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PINE HOLLOW.

There Nature Has Played Some of Its
Querrest Freaks.

Pine Hollow, we presume, was so named because of the pine forest in the same, which are as a rule scarce in this part of the world. According to the maps, it heads within three miles southeast of Shaniko, and runs in a sort of half circle with a northeasterly trend to the John Day river, 26 miles away.

At Shaniko, from which the hollow is but a few minutes' walk, the depth is not great—at the most the bottom being about 150 feet below our city level—and in the early spring it is a perfect flower garden. But seven miles north of us it is different. Here it has long ceased to be a "hollow," but has become a yawning chasm, a mile wide at the top and fourteen hundred feet deep—in many cases sheer—and is an almost indescribable picture to him at the bottom. Solid porphyritic basalt is the bed of the now huge stream which whirls on its way to the John Day, box canyons alternate with the old Indian rancheria grounds, long since uninhabited by the noble red men and now a veritable paradise for the botanist; here and there are numerous solitary junipers, poplars, cottonwoods—and a host of others—vine maple and willows, and about three hundred varieties of flora.

During the summer months the hollow is known far and near as being a place second to none in the state for extreme high temperature. The V shape of the canyon is naturally the cause. The blistering, scorching heat, frequently registering as high as 110, evaporates quickly every drop of water in the stream within 150 feet from the ever flowing springs whence it starts, leaving for a mile sometimes not enough water to nourish a juniper; in other words, not a drop. A veritable sweat house is Pine Hollow. Trout fishing is fine during the time the

creek is partially dried up.

In the many branches of this hollow several thousand sheep take up their winter quarters. Here the lonely shepherd stays out his weary vigil, shooting an occasional coyote for pleasure and profit, and doubtless thinking more of the "good time" he'll have when next he goes to town than of the sublimity and grandeur of Pine Hollow.—Shaniko Leader.

New Road Law Now in Force.

House bill 108, to provide for the collection of road taxes, has become a law and goes into effect immediately. The law requires county courts to levy a road tax of not more than ten mills on the dollar, based on the previous year's assessment. The fund thus created is to be expended under the direction of a county roadmaster, who has supervision of the road supervisors. Upon the petition of twelve freeholders of any road district approved by the roadmaster, for the improvement of any road, the county court shall consider the petition and, if approved, shall call for sealed bids for the performance of the work and furnishing of the material needed, and let the contract to the best bidder, provided, however, that the court may reject any and all bids. The court is also authorized to purchase rock crushers out of the road fund. The tax provided for in this act is in lieu of taxes heretofore made collectible under other acts.

Eastern Capital Want Cable Cove Mines.

Eastern parties are negotiating for the Mary B and Ethel claims, situated one-half mile southwest from the Evening Star and Morning Star groups in Cable Cove district, the extension of the Owl and Elephant claims owned by Mr. Plowman, of Boise City, Idaho, well known to mining men. It is claimed the last named claims are bonded for \$65,000. William Rumery, Eugene Bartholf and others own the Mary B and Ethel properties.

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