

# \$15,000 IN... CASH To be Given Away



THE PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION will Give \$15,000 in 1,000 Cash Prizes to those making the nearest estimates on the combined Official Vote of OHIO, MASSACHUSETTS and IOWA, cast for Governor on the 5th day or November, 1901.

Estimate the total vote in these three States combined for Governor and send your estimate and subscription to THE SUMPTER MINER and you will receive a certificate which will entitle you to participate in the distribution of the \$15,000 to be awarded by the Press Publishing Association, of Detroit, Mich., to those making the nearest estimates of the Official Vote for Governor in the states of Ohio, Massachusetts and Iowa, to be determined by the Election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1901.

We have made arrangements with the Press Publishing Association, of Detroit, Mich., to enable our subscribers to participate in the distribution of these magnificent prizes, amounting to \$15,000.

**OUR OFFER: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** every one who sends us \$1.25 for six months or \$2.00 for one year's subscription to THE SUMPTER MINER will receive a certificate which will entitle him to participate in the distribution of the prizes. Present subscribers may take advantage of this offer and their subscriptions will be extended from date of expiration. No advance is made in the price of our paper; you get the certificate absolutely free.

When you send in your subscription you also send your estimate. Be careful to write your name, address and estimate as plainly as possible. As soon as we receive your subscription we will send you a certificate of the Press Publishing Association, of Detroit, Mich., containing your estimate, which will insure you any prize your estimate may entitle you to claim. We will file a duplicate certificate with the Press Publishing Association. Every subscriber may make as many estimates and will receive as many certificates as he sends subscriptions to THE SUMPTER MINER. Club raisers will receive a certificate for each subscription obtained.

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**VALUABLE INFORMATION**

To aid subscribers in forming their estimate, we furnish the following data:

The combined Official Vote in these three States in	
1897 WAS	1,537,491
1898 "	1,584,490 increase 0.56 per cent
1899 "	1,576,422 decrease 0.04
1900 "	1,531,857 decrease 5.10
1901 "	1,570,452 increase 2.77
1902 "	1,596,718 increase 22.22
1903 "	1,577,159 decrease 12.40
1904 "	1,517,540 decrease 6.42
1905 "	1,651,159 increase 7.99
1906 "	1,695,610 increase 13.23

The certificates of the Secretaries of the States named showing the combined Official Vote will determine who are entitled to the prizes and the awards will be made within 30 days after the Official Vote is known.

THE SUMPTER MINER will publish the names and addresses of the successful estimators.

Statement of Mr. W. A. Pungs, President of the Central Savings Bank, Detroit, Michigan:

I hereby certify, that the Press Publishing Association has deposited \$15,000 in the Central Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich., for the express purpose of paying the Prizes in their Contest on the combined Official Vote of the States of Ohio, Massachusetts and Iowa, and that this fund can be used for no other purpose.

*W. A. Pungs*

President Central Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich.

**PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:**

To the nearest correct estimate	\$5,000.00
To the 2nd	2,500.00
To the 3rd	1,000.00
To the 4th	500.00
To the 5th	300.00
To the 6th	200.00
To the 7th	100.00
To the 8th	75.00
To the 9th	50.00
To the 10th	25.00
To the next 10 nearest	\$5 each
To the next 25 nearest	\$3 each
To the next 50 nearest	\$2 each
To the next 100 nearest	\$1 each
To the next 200 nearest	50¢ each
To the next 400 nearest	25¢ each
To the next 800 nearest	12¢ each
To the next 1,000 nearest	10¢ each

Total, 997 prizes, amounting to \$12,800.00

**In Addition to the Above Prizes the Following Special Prizes will be Paid:**

To the person making the nearest correct estimate before July 10th	\$1,000.00
To the person making the nearest correct estimate between July 10th and August 10th	\$700.00
To the person making the nearest correct estimate between August 10th and September 10th	\$500.00

Total, 1,000 Prizes, amounting to \$15,000.00

In case of a tie, or that two or more estimators are equally correct, prizes will be divided equally between them.

**REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST PRIZE IS \$5,000.00**

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**OZOCERITE. MINERAL WAX.**

In Austria Over 5000 People are Engaged in the Industry.

Ozocerite, or mineral wax, is a resinous substance, in many respects resembling beeswax. It is found in Austria-Hungary, Russia, Roumania, Egypt, Algeria, Canada, and Mexico, usually in connection with rock salt and coal; but, so far, it has not been discovered anywhere in sufficient quantities to pay for the mining except in the district of Boryslaw, in the Austrian Province of Galicia, and to a limited extent at Tehelekan, an island on the west coast of the Caspian sea, writes Consul Frank W. Hossfeld, of Trieste.

The existence of mineral wax in the petroleum district of Boryslaw was known about a century ago, but for more than 50 years it was turned to no account. In 1854, one R. Doms, a merchant of Lemberg, opened a mine with a view of utilizing ozocerite for illuminating purposes. He also invented a lamp adapted to the employment of this combustible and had it patented.

The successful working of this mine attracted the attention of a large number of speculators, who proceeded to buy from the poor peasants small tracts of land known to contain deposits of the coveted material, and to sink shafts upon their holdings, until 1865 there were around Boryslaw, on an area of only 63 square mile, no less than 11,000 ozocerite pits, varying in depth from 25 to 170 feet. Want of working surface and bad management in time compelled by far the larger number of owners to discontinue operations, and those who have not been weeded out under the operation of the inexorable law of the survival of the fittest, now seem to do a moderately lucrative business.

Mining operations are commenced by sinking a shaft and connecting it by galleries with the beds or "nests," containing the wax. Sometimes it happens, when a nest is being opened, that the enormous pressure of the gases shut up in the same causes the soft mass of wax to be forced out with great vehemence. Such occurrences greatly imperil the lives of the miners, who are compelled to flee to some higher part of the shaft for safety.

An official investigation made in 1898 showed that during the previous year the ozocerite beds of Galicia covered an area of 1,142,898 square yards, and that there were 42 different mining concerns, employing 5143 operatives. The output in that year was 17,068,920 pounds.

**Measuring Gold Dust by the Pint.**

A press dispatch from Walla Walla says that considerable excitement was caused there by the arrival of H. L. Briggs from the John Day country, with a pint of gold ingots which he had melted and run together from dust procured in placer operations. The pint weighed eight pounds and is valued at nearly \$2000. Briggs, who was a well known farmer of the state line, has been mining in the John Day country with a partner recently. He will not talk about his discovery or its location, but it was ascertained that he had washed out the gold with a 150 pound pressure and an inch and a half nozzle in 30 days.

**New Map of the Cable Cove District.**

Engineer W. H. W. Hamilton has just completed a new map of the Cable Cove mining district, 17x23 inches in size, showing the various properties there, the mountain ranges, water courses, wagon roads and trails. Blue prints of the same are for sale at THE MINER office at \$1.50 each, sent postpaid to any address on receipt of the price.

Prompt attention to orders for cut flowers and floral pieces. City Green House, Baker City, Oregon.