

MALHEUR COUNTY OIL FIELDS.

Excited Prospectors Have Located two Sections of Land There.

Yesterday United States Deputy Mineral Surveyor L. W. Burch returned to Baker City with a party of prospectors, who have just located 1280 acres of land in this oil belt, and this afternoon deeds to the land were executed to Wm. Albrecht, Jno. Miles, L. W. Burch, T. M. Albrecht, D. A. Miles, P. H. Miles, Jas. A. Johnson and F. M. Ricker, conveying to them separate portions of the land located. Engineer Burch, who surveyed the land, is confident that if they do not open a gusher they will find oil at no great depth in paying quantities, and many Baker City people are going to join the procession of prospectors.

When questioned in regard to the find Mr. Burch said that he had been prospecting there sometime and that old timers have known for years that there were indications of oil there. "The land lies about eight miles southwest of Vale, in Malheur county. It is a barren, wild waste covered with sagebrush. The ground is fossil formation containing shells, gypsum, sandstone, lime shales, pyrites, lignites and clays. We brought up a large number of samples of the rock. Here are some specimens. Yes, I think the oil is there."

The samples of rock exhibited by Mr. Burch are very peculiar and filled with perfect shells, including oyster shells, and would be very valuable to the scientist hunting for evidences of past geological periods, but the interest to the people here in this peculiar rock is the fact that it is so impregnated with oil as to smell very strongly of petroleum. On the surface of the streams of water in the vicinity can be seen floating a thin scum of oil, more particularly noticeable in the quiet pools along the banks.

Mr. Burch and his associates propose to organize a company at once and start boring a well. Every man of them believes they will let out a gusher. Other parties are expected in within a few days to complete their filings on lands in the same belt. A well or two will tell the story.—Democrat.

Location More Important than Recording.

More important than recording a notice of location is making the location. Making the location comprises, (1) finding valuable mineral; (2) marking on the ground the boundaries of the location of the discovery; (3) posting a written notice of location with the name of the locator, the date, and a description of the claim that describes it so it can be identified on the ground, and (4) entering into possession and continuing that possession, by every year doing the annual assessment work. Doing these things, the ground is not subject to re-location. Failure to record a location does not create a forfeiture. A claim may be void from the beginning because of an improper location, not properly marking boundaries or posting notice. It is only forfeited by failure to do assessment work. A legal location held 25 years in conformity with law can not be forfeited because the locators failed to record the notice.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Surveying Strawberry Butte.

Homer D. Angell, of The Dalles, who had a government contract for surveying two townships on the summit of the mountain near Strawberry butte, completed his work early this week and arrived in Canyon City Monday on his return to The Dalles, departing Tuesday morning. He was accompanied on the return by Virgil Earl, of The Dalles, and W. S. Hans, of this city, who com-

posed the crew during the last few days of the work, O. D. Taylor, Jr. having returned to The Dalles some time since. The townships, the surveying of which had been awarded to Mr. Angell, were some of the roughest on the Strawberry mountain range. Many places were encountered that it required a day to cover the distance of one mile. This survey, the Eagle is informed, has been made at the instance of the Eastern Oregon Land Co., to enable them to select lands in lieu of lands within the limits of The Dalles military wagon road grant, which the company lost by being previously settled upon. Wm. E. Campbell, of The Dalles also has a contract for the survey of several townships in the same locality, which work he will soon have completed.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Union County Has a Shipper.

Wm. Muir returned to the mining district of Union county with a load of supplies and with more men for operating the large mine from which he will at once begin to make shipments. Everything is in readiness for the transportation of ore to the smelter at Murray, Utah. The bags were unloaded yesterday at Hilgard, and the ore is on the dump ready to be shoveled in. Three cars will be shipped at once, and one car each month during the fall and winter. The road will be kept open and from 6 to 12 men will be kept constantly at work in the mines. Mr. Muir knows almost to a certainty what results to expect. He had a sample bag of what he considers the poorest ore shipped to Murray to be tested. The result showed 110 ounces of silver and one-half ounce of gold. From this he judges that his monthly clearances will be about \$2000. Messrs. Packard and Groesbeck, mining experts, will assist in the operation of the mine and will watch developments with a view to purchasing in the spring. Mr. Packard, who has had much experience, believes this mine is the equal of any in eastern Oregon, not surpassed even by those in the famous Sumpter group.—La Grande Chronicle.

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