

VERY OREGONESQUE.

"Finance" "Pipes Off" This State's Characteristics.

In the strictly mineral section of Oregon there are opportunities which the casual observer sees, and the casual observer marvels that the world knows so little of them, and that they are so slightly developed.

Only a trifle of investigation serves to show the causes for this. They are those most formidable of all obstacles to development, an inordinate selfishness and an ultra-conservatism.

Foreign capital is disposed to look askance at what local capital, when there is such, does not show any willingness to be identified with. Nor is this in any way remarkable. Indeed, the contrary would be. There has been bad management of some partly developed Oregon mining properties, and there have been promoters identified with some of them who could not claim any close relationship to necessary capital themselves, nor to any unusual degree of integrity or even good sense.

In this matter Portland is not unlikely to commit the same error that Denver did when it permitted Colorado Springs to become the great world-wide-known center of mining transactions, though Denver had the advantage of age, and experience, and capital. It is not at all impossible that when the mining opportunities of Oregon shall have further developed, some community, now small and unknown, perhaps even unborn, will spring up in a night and become and remain the mining market of Oregon, with all that implies.

There is yet another stumbling block in the way of the Oregon mines; and it is the more formidable of the two. Human selfishness not infrequently kills the goose that lays the golden egg, and this is quite as often exemplified in mining fields as elsewhere. In these last it does not usually manifest itself in the earlier stages, but comes with the advent of the more powerful operators and combinations. In the case of Oregon, the disease appeared with the mineral, and no remedy for it has as yet been successfully applied.

straightway empty their pockets for him, accounts for the fact that there are scores and scores of splendid claims in Oregon today which have been held from 10 to 20 years and have not had earth enough disturbed on them to make a scratching for a brood of chicks.

Perhaps some day the people who are holding these claims and the local capitalists who could develop properties in those cases where it can be done upon an equitable basis, will awaken to the fact that they have been making a serious mistake. So far as the capitalists are concerned, they may not make their discovery until they are in the same relation to the Oregon mines that St. Louis was for a time, at least, to the great zinc fields almost at its very door, when Boston, by quick perception and greater enterprise, got the first and the best and the most. St. Louis knows better now. As for the dog-in-the-manger claimants, if their own greed does not of itself show them that they are defeating their own ends and injuring Oregon, some legalized means should be found to deprive them of this wholly uneconomic and unnatural privilege of holding opportunities which they will neither develop nor permit others to develop.—Editorial in Finance.

All kinds of pies, cake, bread, etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite depot and in Neill building. Orders promptly filled.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ORLANDO C. KOONTZ of Hereford, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 731, for the purchase of the s½ s½ of section No. 27, in township No. 11 south, range No. 38 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 10th day of March, 1901.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, December 17, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

LINDEN D. STETLER, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 730, for the purchase of the s½ nw¼ sec. 15, and e½ ne¼, of section No. 14, in township No. 10 S, range No. 37 E W M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1901.

Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court of Baker County, Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Annie Clemens, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, L. T. Brock, administrator of the estate of Annie Clemens, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said estate, to exhibit them together with the necessary vouchers, within the next six months after the first publication of this notice, to wit: The twelfth day of December, 1900, to the administrator at his office, at the corner of Granite and Mill streets, in the town of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, the same being a place for the transaction of business of the said estate in said county.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To Steve Leyden and W. W. Thurmen: You are hereby notified that A. J. Tadlock, your co-owner in that certain mineral claim known as the Peacock, being situated on the McCully fork about four and a half miles northwest of Sumpter and near the Granite road in Baker county, has performed assessment work as required by law and you are required within 90 days from date hereof to pay your proportion of the expenditure upon said claim.

Famous..... HOP GOLD BEER STAR BREWING COMP'Y. Portland, Oregon IN KEGS, BARRELS OR BOTTLES AT PRICES UNEQUALED BY ...OTHERS... Sumpter Forwarding Company Distributors SUMPTER, OREGON ASK FOR HOP GOLD

O.R. & N. CO. DEPART TIME SCHEDULES From Baker City ARRIVE Chicago Portland Special 10:45 p m Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East. 7:45 a m Atlantic Express 10:15 p m Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East. 5:25 p m 7:45 a m Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East. 10:45 p m 8 p m OCEAN STEAMSHIPS All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco—Sail every 5 days. 4 p m Daily Ex. Sunday 8 p m Saturday 10 p m COLUMBIA RIVER STEAMERS To Astoria and Way Landings. 4 p m Ex. Sunday 6 a m Ex. Sunday WILAMETTE RIVER Oregon City, Newberg, Salem, Independence and Way-Landings. 4:30 p m Ex. Sunday 7 a m Tues. Thur. and Sat WILLAMETTE & YAM-HILL RIVERS Oregon City, Dayton, and Way-Landings. 1:30 p m Mon, Wed. and Fri. 6 a m Tues. Thur. and Sat WILLAMETTE RIVER Portland to Corvallis and Way-Landings. 4:30 p m Mon. Wed. and Fri. Leave Riparia 1:15 a m Daily SNAKE RIVER Riparia to Lewiston. Leave Lewiston Daily 9 a m H. C. BOWERS, Agent, Baker City, Oregon

POSSIBLY YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF THE FAST TIME AND SUPERB SERVICE NOW OFFERED BY THE UNION PACIFIC OVERLAND WORLD'S PICTORIAL LINE We Have Daily Fast Trains to the EAST If you cannot take the morning train, travel by the evening train. Both are fully equipped. OUR SPECIALTIES FAST TIME THROUGH SERVICE Through Palace and Tourist Sleepers. Dining Car and Buffet Library Cars. First-class Free Reclining Chair Cars. Hours in time saved to Omaha, Chicago, Kansas City, New York, Boston and other Eastern points. Tickets good via Salt Lake City and Denver. It is to your interest to use the Overland Route. Tickets and sleeping car berths can be secured from H. C. BOWERS Agent O. R. & N. CO. Baker City, Oregon Or, J. H. LATHROP, Gen'l Agt. 135 Third St., Portland, Ore.

THE RIO GRANDE WESTERN DAILY ROUTE RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILWAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DENVER & RIO GRANDE or COLORADO MIDLAND RAILROADS OFFERING CHOICE OF THREE DISTINCT ROUTES AND THE MOST MAGNIFICENT SCENERY IN AMERICA. IT IS THE ONLY TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE PASSING DIRECTLY THROUGH QUANT AND PICTURESQUE SALT LAKE CITY, LEADVILLE, COLORADO SPRINGS and DENVER. Stop-overs allowed. THE RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILWAY OPERATES THREE FAST TRAINS TO THE EAST DAILY, CARRYING Pullman Palace and Pullman Ordinary Sleepers TO OMAHA AND CHICAGO WITHOUT CHANGE. Free Reclining Chair Cars. Perfect Dining-Car Service. FOR INFORMATION OR PASSENGER TICKETS INQUIRE OF J. D. Mansfield General Agent Portland, Oregon GEO. W. HEINZE, Gen'l Pass'r Agt., Salt Lake City

Sumpter Bottling Works Gagen & Sloan, Proprietors. Manufacturers of all kinds of carbonated drinks and ciders. Orders filled and shipped on short notice. SUMPTER, OREGON