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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

The talk of increasing the next quarterly dividend of Amalgamated Copper from one-half to one per cent has caused a rise of two points, with sales amounting to over 100,000 shares.

The United States mint bureau has decided to coin all Lewis and Clarke souvenir dollars of Oregon gold. This gold coming to the Boise and San Francisco assay offices will be shipped to Philadelphia and coined.

Kruger, ex-president of the Transvaal, is dead. Oom Paul was one of the strong and picturesque characters of his time. He combated against the fearful odds of British aggression made a gallant though losing fight, and the world is ready to do homage to his memory.

A recognized authority says that it is always best to give a cyanide tank a coating of paint. If this is not done they should be given a thorough soaking with an alkaline solution before being put into commission. This will destroy the organic acids on the wood. If this is not done the acid will cause a high consumption of cyanide. Caustic soda is better than lime for this purpose because of its greater solubility.

All this discussion relative to what western democrats are going to do in the present presidential campaign, is of no importance. Only two or three of the western states can possibly be carried for the democratic ticket, and they have few electoral votes. The system of the managers now in control of the party is to excite and insult and ridicule western democrats, on the theory that this will tend to strengthen the party in Atlantic coast states, where the Gold rule is supreme. Protests and threats from western democrats will be given the merry ha ha in this campaign by the party bosses.

Packing ore out of a mine is always an object of curiosity to mining engineers unfamiliar with conditions in Mexico. Peons with a large leather sack, filled with ore, will safely and quickly ascend from a deep winze, climbing up the often described chicken ladder. The leather sack (or zurrón) is carried on the back and is further supported by a broad leather strap, which passes around the forehead. To show how cheaply and quickly a winze can be cleaned and ready for work, it is reliably stated that a winze thirty-five feet deep, twelve feet long and six feet wide, in which four drill men worked during one shift (working double-handed in pairs) was cleaned out by two peons in ten hours. The winze was sunk to that depth in thirty-four days, at a cost of \$8.45 Mexican per foot, or \$3.84 United States currency. Not such bad work for such a crude way of working.

Says a press dispatch from Helena,

Montana: Chemists and assayers are considerably puzzled over a new substance that has been discovered. It is a zinc blende, possessing the property of efflorescence on being scratched with a knife blade and is one of the curiosities of Montana's mineral wealth. A number of specimens of this material have been exhibited in Helena, some of which have such a great degree of luminosity that it is only necessary to scratch the ore with the finger nail to produce a streak of light. After the discovery of radium it was thought this zinc ore might be radio active, but exhaustive tests have been made which go to prove that it has no radium or anything that creates radio activity. The zinc blende has been proven to be the luminescent constituent of the ore. This peculiar ore is found in the Red mountain districts, in Butte and other mining camps in Montana, and also in California, where a vein has been discovered in Mariposa county, eight feet wide, specimens of which, when scratched with a knife blade, show a bright line of light following the point of the blade. The appearance is that of a series of momentary sparks and the luminosity is quite perceptible in daylight.

Dr. Frank W. Brett, of South Braintree, New York, has a young son by the name of Leo, who is a great matter, in that he possesses true X-ray optics. The doctor hypnotizes the youngster and straightway his lamps take on this marvelous power. Ordinarily, when not in the hypnotic state, the boy has just plain every day eyes. The strange gift has proved of wonderful service to the father in the practice of his profession. When a patient has some foreign substance disturbing his vitals, or some anomalous condition baffling the parental skill, the boy with the X-ray eyes just glances through the man's system and locates the trouble at once.

Now this suggests what might be an important innovation in the mining industry. Suppose the doctor should turn his kid loose in some mining district, the magnetic locators wouldn't be in it. Blind ledges would forthwith acquire vision, and the hidden wealth would come into plain sight. This youth could gaze into the bowels of the planet, just as he does into those of a human being, and tell the mining man where to dig, just as he tells his proud pa. It would be a great thing. Again, the doctor might be able to hypnotize other kids and impart to them the high power telescopic eye. And if so he could become the founder of an industry which as a money maker would eclipse the Standard Oil. Mining men should communicate with the doctor and see what can be done. The importance of this matter cannot be overestimated, and it demands immediate attention.

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## OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

July 15—F. P. Duncan and wife to Scottish American Mtg. Co., Ltd., 80 acres in Secs., 17 and 20 T. 8 R. 42 S. 1, 200.

July 19—Flick Bar Placer Mining company to Ida Hoffman, 46 acres on Flick Bar; \$1,000.

July 14—Mary B. Painter and husband to Ed Wilkinson, 29 acres in N. W. ¼ Sec. 5 T. 8 R. 46 E.; \$250.

July 13—Jno. H. Tubesing and wife to Ed Wilkinson, E. ½ S. E. ¼ Sec. 12 T. 8 R. 46 E.; \$350.

May 12—J. T. Wisdom to A. Phillips, 20x70 feet on south side Spring Garden avenue, in Baker City; \$40.

March 17—U. S. A. to Joseph R. Paradise, 120 acres in Sec. 10 T. 10 R. 43 E.

July 18—J. Johnson to Amanda Hudson, lot 5 block 5 South Sumpter; \$725.

Dec. 11—Nancy Hewitt and husband to Geo. Dearth and Wm. Thayer, S. W. ¼ N. E. ¼ Sec. 30 T. 7 R. 46 E.; \$500.

July 16—Geo. W. Scott and wife to Wm. Thayer, 60 acres in Secs. 19 and 30 T. 7 R. 46 E.; \$2,000.

July 16—Wm. Thayer and wife to Geo. Dearth, 119 acres in Secs. 19 and 30 T. 7 R. 46 E.; \$1,000.

July 12—J. C. White and wife et al to S. M. Papoun, 319 acres in Secs. 2 and 3 T. 10 and Secs. 34 and 35 T. 9 S. R. 40 E.; \$1,200.

July 16—G. J. Bowman and wife to Ed Burke, 49x100 feet in block B McCrary's addition to Baker City; \$10.

July 19—N. M. Mitchell to Jno. Waterman, 1,000 acres in T. 16 R. 40; \$425.

Oct. 22, '90—U. S. A. to Isophene Cochran, 120 acres in Sec. 23 T. 10 R. 41 E.

Sept. 9, '95—U. S. A. to P. L. Smith, N. W. ¼ Sec. 34 T. 6 R. 39 E.

May 11—T. M. Lavin and wife to R. Wilson, lot 4 block 2 Sumpter Heights; \$2,000.

July 12—A. L. Brown and wife to A. H. Holden, lots 27 and 28 block 2, Wilovale addition to Baker City; \$500.

Nov. 16—Jas. Palmer and wife to A. H. Holden lot 29 block 2, Wilovale addition to Baker City; \$50.

April 28—Virginia Usher and husband to Jas. M. Moore, lot 9 Usher's south addition, Richland; \$107.

July 9—Hanna Metzger to David Stoddard, lot 7 block 36 McCrary's addition to Baker City; \$850.

July 9—David Stoddard to F. L. Moore, lot 7 block 26 McCrary's addition to Baker City; \$400.

July 12—Festus Butts and wife to State Land Building board, 320 acres in Sec. 35 T. 13 R. 37 E.; \$1,800.

July 13—Robert McAulay and wife to M. S. Gardner, 160 acres in Sec. 2 T. 10 R. 40 E.; \$200.

July 12—A. H. Holden and wife to A. L. Brown, lots 27, 28 and 29 block 2 Wilovale addition to Baker City; \$300.

July 2—Fred Nodine and wife to J. W. Sherman, 80 acres in Sec. 19 T. 8 R. 46 E.; \$1.

U. S. A. to Michael Flick, 3 patents to 200 acres in T. 11 R. 45 and 46.

Dec. 31, '03—David B. Stoddard to Shockley & McMurren Lumber company, 160 acres in Secs. 5, 6

and 7 T. 10 R. 39 E.; \$500.

Dec. 16, '03—Ed D. Trumbull to Shockley & McMurren Lumber company, N. ½ N. ¼ Sec. 8 T. 10 R. 39 E.; \$500

April 9, '99—A. N. Jones to Eliza E. Bacon, 10 acres in Secs. 15 and 22 T. 10 R. 38 E.; \$500.

April 15—Lionel Chute to Jas. Webb, et al, 233 acres in Secs. 29, 30, 31, and 35 T. 9 R. 40 E.; \$1,600.

July 16—R. Wallbrum to Lizzie Tollmudge, lot 5 block A DeRo's addition to Baker City; \$4,200.

July 12—M. R. Speelman to Geo. Burr, lots 8, 9, and 16 block 7 Levens addition to Baker City; \$1,000.

April 12—R. P. Anderson and wife to Toney Brothers, 3¼ acres in Haines; \$150.

Jan. 28—J. N. Shelton and wife to C. Shelton, 313 acres in Secs. 1 and 2 T. 7 R. 41 E.; \$2,750.

July 16—Lizzie W. Tallmudge and husband to R. Wallbrum, lot 2 block A, DeRo's addition to Baker City; \$3,200.

July 16—Geo. Burr and wife to M. R. Speelman, lots 8, 9, and 10 block 7 Levens addition to Baker City; \$500.

### MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS

July 16—Arthur Buckbee, et al to Jno. H. Davey, Beesley, placer claim; \$1.

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Jan. 9—E. and Geo. L. Simpson to M. A. and J. E. Williams, bill of sale to the Uncle Sam and 4 quartz claims; \$1.

July 15—Jas. M. Ghan, et al to, Arthur Buckbee, Beesley placer claim, Virtue district; \$1.

Feb. 13—Dry Gulch Gold Mines company to Jno. Waterman, Dry Gulch ditch; \$2,500.

June 6—Dean Smith and wife to Sol Dill, Grand Majestic quartz claim; \$25.

July 7—Receiver to J. Lemmon and J. M. Warren, Aurora quartz claim; \$40.

June 24—Olaf Aim and wife to J. F. Dunn, Romeo and 4 quartz claims; \$1.

March 20, '99—B. R. Balentine to Jas. Palmer, interest in Homestake group 4 quartz claims; \$500.

March 12, '03—Jno. McAllister to Jas. Palmer, Chipmunk and Zero quartz claims; \$1,000.

Sept. 16—Thos. Turner, et al to C. F. Soderling, Mary Queen quartz claim; \$3,000.

## Special Excursion to The World's Fair.

The Denver and Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June. These excursions will be run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points en route. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Baker City will be \$60 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.