

**PINE CREEK PLACERS.**

**Making Preparations for Big Cleanup Next Season.**

P. D. Healy returned Saturday from the Pine creek placers in the Burnt river district, which property he and P. J. Griffin acquired by purchase a few weeks ago, and now are the sole owners. The property also includes 160 acres of diggings on Cottonwood creek, about a mile distant from the ground on Pine creek, and with all the water rights belonging to both. Mr. Healy reports that they have five men at work on their new flume being built for a distance of a mile, preparatory to heavy spring work.

Another house has been added to those on the ground when they took charge, which makes comfortable and roomy quarters for the men. Mr. Griffin, who lives at the property, where he has been for twenty years past, has four teams and scrapers at work repairing the ditches and four reservoirs thereon. The Pine creek placers have been worked for twenty years in a meagre way and according to Mr. Griffin \$14,000 was taken out in one season from surface workings.

The new owners, however, knowing they have a valuable property, are spending the necessary money to open up the ground and in a practical way work it for all it is worth, expecting thereby to realize great results the coming season.

While Mr. Healy was at the diggings in the last three weeks, considerable gold was taken out in sampling various dumps, thus convincing himself and partner that they have only to wait until spring before enlarging their bank accounts. THE MINER representative has the best possible proof that at least half ounce nuggets are found on this ground.

**Will Settle Central Oregon.**

Immigration is to be stimulated into central Oregon through the powerful agency of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company. General Passenger Agent Hurlburt has just returned from a visit to the territory and over the lines of the Columbia Southern, the purpose of which was to study the needs of the country with a view of facilitating immigration. It was Mr. Hurlburt's first trip over the line since its construction. "I was greatly surprised at the possibilities of the country," said he, "also regarding the actual developments in existence today. The quantity of wheat in the warehouses along the line of the Columbia Southern was another decided surprise, as I had already been led to believe that the territory south of The Dalles was good only for stockraising."—Portland Telegram.

**Star Route Extended to Lawton.**

Postmaster Hull, of this city, has received notification from the department that the Sumpter-Granite mail route is to be extended to Lawton and hereafter the latter place will be the terminal point instead of Granite. The Sumpter Transportation company has the contract. Hitherto the Lawton postoffice has been supplied with mail from Granite, but in the future the mail will be made up at distributing points direct for this place and will not be subjected to the long periods of delay which have all along been such an annoyance to our business men. It is expected that the Sumpter Transportation company will move their stage barns from Granite to this city because of the change. —Lawton Standard.

**Phoenix Being Worked Under Lease.**

The Phoenix mine, in the Greenhorn district, is an old producer. Four years ago it was abandoned because the nature of the ore had changed with depth from

free to refractory. Though the values really increased, the owners didn't have the means for treating the lower level ores. Some weeks since the property was leased and the men who are now working it have found on the surface another ore shoot of free milling rock. They have sunk a shaft on this pay shoot and taken out thirty tons of high grade ore, which is being run through the Pyx mill, a short distance away. It is said they have a good thing and will take out all kinds of gold this winter. The result of the mill run is not yet known.

**Death of Miss Mattie Bayliss.**

It was a peculiarly sad death, that of Miss Mattie Bayliss, which occurred Sunday evening at the home of her father, William Bayliss, in Warren Heights addition. The family are comparatively recent arrivals here, but have won the high esteem of all their neighbors. The deceased was a young lady of splendid character, loved by her acquaintances and in her seemed to have been centered the affections of her family. She has been sick for several weeks past, with typhoid fever, and her life had been despaired of for several days. The funeral services took place at the home yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Shannon officiating, the Masons taking part, in a body. They also supplied the beautiful floral tributes.

**Couldn't Agree on Wheat Price for 5 Years.**

We understand that J. S. Lock, of Huntington, while in the city this week endeavored to contract with N. Brown, one of the proprietors of the Burns flouring mill, to furnish 20,000 bushels of wheat a year for a period of five years at a stipulated price. However, a satisfactory price could not be agreed upon and the matter was dropped.—Harney Valley Items.

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