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TWELVE FEET OF ORE AT THE BLACK BUTTE

Later information from the Black Butte in Fox Valley, being operated by Wheeler & Company, O. C. Wright local manager, is to the effect that the new vein encountered has been crossed a distance of twelve feet, without reaching the opposite wall.

The last report printed in The Miner a few days ago was that the vein had been entered five feet. This new vein is almost at right angles to the main head of the property, and high values may be expected at the point of intersection. The ore is in place and presents a promising appearance, though no assay values are reported.

LONG CREEK LIGHT WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

Under a John Day date line, of the 8th instant, The Spokesman-Review publishes the following: The newspaper office of The Long Creek Light, a weekly paper published at Long Creek, not far from here, was almost wrecked with dynamite last evening. The explosive was placed under the building near the east end.

The explosion was of terrific violence, tearing away the entire front wall. The opposite wall was moved several feet into the street. The sides and roof are wrecks. The contents of the building were hurled in every direction. The office fixtures and type are a total loss and the presses are badly damaged.

Editor Coe has been outspoken recently in condemnation of several things of which he did not approve, and there is a bitter feeling against him by a certain element in the community. An investigation has been started. Dealers in explosives have been wired relative to recent purchasers.

No one was injured. It is not known whether publication will be resumed.

Whitaker Wright's Meteoric Career.

It was when the Boer war had brought depression in London financial circles three years ago that Wright's doom was sealed. One of his Australian mining companies was Cake View Consols, a property which, originally bought for about a thousand dollars, was capitalized for more than a million in shares, which were made active in speculation and hoisted to dizzy figures. They had fallen one-third of their former high price when Wright, in December, 1901, undertook to stem the decline by purchasing them in the market through the London and Globe Finance corporation. This collapsed under the strain, carrying down with it the similarly juggled and overloaded affiliated companies and burying thirteen stock exchange firms in the ruins. Then followed three years

of misery for the culprit—investigations, exposures and wretched, anxious delays and evasions, shunned by former friends and followed by the curses of those he had ruined, until yesterday Whitaker Wright stood condemned as a felon and dropped dead under the sentence. Example is always more efficacious than precept, and there are promoters and stock jugglers on this side of the Atlantic who may profit by a study of the closing years of this extraordinary career.—New York Herald.

RAIN OF MUD AT HUNTINGTON, OR IS IT ONLY A PIPE DREAM

A phenomena which seems to puzzle every one and is yet unexplained, occurred here Tuesday.

A shower of rain came up on the afternoon, which proved to be not water but drops of mud. Windows and sidewalks were spattered with mud and the appearance of hats would lend the impression that the owners had been standing on their heads. The fact that trains arriving from both the east and west were covered with the substance demonstrates this strange trick of the elements is not entirely local. Various theories have been advanced as to its cause, but the prevailing idea seems to be that there has been a volcanic eruption somewhere.

However, the only thing of this nature known to occur recently is late dispatches from Amsterdam saying that the Volcano Morapi, in the island of Java, is in a state of eruption and pouring forth hot coal and ashes, but we do not profess to be sufficiently advanced in the sciences to judge the feasibility of an explanation on this scale.—Huntington Herald.

Diamond a Geological Mystery.

The diamond is still one of the mysteries of geology. When the South African fields were discovered there was much astonishment to find the gem in a series of minerals quite different from those in which it had hitherto been found in India and Brazil, says the Mining and Engineering Review. Instead of lying besides tourmaline, amethyst and brookite, it was mingled with a breccia of magnesian rocks which had evidently been pushed up from below, and a great variety of minerals, such as diopside, mica, zircon and corundum, were embedded along with it. Some have supposed that the diamond was originally formed where it is now picked up, and the presence of carburated gas and carboniferous rocks is in favor of the idea, but, on the other hand, the broken condition of some of the stones and other facts go to support the opposite opinion.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

OREGON MINES GAINING SOME RECOGNITION DUE.

Oregon, to whom falls the honor of entertaining the next meeting of the National Mining Congress, has, by a slow process of years, gained recognition as a producer of metals and minerals. Although the discovery of gold in Oregon dates back to within two years of the stampede to California in '49, this staid old "Webfoot" state has been nearly half a century gaining the recognition it might have had many years ago. But this recognition has at last been gained, and Oregon will, in the future, have a prominent place among the gold and copper producing states of the union.

The most important gold-producing sections of Oregon, are, first, the Blue Mountain, or "Eastern Oregon," district, comprising Baker, Grant and Union counties; and second, the Rogue River, or "Southern Oregon," district, covering Josephine, Jackson and Curry counties. For the past seven years the gold output of Oregon has averaged \$5,000,000 annually. The United States mint report does not confirm this, but there are several reasons why it does not. In the first place, all of the placer gold and a vast quantity of the concentrates and ores are shipped from the Oregon mines to the smelters and mints of neighboring states, and the credit is not properly placed.

This output will steadily increase during the next few years, as the genuine development of properties in both eastern and southern Oregon for several seasons past is just reaching a stage where results can be obtained.

Over one-half million dollars were spent for mining equipment alone in Oregon this past year, and it is conservatively estimated that double this amount will be expended for the same purpose in 1904. This means that Oregon is just entering its career as a mining state. The fifty years that have just elapsed since gold was first discovered in this state have been used in prospecting, pocket-hunting and surface mining. The real work is now beginning.—Mining World.

JUDGE HARTMAN, PENDLETON GIVE MILLION DOLLAR BOND

After consulting with their attorneys, it has been decided by Judge G. A. Hartman and Joe H. Parkes to waive their preliminary hearing in the cases brought against them and others by the government, charging conspiracy to defraud the government, and this morning both of the gentlemen furnished bonds in the sum of \$2,000 each to insure their appearance before the federal grand jury when it meets in Portland. It is thought that the jury will meet some time during the next month.

Judge Hartman at first wished to have his hearing as soon as possible, but has changed his mind after consultation with his attorney. He said today: "It is too much to ask the district attorney to come way up here to conduct a preliminary hearing, so

I will offer a bond instead. It represents about \$1,000,000, and I will give a mortgage to indemnify my bondsmen on 500,000 jack rabbits and all the wild geese that fly over the land."

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