

**REPORTED SALE OF GOLD RIDGE.**

**F. B. Thomes Said to Have Bought From Salt Lake People.**

A most important deal was consummated in this city yesterday when Frank B. Thomes, of Butte, purchased all of the mining property and mill of the Gold Ridge Mining company for \$100,000, the first installment having been turned over and the purchaser taking the night train for home.

The property consists of a number of patented and unpatented claims in Baker county, Oregon, and the corporation making the sale is a local one, of which J. E. Bamberger is president, C. B. Jack secretary, and Josiah Barnett treasurer, with David Keath as one of the principal stockholders.

The gentlemen named and their associates have held the property for about five years, and during that time have spent a great deal of money in opening the mine and equipping it with a mill. It has produced considerable, but nothing outside of a little development work has been attempted below the 200-foot or water level, when Mr. Thomes opened negotiations for its purchase.

After a thorough and exhaustive examination the purchaser decided that with the necessary equipment to properly take care of the water, the mine would prove a bonanza, and as it was too far off for the local company to care longer to bother with it, both sides of the transaction were satisfied with its final consummation.

It was stated by Mr. Thomes' attorney, after the final act was performed, that as winter had now closed in and the section in which the property is located was now probably snowbound, no effort would likely be made to commence work till spring opened.

The deal was closed in the name of Mr. Thomes alone, and if he has any associates in the undertaking it was not made apparent.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The F. B. Thomes referred to in the above is Frank Thomes, who resided in Sumpter for a year or more. He has been with Letson Bulliet for several months and represented him in this deal.

**Novel Method of Raising School Funds.**

A unique plan to aid in paying off the indebtedness of the Prairie City school has been proposed. It is practically a tax on old bachelors, although neither age, sex nor condition are necessary exemptions. The plan is as follows: Ballots and ballot boxes will be in readiness Monday at every business place in town, for a special election, and the polls will be open during business hours until 4 p. m. Saturday, January 19. The question to be decided is: Who is the most popular young lady in Prairie City or the upper John Day valley? There is no limit to the number of votes they may cast—at 10 cents a vote. All you have to do is to write the name of your choice on the ballot with the number of votes you wish recorded, deposit your tax with the clerk, and place the ballot in the sealed box. The committee, to be selected by voters, will open the boxes and commence counting as soon as the polls are closed, and the result will be announced and prizes awarded at Grange hall between acts of the entertainment by the Canyon City Dramatic club, next Saturday evening. Prizes to be awarded two or three of the young ladies receiving the highest number of votes will be announced in the Miner next week.—Prairie City Miner.

**County Stock Inspector's Report.**

Stock Inspector J. H. Parker, of Baker county, has submitted his annual report to the County court, now in session here. It shows the stock of the county to be in excellent condition, there are 48,800 sheep in the county. Of this class of stock, Mr. Parker says in his report: "I find all sheep sound, free of scab and in sound

condition for the winter. Several owners are intending to try an experiment in lambing this winter, and to that end are building sheds and barns to have the sheep under cover during this period. Other stock are in good condition also; in fact, better than it is usually found at this season. The 1900 wool clip of Baker county was the largest ever known. It is safe to say that the sheep of the county average nine pounds per head. Very little of the 1900 wool clip has been sold, the reason apparently being that the ruling prices are not satisfactory to sheep men. I estimate that ninety per cent of the lambs born the past year were saved. During the past year 850 head of horses were sold from the county for cavalry purposes. Following is a summary of the meat slaughtered in the county for 1900 for home consumption: Cattle, 3500; sheep, 5000; hogs, 4000.—Special from Baker City to Oregonian.

T. G. Harrison, agent for Giant Powder company.

**F. J. HARD & CO.**

MEMBERS OF THE  
**Oregon Mining Stock Exchange**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLD'G  
PORTLAND, OREGON

Correspondence solicited relative to mines or meritorious prospects. Can place them in stock companies or sell outright

....EXTENSIVE EASTERN....  
CORRESPONDENTS

**B. L. McLAIN**

**MILL WRIGHT**

ERECTION OF QUARTZ MILLS A SPECIALTY  
**SUMPTER OREGON**  
CAPITAL HOTEL

**O. S. L. Ry.**

THE DIRECT ROUTE TO  
**Montana, Utah Colorado and all Eastern Points...**

Gives choice of two favorite routes, via the UNION PACIFIC Fast Mail Line, or the RIO GRANDE Short Lines.

**No Change of Cars**

On the Portland-Chicago Special, "The Finest in the West. Equipped with

- Elegant Standard Sleepers
- Fine New Ordinary (Tourist) Sleepers
- Superb Library-Buffer Cars
- Splendid Dinners (meals a la carte)
- Free Reclining Chair Cars
- Comfortable Coaches and Smokers
- Entire Train Completely Vestibuled

For further information apply to

**J. R. NAGEL W. E. COMAN**  
Trav. Pass. At. Gen'l Agent.  
142 Third St., Portland, Ore.

**Joshua Hendy Machine**

**San Francisco Works California**

The "Hendy Improved"  
**Triple Discharge Two Stamp Mill**

**1900 MODEL**

Capacity..... 6 to 10 tons per day  
Weight of Mill complete with 800-lb. stamps, 8000 lbs.  
Weight of " " " " 1000-lb. " " 9000 lbs.  
Power required to drive 800-lb. stamp mill..... 4 H. P.  
Weight of " " " " 1000-lb. " " 7 H. P.  
Discharge area..... 465 square inches.

RING OILING CAM SHAFT BOXES

**QUARTZ, HYDRAULIC, MINING AND SAW MILL MACHINERY, WATER WHEELS AND WATER MOTORS, PROSPECTING PLANTS GENERAL MINING SUPPLIES**

**Estimates and Catalogue on Application**

Davis Horse Power Hoisting Whims  
Self-Dumping Ore and Water Skips  
Ore and Water Buckets  
Mining Cars and Tee Rail

"Triumph" and "Hendy-Norbom"  
Concentrators Ore Crushers, Ore Feeders, Crushing Rolls

Boilers, Engines and Pumps, Hoisting, Pumping and Irrigating Plants

Oil and Gasoline Engines and Hoists  
Air Compressors and Rock Drills  
Saw Mill Machinery.

**Impact Water Wheel**

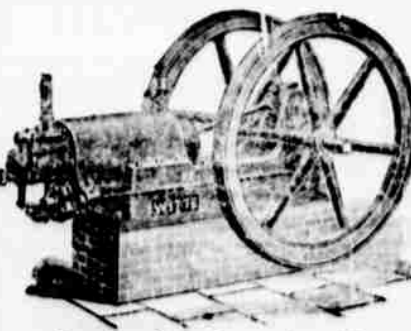
**STAMP MILLS**

WOOD OR IRON FRAME SELF-CONTAINED MILLS

Rock Crushers  
Ore Feeders  
Tramways  
Dredges, Engines  
Boilers and Waterwheels

**Hammond Mfg. Co.**

INCORPORATE  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**



48 and 50 First Street, NEAR FINE

**Cawston & Company**

Successors to  
**H. P. GREGORY & COMPANY.....**

**Engines, Boilers Machinery and Supplies...**

**PORTLAND, ORE**