

## SOLD OUT QUICKLY.

Burnt River Contingent Disposes of  
Bees and Stuff at Bourne  
And Sumpter

Taking Back a Big Lot of Stuff And  
Spending Lots of Cash  
Here.

B. C. Elliot, of Burnt river, who, with W. M. Chamberlain, brought in three loads of produce the day before yesterday, accompanied by Bob Riley, of Sumpter, who was assisting in the transportation, came back from Bourne last evening. They sold out twelve quarters of bees in Bourne yesterday without moving the sled, they say, and in a short time eighteen in all were disposed of. The producers have fared equally well at the hands of Sumpter.

They will return tomorrow, taking back with them 5,000 pounds of seed grain, a big consignment of sugar and a lot of other stuff. They expect to return again next week with another load of produce. They are well pleased with the reception they have met with here and the business they are building. It is true that some opposition is met from the butchers, but this cannot last long, when it is realized that the trade of a rich district means more in the long run than a mere momentary loss in an individual instance.

## RICH RADIUM STRIKE IN EMERY CO. UTAH.

A dispatch from Salt Lake says: A discovery has been made in the northern part of Emery county, this state, of an immense deposit of pitch blende, the rock from which is extracted the precious radium, by Oscar Beebe, formerly of Spokane and now a cattle rancher, who lives about fifty miles north of the town of Emery.

The pitch blende is found in connection with carnotite, which is shown by Professor Hildebrand's analysis to contain 52 per cent uranium and 17.80 per cent vanadium. The rock is yellow. The pitch blende is dark, some of it almost black, and some specimens are rich in the greenish yellow substance that is said to contain radium. Other specimens of the pitch blende show a great variety of peacock colors.

The deposit is on the Beebe ranch and can be traced on the surface for 3,000 feet. It is about 150 feet wide.

Oscar Beebe lived in Spokane fifteen years ago and was in the restaurant business in a small way. He then went to Emery county, Utah, and engaged in stock raising. He has known of the deposit of mineral for many years, but was never aware of its value. The ledge, or rather ridge, has several times been located for copper, but always abandoned by the locators.

When the descriptions of the ore from which radium is extracted were

published some time ago, Beebe took samples of the rock and sent them east for analysis. He also sent some of the ore to Denver. The returns showed that the rock contained a high percentage of radium. Then, in association with two practical mining men, who are also capitalists, Beebe commenced development work on the property.

## SINKING PLANT FOR THE WORLEY

Superintendent Hunter, of the Worley, in the Greenhorn, was here today making arrangements for the transportation of a sinking plant to be installed on the property at once. The plant was ordered some time ago, and part of the machinery has already arrived. Continuous work will be carried on at the property.

## Klickitat Indian Relics NUMBER 1100,000 PIECES.

W. H. Gilstrap, curator and secretary of the Ferry museum in Tacoma, was in the city yesterday for the purpose of looking up some curios of the Umatilla and Cayuse Indians, to be displayed at the Ferry museum in Tacoma. Mr. Gilstrap did not make a visit to the agency, but went on to La Grande for a few days' visit, after which he will return to Pendleton and look over the field. Mr. Gilstrap has just examined the collection of the late Dr. Stewart, of Goldendale, and pronounced it very fine and of the value of \$15,000. The collection includes 100,000 relics. Mr. Gilstrap said:

"The Stewart collection is principally of Klickitat Indian curios, picked up for the most part along the Klickitat and Columbia rivers.

"In addition to 40,000 perfect specimens, there are 40,000 imperfect specimens, and 300 Indian baskets. The remaining relics are stone utensils and weapons of all kinds—pestles, mortars and other articles in general use. It is a magnificent collection, and should not be allowed out of the state.

"Dr. Stewart worked into the good graces of the Klickitat Indians to such an extent that they would bring him everything they found. It took him twelve or fifteen years to get the aggregation together. The lot would sell readily in the east, but as it represents the historical development and progress of one of our own tribes, it should never be permitted to get away."—Pendleton Tribune.

## Large Ore Body in Black Butte.

Ed C. Allen, superintendent of the Black Butte mine in Fox valley, came over from the property Tuesday evening. He says that a large ore body was encountered on a cross-cut, and displayed a sample of the ore to a News reporter. Samples were being taken to Sumpter for assays, as the values are not yet known. When he left the mine a 20-inch seam of talc and ten feet of ledge had been cut, and he surmises that the ore body may be sixty or seventy feet. Mr. Allen will also order machinery for the new hoisting plant to be erected in the coming spring. The machinery will be taken to Flynn station on sleds, and will then be laid up for better roads.—Grant County News.

## SPELLBINDER TALKS OF GOLD MINING IN BOSTON

Professor J. H. Weber is in Boston from the Pacific slope to give illustrated lectures in the east on the Bohemia and Blue River mining districts, in behalf of the mining enterprises of George W. Lloyd. In answer to the question, "Does gold mining pay?" Professor J. H. Weber says:

"From the earliest history to the present time, humanity's ear tingles when it hears the jingle of gold. Its glitter causes intense excitement in the breast of man, and his hand is ever ready to grasp this illusive article. Every few years some maker of gold bobs up on the horizon and claims Aladin power, but the vision soon vanishes and the old prospector, with burro and a grub stake, starts out to find the vein that is to make men bonanza kings.

"Every great mine began with a ten foot hole, but not all ten foot holes are bonanzas. If it were so men would become bow-legged by carrying the royal metal. Mines are made by development. The stockholder today is too eager for dividends; hence, long before the prospect is a mine officers are urged to erect mills and pay a dividend. Look where you will, in any mining camp, and you will see the wrecks of men's folly. I have in mind just this picture in California:

"The cry for dividends was urged by the stockholders and a fine mill and plant erected. It ran for a while, and as there were no ore reserves blocked out \$100,000 was spent and the mill and mine were sold for \$7,000. My friend bought it, drifted a little over 100 feet, and has taken hundreds of thousands out since that time. There are many scores of such instances as this. Go to these defunct stockholders and ask, 'Does gold mining pay?' and with united chorus they will say, 'No.'

"Again, I have seen a first class property, which would pay large dividends if the proper management were in the lead; but some rich stockholder in control has a worthless son or a relative whom he thinks can run a mine, as any fool can do this. Out he comes, and in three weeks he's a mining expert and knows more than a tree of owls. What is the story? A failure. 'Does gold mining pay?' Ask the stockholders.

"Mining, like every other business, must be carried on by men trained by long years of experience, with scientific and practical skill.

As gold is so illusive the unskilled man can run more off the plates than he can catch. Again, companies go into a proposition and hire some cheap John expert, whose only stock in trade is a few generalities, and a report is made. 'There are millions in sight.' Yes, there are millions, but it's millions of tons of worthless rock and no ore. Instead of the company hiring, not one or two, but at least three reputable mining experts and comparing their reports and investigating the proposition, as does Clark, De Lamar, the Amalgamated company and others they sell the stock, promise large dividends, and in a year or so another failure is written against legitimate mining.

"I know of scores of mining men who go in to a pool, take up four to six prospects that have merit, and out of these they will develop a couple of good mines. They are not fools enough to think every prospect will pay. I have seen an eastern promoter come west and buy some cheap hole in the ground, go east and fleece the lambs. Ask the lambs, 'Does gold mining pay?' and they say 'No.' If conservative business rules are used in mining, as men do in every other business, there is none on earth that offers a richer field than gold mining.

"The Bradstreet Reporter says that 97 per cent of the business men fail to die rich. There are no such failures in conservative gold mining, carried on by competent, skilled men.

"The New York Commercial says: 'There are more dividends paid by the gold and silver mines of the United States than by all the banks in the United States. The copper mines pay more dividends than all the railroads in the United States.'"

## Shareholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank, of Sumpter, Tuesday, February 16, 1904, at their banking house at 11 a. m.

R. H. MILLER, Cashier.

Dated Jan. 11, 1904.

## 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.

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