

ANOTHER BIG LEDGE.**Sixty Feet of Good Ore Found on Strawberry Range.**

Another big find has been made in the Strawberry range, and according to the rock exhibited in town from the new find it will rival anything yet found on that side of the valley.

Al and J. Ferree have been doing assessment and other work on the Will Cleaver group, and between times were always on the alert for something good for themselves, and last week they were lucky enough to find what they were looking for.

The new Eldorado is situated half a mile south and west of the Will Cleaver group, and carries gold, silver and heavy copper stain. No assays have yet been made, but the rock has a richer appearance than that taken from the Jonathan Bourne ledge of the Will Cleaver group.

They located four claims and they lie at the headwaters of the north fork of Canyon creek, and on what is familiarly known by miners acquainted in those parts as Potato Hill. The names of the properties are Altamont Nos. 1 and 2, Emma and Fleetwyod.

One ledge sixty feet wide can be traced for two claims in length, and as Al Ferree puts it, shows the same character of ore as the samples brought to town.

The Ferree boys are both fine fellows and if the new find proves to be a bonanza the Miner is in on the play.—Prairie City Miner.

Sumpter Co. Takes Mail to Susanville

The Eagle is informed that the Sumpter Transportation company, which operates the mail line between Sumpter and Canyon City, has sub-contracted the mail route from Austin to Susanville, which is now supplied with a tri-weekly service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This company will put on ample stock and vehicles for the transportation of the mail and all the traffic of the line. The Susanville country is quite a territory and contains some of the best mines in Grant county, and certainly merits a better mail service at the hands of Uncle Sam, than has been given that section in the past.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Hilgard Granite Road.

Here is a paragraph from the Spokesman-Review, that contains the maximum limit of erroneous statements: The Hilgard & Granite railway, which is to connect with O. R. & N., from Granite, Oregon, is now under course of construction. There are 400 men employed and there is still 200 miles to be built. The nearest railroad station to Granite is Sumpter, fourteen miles away, but it is expected that the Sumpter Valley railroad will connect with Granite or in that immediate vicinity.

Fish Fossils in the Blue Mountains.

Charles Ogilvy, of Birch creek, was in Pendleton yesterday exhibiting some beautiful specimens of fossils that he had discovered in the Blue mountains while herding sheep for Wm. Slusher. These peculiar formations had been of interest to him for over two years. He believed them to be of some kind of geological formation but was unable to find out further information on the subject until about six weeks ago an article headed "Scientists in the Blues" appeared in the Tribune. The article told of the discoveries by a professor from the State University of California and described similar substances to those possessed by Mr. Ogilvy. Since then he has made further inquiries and has satisfied himself that the peculiar formations were at one time, perhaps a

million years ago, the bones of fishes. The specimens were formed on beds of silica, which assist in petrification. Mr. Ogilvy then says the petrified bones were further hardened by heat until now they greatly resemble pearls. The specimens he exhibited in the Tribune office are very beautiful and show several stages of the formations. Mr. Ogilvy will send the specimens to the Smithsonian institute for further inspection. He considers his discovery valuable and has become considerably interested in geology. The Blue mountains have never been searched thoroughly for such formations and their discovery may lead to further revelations of the Inland Empire. To touch and handle a beautiful pearl that was a live animal a million or two years ago is enough to thrill one with interest in the rocks that appear so dead and lifeless to even those who know nothing of geology and the truths of which are hidden in the bowels of the earth.—Pendleton Tribune.

Work on the Goss Bank Building.

Joe Gassman, who was the architect and builder of the fraternal hall of this city, arrived last Friday from La Grande, and has a large force of men on the construction of the new stone bank building, being constructed by Judge Clifford and Judge Hazeltine for the Goss people, of Sumpter. The building is to be completed early in November, hence the occasion for its rapid construction. The building will be a substantial one, a permanent fixture and a credit to the town and county, and will be the home of an enterprise that will thrive in this county.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

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