

## MINER MUTILATED.

## Morris Cushing Killed by Giant Powder Explosion.

Morris Cushing received wounds from a dynamite explosion Saturday, from the effects of which he died Sunday. He was blowing out several sticks of the explosive on the stove in his cabin, four or five miles north of town, when it exploded, blowing the stove to pieces and horribly mutilating deceased. Both hands were taken off, both legs broken, his face and body mangled, and yet he retained consciousness. He was brought to the hospital here, but Drs. Tape and Pearce saw that there was no possible chance to save his life.

He was about twenty-six years old. His former home was at The Dalles, but he had been around Sumpter for several months past, engaged in mining. His brother arrived Sunday afternoon and left yesterday with the remains, which will be interred at the old home. The Red Men, of which organization he was a member, followed the corpse to the train, having previous to death seen that everything in human power was done to alleviate his last hours.

Of course, it is the theory that heat will not explode giant powder, but the theory has been proven false a thousand times, with a human life sacrificed or wrecked as a result of every experiment where the theory failed to work. Why the stuff explodes at one time and not at another has not yet been satisfactorily explained. It is a dangerous chance to take, this thing of thawing out giant power in a stove.

## Cassidy Gets a Hot Roast.

The Baker City Herald of Saturday devoted four or five columns to "Big Mit" Cassidy. That was a whole lot of good space to give one of his disreputable kind, but in this case it was doubtless necessary. The Herald mentions some of his crooked transactions in this state and elsewhere, but fails to say anything about his domestic escapade in Denver, or his attempted blackmailing operations in Butte. Can it be possible that another chapter on the same subject is to be published in the next issue? But the Herald very properly does not stop with Cassidy. It takes a fall or two out of his reputed backer, one, E. J. Godfrey, who confessed in the columns of his American Saturday, that he had lent "Big Mit" C. "his moral support and influence." And now everyone is asking if it was Godfrey's "moral support" that sustained his protegee when he attempted that blackmailing job and floated those worthless checks. The occasion for this roast was the false statements published in the American Saturday, relative to an indictment against Letson Baillet by the Federal grand jury at Des Moines, Iowa. The Herald says that the gentleman was informed by wire of the indictment, took the next train for Iowa to meet the charge and will be back in Baker City tomorrow. It looks as if this is going to be a finish fight.

## Indians Kept Away From Heppner.

Columbia Joe, who is a good deal of a giant, camped near Tom Morgan's for a few days this week, while his little bunch of Indians were doing some shopping in Heppner. They were on their way from the fall hunt in the Blue Mountains to their fishing fields on the Columbia, and said that they had not had much luck at capturing deer or elk, but got one bear who was too young to vote. Columbia Joe has a fine farm on the Umatilla reservation, but prefers to rent it to a white man and roam over his old range in the Heppner hills and adjacent mountains. In '78 all Indians were warned to keep out of the Heppner hills, and they kept out for

four years. Then Columbia Joe came back to Heppner with an escort of four Indians, well mounted, but without guns. They each carried upright, a ten-foot fish-pole, from which fluttered a flag of truce made from a dirty white shirt. Joe said that for four years his conscience had been bothering him about \$6 he owed at Dave Herron's store for flour. It was taunting him and giving him a tired tum-tum, so he came back to pay the debt, and did so. After that, as there were no more Indian wars or raids, the Indians were again allowed to travel through the Heppner hills as they had done for 16,000 years, which is as far back as any of the present ones can remember. The tracks made by their ancestors before that have been trodden out by white men's stock.—Heppner Gazette.

## Norris Worswick Back From Idaho.

Norris Worswick surprised his friends here Monday, by his arrival from Idaho. He left last July for his former home at Bellevue, for the purpose of working a property he has owned there with his brothers for a number of years. As was stated in THE MINER a couple of months ago, he cut the ledge and found a large body of rich ore. Silver is the predominating value, however, and the lack of transportation facilities renders shipment unprofitable under present conditions. He says that since McKinley's election, work has stopped on most of the mines in that district. It is hoped, however, that the Oriental demand for the white metal will raise the price sufficient to justify the resumption of operations before a great while. Mr. Worswick went out Monday to the Columbia, where he worked for several years, and will, perhaps, again take charge of an air drill in that rich gold mine. He says there is nothing in Idaho to compare with the Cracker creek district in mineral wealth.

## Arrested for Stealing Lumber.

Quite a sensation was caused yesterday by the arrest of Charles Albee, a young man who in the past has stood well in the community. He was arrested on the charge of stealing lumber, shingles and other building material from Bennett & Son. Albee has been building a residence and it is now claimed that Shockley & McMurren, as well as Bennett & Son, recognize lumber and other material in the building and on the ground as belonging to them, and which was taken without their knowledge or consent. Mr. Albee formerly worked in both these lumber yards. He was placed in the county jail last evening to await trial. His case will likely come up in the circuit court sometime today.—Democrat.

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