 Feet Long.

Remarkably rich placer ground has been discovered on Gimlet creek, between three and four miles from Sumpter—discovered by the merest chance.

Thomas Allen, Charles House and John Abraham have been prospecting for quartz mines out that way all summer. During the past few weeks they have been doing some work on the Little Butte. Last week they went to the bottom of the gulch and dug a water hole three or four feet deep, for the purpose of panning mortar crushed rock from the ledge above.

One of the men, as prospectors do, with no definite object in view, panned out some of the dirt taken from the hole. Three coarse colors constituted the result. That was apparently a good thing. They dug down to bed rock and from the first pan \$1.25 was taken. It was surely a good thing, and they at once constructed a rocker and began to take out gold. From a space of ten square feet they took two and a half ounces.

This gold was bought by the Bank of Sumpter and can now be seen there. It is unusually coarse and is nearly half nuggets, weighing from one to five dollars.

The discoverers have taken four claims, all the available ground in that immediate vicinity.

Sale of Pine Creek Placers.

The Pine creek placers, near Bridgport, south of Sumpter and in the Burnt river district, were purchased last week by P. D. Healy and P. J. Griffin of Sumpter. The purchase includes the water rights of Pine and Cottonwood creeks. The new owners have apparently acquired a fine property in these diggings, as while only the surface gravel has been washed by the former owners, who are said to have taken seven dollars per day to the man therefrom, a prospect hole sunk to bed rock is said to have given \$2.50 to the pan. Messrs. Healy and Griffin are going to work at once to make such improvements during the next few months as will allow them to work this ground on an extensive scale next spring.

Work at Griffith Placers.

Messrs. Sorensen & Kettie will begin tomorrow hauling tools and supplies out to the Griffith placer claims. They have found some trouble in securing teams and wagons to do this hauling, but have finally succeeded and before the end of the week will begin to deliver the ten thousand feet of lumber which they have bought for flumes, 1000 feet of which will be built this fall and winter, preparatory to an active season of washing next year.

Portland Money in Maiden's Dream.

A. J. Stinson, of Sumpter, is expected home in a few days from Portland, where he has been for several weeks. During this time he has organized a company to take over and operate the well known Maiden's Dream mine, in Cracker Creek

district, and which was formerly under bond to W. L. Vinson. Mr. Stinson has associated with him some of the largest moneyed men in Portland, which will doubtless mean the extensive development of this property, known to mining men as one of the best in the district. Meanwhile, he has also been under a physician's direction in Portland and has about recovered his usual good health.

Air Compressor for the Baby McKee.

In this city yesterday Colonel John Temple Grayson, manager of the Baby McKee Mining company, gave an order for a large air compressor for the purpose of running a rock drilling plant, consisting of a compressor, boiler, drills, pipe, etc., and all accessories for a well equipped plant. Colonel Grayson indicates by the manner of his operations that he is a thoroughly practical mining man and we look for great results from his management of the property under his direction.—Democrat.

KANE MOVED TO BAKER CITY.

Arrested Yesterday on the Charge of Murder—Preliminary Hearing.

Fred Kane, the man mixed up in the shooting scrape near here a couple of weeks since, was moved to the Baker City hospital yesterday. There has been some friction somewhere and there is a whole lot of talk being indulged by people who may or may not know something about the case. The Baker City Democrat of this morning says: "A warrant was issued yesterday from District Attorney White's office for the arrest of Fred Kane, who figured in the Sumpter tragedy about a week ago. Kane is charged with murder in the warrant. Sheriff Huntington went to Sumpter and took Kane into custody and brought him to this city on the evening train and placed him in St. Elizabeth hospital. Kane is fast recovering from the effects of his wound and will probably be given a preliminary hearing here in a few days."

Mrs. Kane is not improving as rapidly as could be wished. She still has a high fever and is much worked up over the report that another man was mixed up in the trouble, which statement has reached her ears. She indignantly denies this rumor and throws some light on their domestic troubles, which, it is stated, medical examination sustains. She says that for several weeks prior to this tragedy he had persistently accused her of infidelity. When she learned that her husband was about to be removed from the hospital yesterday, she begged to be carried into his room, that she might face him and "make him confess before all these people," she said.

It was at first thought that the ball had passed out of her body, and the greater portion of it evidently had, but Dr. Tape has since found two pieces of lead remaining and thinks that all has not yet been taken out. This fact is a puzzler. One piece which came out yesterday was entirely enveloped in a piece of cloth from an undergarment.

Call for Bids on Tunnel Work.

Sealed bids will be received by the Diadem Gold Mining company until October 10, 1900, at their office in Sumpter, Oregon, for the running of 600 feet of tunnel, being the continuation of the company's present tunnel, which is in 225 feet. The company reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The Diadem Gold Mining Co.
W. H. Mosby, Secretary.
Sumpter, Or., Sept. 18, 1900.

MINING MACHINERY.

More Than 250,000 Pounds En Route Here.

"You know there is an idea among business men that it is poor policy to talk about your business to newspaper men," said a gentleman to a MINER representative yesterday. "In a general way, I think there is a whole lot of unnecessary precaution in this policy, but in my business of installing mining machinery, it is of vital importance. Suppose, for instance, that I should tell you before the papers are all signed that I was figuring with some specified company to put in a certain line of machinery from such and such a house. You know there is money in manufacturing mining machinery. Well, before the ink was dry on your paper, the knockers would draw their long handled hammers and try to do some damage. They could surely occasion some annoyance."

"Now that is one reason and the principal one why I can't go into details and allow you to use my name, but guarded by all these precautions and reservations, I will say that in addition to the work on hand, I have contracted to install mining machinery which amounts to over 250,000 pounds. This machinery has virtually been ordered from one house, and not a word has been said about it in any of the papers."

"Yes, this is going to be a great mining country. The immense amount of the latest improved machinery that is being put in is irrefutable evidence of this fact, but the country needs mining men with money. The farmers who have operated here during the past twenty years have butchered some fine mines, and put in coffee mill plants that have kept out good machinery—greatly retarding the progress of what I consider the best gold mining region on the continent."

Some Rich Ore.

A sack full of free gold ore was brought into town recently by J. H. Brown, the well known prospector, from the Burnt river country that fairly makes one's eyes bulge out. Every piece is studded with the yellow gold and an assay runs up into the thousands of dollars (\$6,842). The gouge matter that accompanies the vein is also very rich and yields a long string of very coarse gold when washed in the pan. The ledge is not large but the formation is soft and easily worked. Preparations are being made to open up the property in the spring and place a stamp mill on it. Small ledges of rich ore are invariably bonanzas and poor men's properties as little capital is required to open them up and put in machinery. A five stamp mill will grind out more bullion than can be gotten out of the big, low grade propositions with 100 stamps, concentrators and cyanide plants combined.

Work in Sumpter Schools.

Another teacher began work in the public school Monday morning, and is in charge of the primary room, Mrs. Holland, wife of the principal, of Eugene. Still the rooms are overcrowded. Mrs. Holland has seats for all of the 42 under her care, but of Miss Gilesple's 53 charges to are not provided for. Miss Myers has 46 desks and 49 pupils, and Principal Holland has but 20 seats for all his department. The selection of the primary teacher was decided on some time ago, but the name was not made public until

the return of one of the directors, who has been in Portland, so that the full board could act upon the application, and so the new teacher was a mystery until school opened, on the day she entered upon her duties. The present arrangement is a wise one, as the combined salary, \$80 for the principal, and \$60 for his wife as primary teacher, make a respectable inducement by which the school has the advantage of a higher priced head than it could under ordinary circumstances afford. Last year Sumpter had to be content with a woman principal, as it only paid woman's wages.—Telegram.

Fund for Galveston Sufferers.

The ball given at Ellis Opera house Friday evening for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers was an unqualified success, for which Mrs. McEwen deserves much credit. Something like seventy-five dollars was realized for the fund, which will be forwarded to the relief committee at Galveston at an early date. All of the money for tickets sold has not been turned in yet, so the exact amount raised is not known.

Will Organize a Club.

THE MINER is requested to state that a meeting will be held at the school house Monday evening, to which the ladies of Sumpter are invited, for the purpose of organizing a social club of a semi-literary character, the accumulation of a library being one of the objects of the organization. The ladies already have fifty dollars on hand, funds raised by the White Cross society.

Nineteen Liquor Licenses Granted.

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening little was done aside from passing on the regular batch of applications for liquor licenses. This time nineteen licenses were granted, only one saloon having dropped out of business during the past quarter. The city receives \$100 each per quarter from saloon license, which will amount this year to \$8,000.

May Queen Listed on the Exchange.

Secretary Bartlett, of the May Queen mine, near the Red Boy, returned from Portland yesterday, where he has been for some time in connection with the sale of the treasury shares of the company's stock, which is listed on the Portland Mining Stock exchange.

October 1 the Sumpter agency of the Portland Evening Telegram changed hands. Freshest in telegraph news, cheapest and only daily giving special attention to this district. Page of Northwest mining notes. Ten cents a week, by mail or carrier. Send address to Austin Cray, Sumpter, for trial month.

Go or send to the City Green house, Baker City, for choice carnations; thirty-five cents per dozen. Roses fifty cents per dozen.

"The Portland", conducted by Gus Woodward on Mill street, is fully a representation of its name. A visit will convince you of this.

When you travel the Bourne road remember Barnard has all the latest remedies for dust in the throat.

We can fit any form of mankind in our made-to-order clothing department. Hobson Mercantile company.

Five dollars will buy a good gentle pack horse. J. H. Brown, West Granite street.

Five quart bottles of Olympia beer for \$1.00 at Henry Finger's.