

QUARTZ GULCH MINFS SOLD.

Several Quartz Properties and 320 Acres of Placer Ground Involved.

The interest of Walter Brown in the Quartz guich placer ground and quartz properties was sold last Wednesday to Messrs, Klink and Roddick for a consideration of \$4000.

The property consists of 320 acres of placer ground and several promising quartz propositions. The placer ground, so far as has been tested, yields on an average tifteen cents to the yard, which is a bonanza in itself, as the gravel is simply inexhaustible.

Work will be begun at once, preparing for the spring run, and among other improvements contemplated by the late purchasers is a telephone line from the mine to town.

This ground has been worked in a desultory manner ever since the days of placer mining on Canyon creek and has yielded large returns, but it is only recently that the old channel has been discovered, it lying under a stratum of clay some ten teet thick. The work of early placer miners on this property was done in a slide that covered the clay, which was at that time mistaken for bedrock.

A good head of water is available for a period of four months in ordinary seasons, and the company has three giants which will be put to work as soon as the spring freshets come.

This property is situated at the head of Quartz gulch, about two miles east of Canyon City, adjacent to the famous Great Northern mine, and aside from its value as a placer claim, will at no distant day become famous as a producer of rich ore from the numerous veins of quartz that intersect the bedrock.

Too great prominence cannot be given the immense mineral resources of this county, more especially claims like the

above that have already produced large quantities of gold.-Grant County News.

Columbia Southern Litigation

Drake C. O'Reilly filed an action late yesterday afternoon, in the Circuit court, against the Columbia Southern Railway company and E. E. Lytle, in which he asks for the recovery to the company of some \$130,000, which he claims Lytle and his associates obtained fraudulently, and incidentally for the appointment of a receiver to look after the affairs of the company and keep it from going to ruin, as he sets forth in his complaint. The suit, according to his attorneys, is simply a transfer of the action, which was brought in Moro, but dismissed there yesterday. From this it would seem that the litigation between O'Reilly and the Columbia Southern in general and E. E. Lytle in particular, is not to cease, for the present, at least. The demurrer to the complaint of the suit instituted in Moro was sustained yesterday on several grounds, and in an interview President Lytle stated that he regarded the dismissal which followed the sustaining of the demurrer as a great victory, and that he believed the litigation to be ended. Judge O'Day, one of the attorneys for Mr. O'Reilly, states that it was their desire to have the suit dismissed in Morrow county, whatever the outcome of the decision on the demutter was. He gives as a reason for this that the court there sits but two or three times a year, and that it was necessary to have it brought where the court was in session all of the time. Hence, he had that action dismissed and brought a new suit here .- Portland Telegram.

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PHEASANTS FOR HARNEY

Rancher Introduces the Chinese Variety in That Section.

John S. Devine, owner of a large ranch at the foot of Stein's mountain, in the southern part of Harney county, is here to meet a shipment of Chinese pheasants from Portland. He came 170 miles to receive the birds, as he would not entrust them to anyone else. Mr. Devine has elk, deer and many species of wild animals domesticated on his ranch. He takes as much interest in these animals as he does in his large bands of horses and cattle. The pheasants arrived last night, 25 in number, shipped in three separate crates. Two died in transit, but Mr. Devine now expects to reach home with the remaining 23. As he cannot take the three crates on his private buckboard, he has employed a private conveyance, at a cast of \$60, to assist in the transportation of the birds to his interior home.

It has been claimed that Chinese pheasants will not prosper in anything except a damp climate, but Mr. Devine says that a number were purchased by private subscription and turned loose in Harney county a few years ago, and that they are doing well. The climate is much the same as that of this section.

When questioned about the mail facilities at his ranch, Mr. Devine stated that he generally got his mail once a month. He takes the daily Oregonian and innumerable stock, poultry and farm journals, and he says that it takes a separate buckboard to bring his mail.—Ontario letter in Harney Valley Items.

A fine selection of goods suitable fo Christmas presents will be here in a few days, including the following: Fine French china ornaments and vseful articles, solid sterling silver table ware, novelties, Rogers Brothers knive, forks, spoons, etc: also a full line of watches and jewelry. F. C. Biodie, Opera House building. POSSIBLY

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