

## LAKE COUNTY'S SALT INDUSTRY EXTENSIVE

The Oregon Potash company is building a dyke two miles long across an arm of Summer lake, in Lake county, according to the statement made by an exchange. The area of the bay cut off by this dyke is over two thousand acres. An acre of water to an average depth of one foot when evaporated leaves over fifty tons of salt. This immense vat of two thousand acres will produce over one hundred thousand tons of salt in a season.

The several salts, sulphate of potash, bicarbonate of soda, carbonate of soda, sulphate of soda, silica, and common table salt are separated from each other by the process of fractional crystallization. The big vat will be used only for condensing, and in it about seven-eighths of the water will be eliminated by evaporation. Crystallizing vats will be built next summer.

John T. Reid, an expert chemist and member of the American Institute of Mining engineers, will have charge of this part of the work. Mr. Reid is vice president of the Oregon Potash company, and has been associated with Mr. Sain in the enterprise from the start. With the coming of spring similar works will be built at Lake Albert.

The one thing that is needed to put these salts on the market and give employment to hundreds of men in Lake county is railroad transportation. The only product that can be marketed under present conditions is the bicarbonate of soda, or the common baking soda. Mr. Sain expects to ship a thousand tons of this soda next summer and fall. It will be hauled to Bend if the railroad reaches that point, and if not, it will be taken to Madeline. In the manufacture of this soda, common table or stock salt, will be formed as a by product, enough to supply the local market. Before the carbonate of soda can be marketed it must be calcined, and furnaces for this purpose will be commenced next summer. At the present, Mr. Sain and C. H. Keith, who is assisting him, are putting in their time on the dyke across the Summer lake bay. They have now completed four hundred feet of the three thousand feet of dyke necessary to separate the bay from the main body of the lake.

### MORE TROUBLE FOR WADE AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Joseph Vey has this morning filed a suit in the office of the county clerk for the recovery of a note for \$12,000 with a mortgage securing it, which he claims the First National Bank of Pendleton is withholding from him. The First National Bank, C. B. Wade and George Darveau are named as the defendants in the suit, and the plaintiff alleges that on April, 18, 1899, he had a large sum of money on deposit in the bank, and that on that date C. B. Wade took \$12,000 from the sum and loaned it to George Darveau, taking from him a note for the amount with 8 per cent interest, secured by a mortgage on the St. George hotel. The interest on the note was made payable to C. B. Wade as trustee.

It is further alleged that the defendant, C. B. Wade, has become insolvent and has absconded from the state, and that the note and the mortgage are in the bank, which claims

to be the owner and threatens to sue them in the regular transaction of business as the property of the bank.

The plaintiff also claims to be the owner of the note and the mortgage securing it, and to be the beneficiary named and intended by the term "trustee" in the papers for the \$12,000, and that therefore the note and the mortgage are of right the property of the plaintiff Vey, and not of the bank.

The plaintiff prays for a temporary injunction restraining the bank from disposing of or transferring the note or the mortgage until after the final settlement of the suit, and that Darveau be restrained from paying any money to the bank until after the settlement of the suit. He also prays that the note and mortgage be surrendered by the bank to him. Balleary and McCourt are the attorneys for the plaintiff.—East Oregonian.

### OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the Baker county court house during the week ending Feb. 2, 1904.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

##### DEEDS.

Jan. 20—C. E. Coles and wife to Frank L. Moore, 240 acres in Sec. 32 Tp. 7 R. 39 E; \$391.

Jan. 21—Arnold Myers and wife to Harmon Perkins, lots 5 and 6 block 5, Haskell adn to Baker City; \$1,200.

Jan. 26—C. E. Fosterling and wife to L. C. Anderson, home place in Wilovale adn to Baker City; \$550.

Jan. 28—A. L. Mason and wife to C. C. Cox, lots 2 and 3 and south 25 feet of lot 1 and 50x112 feet in northeast corner of block A, Place's adn to Baker City; \$2,000.

Jan. 10—Sloan P. Shutt and wife to R. S. Clark, lots 2, 3 and 4 block 3, Sunnyside adn to Sumpter; \$1.

Nov. 19—V. A. Usher and husband to T. B. Bradford, lot 3, Usher's west adn to Richland; \$100.

Jan. 22—E. A. Bond and wife to Steward Shick, lots 19 to 22 block 23, Wilovale, Baker City; \$325.

Jan. 27—A. Wallace and wife to J. H. Stephens Jr., 160 acres in Sec. 2 and 3 Tp. 11 R. 40 E; \$1.

Nov. 10—F. T. Glisan and J. L. Scarff, to John Ketels, Scarff's home place in Hanover; \$1.

Nov. 3—J. H. Murray and wife to A. J. Murray, 480 acres in Secs. 25 and 26 Tp. 13 R. 37 E; and Secs. 19 and 30 Tp. 13 R. 38 E; and Secs. 7 and 8 Tp. 14 R. 38 E; \$1.

Jan. 2—Lee A. Duncan to A. J. Ballingall, lots 7 and 8 block X, Haines; \$300.

Oct. 28—S. M. Haines to A. J. Ballingall, lots 5 and 6 block X, Haines; \$100.

Jan. 28—Henry Liebe and wife to Mary E. King, lots 24 and 27 block 17, Stewart's 2nd adn to Baker City; \$40.

July 18—V. C. Brock to Northwestern Granite company, 120 acres in Sec. 27 Tp. 7 R. 39 E; \$400.

Sept. 26—Fred Thompson to Price Davis, 100 acres in Sec. 36 Tp. 8 R. 38 E; \$5.

#### MINING MATTERS.

##### DEEDS.

Jan. 28—Henry W. Shepard to L. F. Brock, one-half interest in Golden Chariot quartz claim; \$1.

Jan. 27—J. T. Elliott to J. W. Meadows, one-half interest in Caroline, Buffalo and Victor quartz claims; \$100.

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