

WILL WRITE UP SUMPTER'S MINES

**Chicago Record-Herald Man
Here to Do the District
for His Paper.**

Through the instrumentality of A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. and the able seconding of Renaldo M. Hall, at the head of the company's advertising bureau, the services of S. Glen Andrus, railroad editor of the Chicago Record-Herald, have been secured to do a general writeup of the Pacific Northwest for his paper, and also for a number of magazines.

The mining industry of eastern Oregon is one of the features which has engaged early attention in this matter. Mr. Hall and Mr. Andrus, the latter accompanied by his wife and son, arrived here this morning, and will remain in the district several days, visiting all the prominent mines. Mr. Andrus has been in the newspaper harness for many years, at different times serving as sporting editor and in various other positions on the Record-Herald. His duties as railroad editor have led into several mining regions, and the work in hand is not new to him. Besides a general writeup of the Pacific Northwest, with a view to its diversified industries, he will pay special attention to mining, giving the various districts, their operating mines and prospects. Mr. Andrus and Mr. Hall will probably start tomorrow on their itinerary, and will devote some time to gathering the required data.

In Mr. Hall eastern Oregon has a firm, steadfast booster. Beyond the duties of his office, which would naturally lead him to favorable expression, whether he means it or not, he is fully convinced of the greatness of this mining region and has no hesitancy, saying so. He is just back from a trip to St. Louis and other points in the central west. He saw Fred Mellis, in charge of the mineral exhibit at the world's fair, and was carried away with the Oregon mineral display. Speaking of this he says:

"There are other states which have larger exhibits, but there is none which has a better or more representative exhibit. The ores are well arranged, and the display is attracting the attention of mining people from all over the country. Mr. Mellis has the work well in hand and he is advertising the mines of Oregon to an advantage that few other men in the state are capable of doing."

ORGANIZE THE OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

The Portland Commercial club has issued the official call for a meeting to organize an Oregon Development League. Railroads will sell round trip tickets at one fare. The call says in part:

"A convention for the purpose of organizing an Oregon Development League will be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, August 2, for two days' session, at the Marquam Grand theatre, Port-

land, Oregon, under the auspices of the Portland Commercial club, which will have for its purpose the development and upbuilding of the state of Oregon.

"Every editor in Oregon is a delegate at large.

"The governor, United States senators and congressmen are also delegates at large and are expected to be present.

"The mayor of each and every city and town in the state, as well as the county judge of each and every county, is urged to name ten delegates.

"The president or executive officer of every commercial, industrial, agricultural, horticultural, livestock, dairy, irrigation, mining or other similar organization having for its purpose the development of any industry is urged to name ten delegates, and add himself and secretary to the delegation, as active workers are especially desired.

"The great railroad systems traversing Oregon have several thousand men actively engaged in securing immigration, and these same railroads have industrial departments which will cooperate with cities and towns on their lines in the location of manufacturing enterprises, and they want to know just exactly what has been accomplished and reports will be asked for from all of the interests represented through delegations, and no feature of the program will be more advantageous and interesting than this.

"If you haven't a business organization in your community, or some other body through which you can be represented, organize at once, and if your meeting is only large enough to select the delegates, name yourselves and come, for it is the willing workers who are to do most for Oregon.

"Immediately upon choosing delegates, please notify your local papers and send notice to the Portland Commercial club.

"A program of brief but explicit speeches on various subjects will be arranged in advance, and every possible effort will be made to have this convention result in bringing the Oregon people together and in forming plans which will result to the benefit of every portion of this great state."

SNOW ON THE HILLS AROUND BOURNE

The humidity in the atmosphere of yesterday and last night on the higher hills around Bourne was turned into snow, and there was a considerable adornment of the beautiful, say travelers from the mining village above this morning. It rained here intermittently all night, and also at Bourne and in the surrounding region, but at greater elevations the dampness took the form of snow.

Bourne people in Sumpter today say the coating on the hills above and surrounding the town amounted to several inches.

Taking Testimony.

R. E. Driscoll, the Greenhorn mining man, was in town today in the matter of giving testimony before Fred Fontaine, referee in the case of Driscoll against the United Exploration company. J. P. Bannon is attorney for Mr. Driscoll. The case will come up in the Grant county court.

ORE THAT CARRIES 80 OUNCES GOLD PER TON

**Wild Excitement in Cornucopia District Over
Recent Discovery in That Oldest Oregon
Quartz Camp.**

The wildest excitement is raging in Cornucopia over a strike of the richest ore possibly ever discovered in this section. It is really the biggest strike on record there. The discovery was made by Gallagher and Pierce, prospectors, on what is supposed to be the old Nelson location, made way back in the sixties, on Pine creek near the Union Companion mine. The newly discovered ledge is six feet wide and the ore carries eighty ounces in gold and eight ounces in silver to the ton. People are coming in from all directions from nearby camps and owners of adjoining properties are jubilant over the strike.

Along about 1867 L. W. Nelson,

of Baker City, the discoverer and owner of the celebrated Nelson placer mines, and his associates made what was probably the first quartz location in the Cornucopia camp, and even at that early day pecked in by horses from Umatilla on the Columbia river a stamp mill which was shipped from San Francisco by water via Portland. The mill never was erected, but the decayed pieces of it are still found on the ground and scattered along the trail between there and Umatilla.

The importance of this strike, coming just at this time, to Baker City can readily be seen, and the attention it will attract will no doubt have a tendency to hurry the adjustment of the matters in the big Cornucopia mines.—Democrat.

PAID \$25 AND SOLD FOR \$300

W. H. Simon, the Center street shoemaker believes in quick sales and small profits, although the profit in the instance to be related cannot be regarded as very small.

On June 21, Mr. Simon purchased of E. O. Hara a half interest in a claim located in the Cracker Creek district above the Half Way house. Today Mr. Simon received \$300 in coin of the realm for his acquisition from J. L. Watt, of Omaha, Nebraska.

S. B. Watt, brother of the purchaser, owns the other half interest, and in view of the rich surface assays he induced the Omaha man to invest. There is only a three foot hole on the property, but assays from ore recently taken out have gone as high as \$180. This looked mighty good and S. B. Watt induced his brother to buy Mr. Simon's interest. Work is to be started Monday developing the property, and S. B. Watt will have charge of it. The name of the claim is the Hidden Treasure.

Cutting Lumber for Mills.

Dr. R. N. Jackson, manager of the Fortune Mining company, operating in the Greenhorns, was on the train this afternoon going to Baker City to meet his wife, who is coming from Spokane to spend the summer at the mine. The company has the Humboldt and Red Lion. A sawmill has been installed and is now cutting timber for the Humboldt and Red Lion mills soon to be installed.

Elk Head Saloon.

Elk Head Whiskey, old, fine and mellow, at the Elk Head saloon, Center street, Old Olympia stand. Try it.

MONEY IS UP ON M'LEOD VS. JOHNS

Tom C. Gray posted \$50 today in the hands of M. F. Muzzy to back M. D. McLeod of the Overland, in the single drilling contest against Joe Johns, of the E. and E., and the rest of the \$250 is on tap, the match to take place within the next two weeks.

It is urged that Johns has advertised the meet without consulting McLeod, although he has shown no disposition to post the cash. McLeod is willing to have the meet pulled off, and has all the backers he needs. Johns, too, seems to have supporters, and it is probable a date will soon be announced. McLeod and Johns won first and second money at the single contest on July 5.

Work on the Virtue.

The Old Virtue mine on which a force of men is now at work under the recent reorganization scheme and sale is taking on on new life and presents a scene of great activity. General Manager J. K. Romig is pushing forward the construction of the heavy foundations for the new hoist and in another four weeks will have the big piece of machinery in operation. This hoist is one of three of the same pattern now in use in eastern Oregon, there being one at the Red Boy. The foundations for the hoist will be 24x28 feet, nine feet deep of cement and stone. It will be put down in layers each one of which will be allowed to season. The hoist itself is a magnificent double engine and double drum and weighs 112,000 pounds.—Democrat.

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.