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Advice from Everett state that the smelter there, recently acquired by the American Smelting and Refining company, otherwise known as the the smelter trust, is to be reopened on a larger scale than ever before.

Receiver James Smith, of the wrecked United States Shipbuilding company, organized on the usual lines of trusts, says that it was designed as the most gigantic, artistic swindle of the age, and advises stockholders to sue Schwab and Morgan to recover their money—yes, even J. Pierpont Morgan, whom Wall street hailed a few brief months since as the financial savior of the country, the creator of prosperity.

Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, in his annual report made public Monday, states that ten thousand proofs for claims are held up, owing to reports of frauds in western land operations. Fifteen special inspectors are now at work in the three Pacific coast states, investigating these alleged frauds and he asks for as many more. Secretary Hitchcock now denies that senators and congressmen are implicated. The Interior department is making a fool of itself.

The Weiser Signal is one of the most enterprising journals in existence. When the Thunder Mountain boom was on it, it proved beyond the remotest question of doubt that the best way to reach the new district lay through Weiser. It showed very conclusively that to be the nearest and best point from which to hit the trail for the scene of excitement. Now it comes forward and proves with equal clearness and mathematical exactness that Weiser offers the shortest and best route to Mount Rastus. It probably has the only air line, standard gauge route to the New Jerusalem.

And now a Swedish scientist, Arrhenius, has offered an explanation that satisfies many of his brother scientists, of that heretofore inexplicable natural phenomenon, the beautiful aurora borealis; those broad zones of mellow light that occasionally unfold themselves across the northern heavens, their wavy meshes tangled thick with stars, that always force the observer to marvel over the mysteries of the universe and long to unveil those secrets known only to Him who sways it all. This wise professor says it is caused by the incandescence of the gases thrown off by the sun. By the very nature of the problem, this cannot be demonstrated. No instruments made by man can test the accuracy of the theory; those elusive lights will not be experimented with; they illuminate the heavens and the earth, but throw no light on their own origin.

[Over in] Lake county there has been waged for months past a con-

test between thirty homestead settlers and the Warner Valley Stock company, involving title to 4,800 acres of land. All published evidence in the case points to the fact that it was a barefaced land grab on the part of the rich corporation, that the homesteaders were bona fide settlers.

Governor Chamberlain requested the Interior department to withhold patent to the company, until he could be heard, quoted a section from the United States statutes in which it was specifically set forth that the government officials should issue no patent to the state except upon request of the governor, and he made his request to have the patent withheld upon this authority. Notwithstanding the governor's request, Commissioner Richards issued the patent to the state, while the governor was on his way east, and placed the patent in the hands of the attorneys of the Warner Valley Stock company.

The Stock company was seeking title through the state. The general government has always issued patents to the state and filed the patent with the state government. In this case, however, the patent was given direct to the attorney for the Stock company, which in itself, indicates collusion.

Some days since The Miner submitted the opinion that officials of the Interior department are making a great noise about alleged frauds being perpetrated by obscure individuals, for the purpose of detracting public opinion from frauds of great magnitude, in which these officials are themselves interested, directly or indirectly. The foregoing in another instance that lends plausibility to the theory.

MORE GOOD COAL FOUND IN JOHN DAY COUNTRY.

Word has reached this place that the crew of miners prospecting for coal on the river near the home of James Small have drilled through a solid bed of coal to a depth of 140 feet. Nor is the bottom of this wonderful stratum yet reached. Should these reports be confirmed, and they are made on good authority, this will prove to be one of the largest deposits of coal ever discovered.

The operations are being conducted by P. A. Downs, a Boise coal expert, and the question of quality has very probably been settled, as these investigations have been going on quietly for some time. Had not the quality proved satisfactory it is not probable that he would have placed heavy machinery on the ground and employed a number of workmen to investigate the extent of the deposit.

It is rumored that Mr. Downs represents the O. R. & N. company; but whether this is true or not matters little, for as soon as such vast deposits of coal of a commercial quality are proven to exist in this valley, transportation will be provided. A number of different railway companies would hustle to be the first to get their lines into the field.—Grant Count News.

Nebraska Banker Here.

W. A. Warner, of Creighton, Nebraska, brother to E. F. Warner, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, arrived here this morning to look after interests in the camp. Mr. Warner is prominent in banking circles at Creighton.

RUSHING WORK ON MINES AND ROAD.

E. A. Hutchins, outside manager for J. W. Bonta, was a passenger on the Sumter Valley today, on his way to Prairie City, to put up buildings at the Oregon Wonder and Will Cleaver properties. Twelve men are at work on the Oregon Wonder and work is to be done on the Will Cleaver group by contract, running two shifts. Work will be continued all winter.

Major Bonta has sixteen claims at Mount Rastus on which he is now erecting buildings and will spend \$20,000 in development. The Pittsburgh parties, who have several claims in this district, are also preparing to work all winter.

Mr. Hutchins also said that the Citizens' league, of Baker City, had urged to assist the Bonta railroad in every way possible, toward securing terminal ground and a right of way into Baker. He said that as soon as the weather permits in the spring they will have 2,000 men at work grading and making road bed and would push the line through to Prairie City as rapidly as possible. As the survey now runs, it is only fourteen miles to Sumpter and it is quite probable that they would run a branch into this town.

R. A. Hollenbeck, one of the transit men on the Bonta surveying crew, was also on the train this morning. He got off at Lockhart to go to one of the camps eight miles from there, where twelve men are at work. Speaking to a Miner representative this morning Mr. Hutchins said: "The Bonta railway will be built beyond any question of doubt. The contract for clearing the right of way is to be let this fall and work will be started within the next thirty days. The plan is to complete this part of the work and be ready in the spring to begin active operations. If everything goes as we have outlined, the road will be completed and in operation to Prairie City by October 1. The branch to Sumpter is also a matter which will be taken up. After the main line is finished, we figure on bringing a branch into Sumpter from a point some twelve miles from the city on the main line. Of course, this depends somewhat upon the attitude which the citizens show to the enterprise, but so far their willingness to cooperate has been demonstrated."

Estimating Ore in Sight.

The "ore in sight" in a mine can only be determined approximately at best. Long experience has proven that appearances in mine development are often deceptive and unreliable. No mining engineer is safe in assuming a larger tonnage "in sight" than he can estimate in ore bodies cut on four sides, within relatively short distance, although some are willing to base their judgment on cuttings exposing three sides of the block of ore. These suggestions contemplate the measurement of a body of ore in a vein of moderate width—twenty feet or less. When the vein exceeds this width even greater caution is necessary. It is a curious fact that ore bodies upon being extracted rarely produce a tonnage in excess of estimates previously made.—Mining and Scientific Press.

To Visit Mines.

A. L. Morris, mining editor of the Telegram and Solicitor York of the same paper went to Prairie City today. Mr. Morris will visit the mines in that vicinity returning Friday when he will make a trip to the Cracker Creek district.

NOTICE.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, October 22, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the Artec Land and Cattle Company, Ltd., whose postoffice address is 15 Broad street, New York City, New York, did, on the 24th day of October, 1903, make application to select, under the Act of June 4, 1897 (30 Stat., 36), the following described tract of land, to-wit:

Lot Four (4) in section 2; the SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄; the NE¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄; and the NE¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄ of section 14, T. 10 south, range 35 E.M.M., in Baker county, Oregon.

That the purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the selected land under the mining laws, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objections to said selection with the officers of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, within thirty days after the 10th day of October, 1903, so as to establish their interest therein or the mineral character thereof.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.

S. Rusk, Plaintiff,
vs.
Oregon King Gold Mining Company, a Corporation,
Defendant.

To Oregon King Gold Mining Company, a corporation, the above-named defendant—

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the 2d day of December, 1903, the same being the last day of the time prescribed in the order duly made and entered in the above entitled action of the 14th day of October, 1903, by the Hon. W. W. Travillion, Judge of the County Court of Baker county, Oregon, for the publication of this summons; and if you fail so to appear and answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for judgment against you for the sum of \$217.60 and interest thereon at 6 per cent per annum from and after the 10th day of September, 1903, and for an order for the sale of attached property, and for his costs and disbursements of this action and for accruing costs.

And you are further notified that October the 21st is the first date of publication of this summons, and the date of December 2d, 1903, is the last date of publication thereof.

C. H. McCOLLOCH,
Attorney for the Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Baker.

R. L. Graves, Plaintiff,
vs.
E. J. Dwyer, Viola M. Dwyer,
Ed. Turk and Minot Austin,
Defendants.

To E. J. Dwyer, Viola M. Dwyer and Minot Austin, the above-named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 2d day of December, 1903, which is the date of the last publication of this summons, as prescribed in the order made by the County Judge of Baker county, State of Oregon, for the publication hereof; and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will, at the expiration of said time, apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint herein, namely: That judgment be entered against said defendant, E. J. Dwyer, for the amount due on the promissory note set forth in said complaint, attorney's fees and costs, to-wit: The sum of \$113 with interest thereon from the 18th day of January, 1902, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, the further sum of \$50 as attorney's fees to be allowed by the court herein, and the costs and disbursements of this suit, and that the same be decreed to be a first and prior lien upon the property described in said complaint, and in the mortgage therein set forth, to-wit: Lot 2 in Block 1 in Sumpter Heights, McEwen's Addition to the town, now City of Sumpter, as the same is shown on the plat therein of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Baker county, Oregon, and that in said decree it be ordered that said property be sold in the manner provided by law for the sale of real property under execution, and that the proceeds thereof be applied to the costs of said sale, the costs and disbursements of said suit, to the payment of said \$50 attorney's fees, and the residue or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the payment of said sum of \$113 with interest at 10 per cent per annum from the 18th day of January, 1902.

And if said property does not sell for enough to satisfy said decree, that plaintiff have judgment and execution against the defendants for any deficiency remaining due on said judgment after the application of the proceeds of said sale thereto, and that it be decreed that the plaintiff or any one claiming by, through, or under him, may be one a purchaser at said sale, and that the Sheriff issue to such purchaser a certificate of sale and put him in immediate possession of said premises, and that the defendants herein and all persons claiming by, through, or under them or either of them be forever barred and foreclosed of all equity of redemption in and to the above described property. This suit having been brought to foreclose the mortgage on said property given to said plaintiff by the defendants, E. J. Dwyer and Viola M. Dwyer, on the 18th day of January, 1902, to secure their promissory note of even date therewith of \$180, bearing interest at 10 per cent per annum until paid.

And you are further notified that on the 20th day of October, 1903, the Hon. W. W. Travillion, Judge of Baker county, Oregon, made an order that service be made by publication in the SUMPTER MINER of said summons, and that the date of the first publication thereof is October 21st, 1903, and that the date of the last publication is Decem or 2d, 1903.

N. C. RICHARDS,
Attorney for Plaintiff