

## 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. Mining development and the mining business as such, however, has no monopoly of those unfortunate attributes. Even the greatest and soundest and most carefully scrutinized financial institutions themselves are not infrequently made prey for people of this class, and that the mining opportunities of Oregon have not been brought to such state of development as they should be, in part, though we are constrained to believe perhaps the lesser part, attributable to the misconceptions and conservatism of local financial people. It is, we believe, a fact that should any Portland banking institution, for instance, be known to lend any considerable support to a mining enterprise, however worthy and substantial, its heavier depositors and the monied people whose patronage it enjoyed would so thoroughly disapprove of such a course that not a few of them would withdraw their accounts.

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. The history of the so called mining development of Oregon—which has been no development at all except in such few isolated cases as only prove the correctness of our contentions—has been one of stumbling upon a rich deposit and straightway gathered in every square foot that could be seen through a long range field glass, by the utilization of mining claims filed by sisters and cousins and aunts. This accomplished, the bold and intrepid discoverer of mineral wealth sat down and waited for other people to make his mines valuable and pay him a monumental and luscious price for his holdings and his great service to mankind. That he did not readily find some one who would

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.

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## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 15, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 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.

He names as witnesses: Thomas Arvidson, E. H. Ware, James Fleetwood, Jr., Fred Perry, all of Hereford, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of March, 1901.

Jan 2—27 E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 15, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 27, 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.

He names as witnesses: D. S. McCoy, V. R. Mead, Clarke Snyder, and Irwin Gatewood, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of March, 1901.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

## 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.

L. T. BROCK,  
Administrator.

Dated, Sumpter, Ore., December 12, 1900.

## 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.

A. J. TADLOCK.

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