

**A 3000-FOOT TUNNEL.**

**Colonel Grayson Driving This Hole in Cable Cove.**

Colonel John T. Grayson, of New York, a well known mining man, who is staying at the Portland, has arranged to run a 3000-foot tunnel to tap his group of mines in Baker county. These quartz mines, of which the Gold Bug is a prominent one, are situated in Cable Cove, a few miles from Sumpter, and this tunnel will tap all the veins, some at a depth of 2500 feet below the surface.

Colonel Grayson has had a long experience in California quartz mines, and is known as a successful operator, but he thinks the eastern Oregon mines will prove richer and more permanent than those of any district in the Golden state.

This long tunnel, of which 160 feet has already been dug, will be large enough to operate a mule tramway in, and will take 18 months to construct. Some 40 men are now in his employ on the day and night shifts, and no interruption on account of weather is expected, as ample provision has been made to house the crew completely, no matter how deep the snow falls.

Crosscuts and drifts will be made at various points in the tunnel, where pay ore is struck, and the miners will thus be enabled to pay the expense of development. Where timbering is resorted to, the cost of tunneling will be \$16 per foot. These mines, when this tunnel reaches the furthest end of the Grayson properties, will be the best developed of any in eastern Oregon.—Oregonian.

**Thousands of Oregon Cattle for the Sound.**

O. J. Gibson, a cattle buyer from the Sound, was in Pendleton on Wednesday, en route to Ontario, where he receives eight carloads of cattle which he recently bought. He will pick up five cars in Pendleton, as he passes through from Ontario to the Sound. Mr. Gibson stated that 9000 head of the Miller & Lux cattle from Harney county have been sold to be marketed on the Sound. Delivery has been made of a part of them. The major part will be shipped from Ontario, although some are to be shipped from Pendleton. The 9000 head consisted of 6000 steers and 3000 heifers. In addition to these, an immense number of cattle have been shipped from Ontario this fall. "Prices," said he, "are somewhat lower than they were a short time ago. The Miller & Lux sale had its effect on prices on the Sound, partially filling the market over there and lowering the marketable value somewhat."—East Oregonian.

**Masked Men Rob Durkee Store.**

Chief of Police Porter at an early hour this morning received a telephone message that the general store of the O. C. Co. at Durkee was robbed last night. Before the clerk closed up last evening three men, with their faces covered with handkerchiefs, entered the store and covering the clerk with two Winchesters and a revolver demanded and received the money from the safe and money till, amounting altogether to \$100. Nothing else in the store was disturbed and the robbers made good their escape. Up to the present writing there is no clue to their identity.—Republican.

**Fall of the Cayuse, Erstwhile King.**

The neglected cayuse, erstwhile king of the range in eastern Oregon, now remains but a dim memory, a suggestion of what once was, a reminder of the time when he had a pasture half a thousand miles long and half as wide as that. He is hated by the horseman, loathed by the cattleman, antagonized by the sheepman. He hears no prayer for his comfort during

the cold winter, but rather petitions that he may be destroyed and his tribe effaced. The cayuse is being crowded from the earth. Not only are succulent pastures of nutritious forage grasses denied him whenever possible, but he is ignored by the horse buyer. They come from the East to purchase, and turn a cold shoulder to a horse weighing less than a thousand, and the cayuse doesn't weigh that much. Despised by all, he ekes out a miserable career which even now is a prophecy of the nothingness that awaits him. To crown the disgrace, he is sold to a butcher and cut up into meat to feed to soldiers and to France. And then, worse than all, the state veterinary causes him to be shot by the hundreds and the crows vandalize him in his alkali grave. Surely, the end of the cayuse pony is sad. It is calculated to melt a stony heart into drops of pity.—East Oregonian.

**State Prison Statistics.**

Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the Oregon state penitentiary, has filed his report for the quarter ending September 30 in the department of state, showing the number of prisoners under his care and the statistics on earnings, receipts and expenditures of the big institution. The report shows a big decrease in the number of prisoners under care, while the expenses are higher than usual, owing to the construction of the new wing and other improvements now under way, on which large payments have been made. The average number of prisoners during the quarter was 285. Number received, 14, and discharged, 24. Earnings from labor and other sources amounted to \$4,980 and the total expenditures for the quarter, \$19,439.48. About seven thousand of the amount was paid for the new wing and fire protection.—Exchange.

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