

GRAYSON'S ROMANCE.

How The Gallant Colonel Happened to Get Mixed up With Sprague.

Sensational Suit Transferred From State to Federal Courts.

The Sprague-Grayson-Alpine Consolidated Gold Mines company litigation has been transferred to the Circuit court of the United States. Colonel John T. Grayson, the principal defendant, is lying in a hospital in Portland, slowly recovering from an operation performed by his physicians, but the mills of justice are grinding on.

Colonel Emmett Callahan, one of the counsel for the defendants, has had the case removed from the Baker county Circuit court to the United States Circuit court at Portland. The removal is granted on the grounds that the corporation defendant in the case is non-resident of the State of Oregon.

The cause of action of A. H. Sprague, the plaintiff, is to the effect that he and Colonel John T. Grayson were co-partners in the mining business, and that he has by virtue of such co-partnership a settlement coming; that among the things due him is 20,000 shares of the Alpine Consolidated Gold Mines company, of the value of \$20,000. He also claims other property as his proportion growing out of the co-partnership, though it appears to have all been in Colonel Grayson's name.

It is claimed by the defendant that Sprague was never the co-partner of Grayson; that he was a mere employe on a stipulated salary, and that he has no interest whatever in the earnings of Colonel Grayson.

It leaks out that there is a little romance in the case, according to the defendant's statement. It is claimed that Colonel Grayson once took sick and that he was treated kindly during his illness by the wife of A. H. Sprague; that the big hearted miner wanted to do something in return for this kindness, and gave Sprague employment. He fitted out offices, according to the story in Baker City, and gave Sprague the position of bookkeeper. He never thought of any trouble arising over the matter, until suddenly the man whom he claims to have picked up and given good employment raised himself up to the dignity of a full co-partner of the Colonel and claimed a half interest in all of his property and earnings.

The Colonel says he will fight the matter to the end, as he does not care to be held up by a man whom he had taken up as a matter of gratitude, and who, after he had helped to get a start in the world, has turned to take from him his own property through the courts.—Baker City Herald.

Bones of 31,000,000 Buffalo.

Barring the dreadful stampede, which good judgment could avoid

and the occasional charge of an enraged bull to escape his tormentors, or some fretted cow to protect her calf, the killing of buffaloes was a sport without peril, and a business void of hazardous incident, carried on with such ruthless, wasteful and unnecessary destruction that the memory of it excites pity, indignation, and disgust of the present generation. In Kansas alone between 1868 and 1881, \$25,000,000 was paid out for bones gathered on the prairies and sold to be utilized in various carbon works. It took 100 carcasses to make one ton of bones, the price of which was \$8. So this vast sum represents 31,000,000 buffalo, or more than one-half of the total number of all the cattle in the whole United States in 1902. On the Santa Fe trail and miles away, too, from the usual course of travel, as Major Inman relates, in some places one could walk all day long on the dead bodies of buffalo without touching foot to the ground.—Exchange.

PRAIRIE CITY WILL GIVE GRANT

COUNTY A COURT HOUSE.

The subscription list that is now being circulated in this section for the purpose of building a court house in Prairie City and present to Grant county, when the voters at the election decide that the county seat should be removed from Canyon City to Prairie City, is being liberally subscribed, and there is no longer any doubt but that the subscription will reach the sum of \$25,000 or \$30,000. The petition will now be circulated.

From information gathered throughout the county, even from the most distant points, it is learned that the heaviest taxpayers as a general rule are in favor of the change. They see at a glance that it means a reduction of taxation and a general benefit and convenience to everybody within the county. They will therefore work together with the Prairie City people—thus assuring success of the undertaking.—Prairie City Miner.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the Baker county court house during the week ending Jan. 26, 1904.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS.

Oct. 18—Bourne Land and Imp. Co., to Wm. Fleagle, lot 9 block D, Bourne; \$600.

Jan. 22—Wm. Fleagle to Lottie Fleagle, same as last; \$1,200.

Jan. 20—Geo. C. Hyde and F. B. Healy to L. M. Healy, west 50 rods S. W. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 10 Tp. 9 R. 40 E; \$1.

Jan. 8—W. B. Smith and wife to Jesse Jett, one-half interest lot 9, Wyatts add to Pleasant Valley; \$150.

Jan. 2—F. L. Gregg et al to Jas. S. Cott, et al, Winters quartz claim; \$1.

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS.

Nov. 10—Jas. E. Reedy and wife to John W. Flick, 300 acres in Secs. 15 and 22 Tp. 12 R. 45 E; \$7,500.

Jan. 26—U. S. A. to Wm. H. Leasy, 160 acres in Secs. 14 and 23 Tp. 8 R. 42 E; \$1.

Jan. 21—Mary E. Eblen and husband to C. C. Cox, one-third interest in Juniper Hill group of quartz claims; \$200.

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