

NUGGET WORTH \$165.

Added to Mayor Robbins' Collection of Specimens.

Some days since Jack Hazelwood was showing around town a handsome gold nugget, about the shape and size of the palm of a man's hand. It contained some quartz, but was clearly placer gold. It was worn quite smooth, demonstrating that it had traveled a long ways. Mr. Hazelwood displayed some reluctance in giving the history of the nugget, but finally dismissed the curious enquirer, with a fairy story, to the effect that it had been picked up by a prospector while crossing a small stream near Hanover. It looks like Winter-ville gold, several similar quartz studded nuggets having been found in that ground.

Estimating the gold at sixteen dollars an ounce, the piece weighed in at \$165, and Mayor Robbins bought it at that price to add to his collection of specimens; of which he has a growing collection of very valuable and interesting ones. The collection consists chiefly of polished quartz showing large quantities of free gold. He has these from the North Pole, Golconda, Columbia and Red Boy. Yesterday he bought an exceptionally handsome specimen from a jewelry store, that any one familiar with local ores would be willing to swear came from the Golconda, and Mr. Robbins is now wondering how it happened to get in the channels of commerce, as he has given special instructions to have all such turned over to him.

But the most interesting in the collection is the first silver brick ever extracted from Monumental ore. It weighs between one and two ounces, taken out by Mr. Robbins himself when a boy, away back in 1876. He used a flat iron to pulverize the rock and a piece of charcoal as a smelting furnace. He also has some of the first pulp ever turned out by that mill.

Change in Hotel Sumpter Management.

William Stinson and Jack Hazelwood have bought the interests held by J. A. Grainger and A. J. Stinson in the Stinson-Grainger company, which owns the lease of, furniture and fixtures in Hotel Sumpter. W. Stinson already owned a one-third interest in the company, and now he and Mr. Hazelwood are equal partners. The transfer of A. J. Stinson's stock was made last Wednesday; that of J. A. Grainger is not yet completed, though the deal is practically closed. The new proprietors are now in possession and are giving their personal attention to the business. Both are so well and favorably known throughout eastern Oregon that they need no introduction to the public or words of commendation from THE MINER. Under the new management Hotel Sumpter is sure to become the most popular house in eastern Oregon, as it should be, for it is one of the best. Al Hillier has been installed as chief clerk, which, all will grant, was a good move in the right direction. As was intimated in these columns last week, Al Geiser, owner of the hotel bearing his name in Baker City, was here at that time for the purpose of investigating the proposition. He found it to be a paying one, and is negotiating for the purchase of the building, lease and furniture. As yet, however, everything pertaining to the deal is "up in the air."

Good Intent Society Concert.

The concert which was to have been given last Friday evening by the ladies of the Good Intent society of the Metho-

dist church was postponed until next Friday evening, the 14th instant. There have been some changes made in the numbers. The following is the corrected

PROGRAM

PART I.

- 1—Orchestra, Selected—Sumpter Orchestra.
- 2—Vocal Duet—"Calm as the Night,"—C. Gotze—Mrs. Heppe and Mr. Weibley.
- 3—Vocal Solo—"I heard the Voice of Jesus Say,"—Miss Fowler.
- 4—Piano Duet, "Sonata,"—Diabelli—(a) Andante, (b) Allegro Moderato, (c) Romanze, (d) Allegro vivace—Master Waldo Heppe and Mr. Heppe.
- 5—Vocal Solo, "In May Time,"—Dudley Ruck—Mrs. Heppe.

PART II.

- 1—Vocal Solo—"The Storm Fiend,"—Roedle—Mr. Weibley.
- 2—Orchestra, selected—Sumpter Orchestra.
- 3—Piano Solo—Second Mazurka in B Flat—Benj. Godard—Miss Wilder.
- 4—Piano Duet, Sonata in D Minor—Diabelli—(a) Allegro con fuoco, (b) Andantino, (c) Rondo—Master Waldo Heppe and Mr. Heppe.
- 5—Vocal Trio, "O, Restless Sea,"—White—Mrs. Heppe, Mr. Mueller and Mr. Weibley.

Hot Air Treatment for Rheumatism.

Yesterday Dr. Brock received a hot air apparatus from Chicago, to be used in the treatment of rheumatism and stiff joints, which is the latest scientific method known to the profession and has given excellent results. The apparatus is made of copper on the outside and lined with asbestos on the inside and heated with gasoline. The arm, leg, or any part of the body is incased in a loose rubber funnel and placed in the apparatus, and the air is heated as high as 750 degrees Fahrenheit, and as water boils at 212 degrees and lead melts at 617 degrees, an idea can be obtained of the atmosphere in which the diseased limb is placed. To touch the asbestos would burn the hand instantly; but, on account of being encased in the loose covering and suspended on a sling in the apparatus, it causes only a slight tingling and numbing of the limb being treated.

Antiquity of Gold Extraction.

Regarding the antiquity of assaying and the finding of cupels in ancient Roman relics, an exchange states that Zimbabwe in Mashonaland, Central South Africa has ruins which show an almost modern acquaintance with the arts. Hinting at even prehistoric times evidence of abundant supplies of gold is reported and later abundant gold in Arabia and gold in Phoenicia and Tyre was well known. Recent discoveries point to Zimbabwe, South Africa, as the place of its origin. Iron smelting furnaces are unearthed, also a crude blow pipe and an ingot mold with patterns of Phoenician gold ornaments, showing they worked for the Phoenician market. Crucibles were found there and specimens brought away. The excavators found that the gold was crushed and separated by a water process, then put in clay crucibles well closed up and left for a long time in the furnace.

Blue Bird's Compressor.

E. J. Thorp, superintendent of the Blue Bird Mining company, was in town this week. He says that he has a force of men at work crosscutting the veins and that the building for the compressor will soon be completed and machinery installed about December 15.

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