

HUNT FOR HOT SPRING

Is there a mineral spring on Rock Creek? A Sumpter mining man, who has had frequent occasion recently to make the trip on snowshoes over the Cracker Creek divide, down into the north slope of the Bailey Elkhorn peaks, says that there is. It is hidden, of course, and the fact that no one has been prospecting for mineral springs explains its escape from discovery.

"Coming up the bed of Rock Creek" explains The Miner's informant, "one is struck particularly at this season of the year with unmistakable evidence of the close proximity at a certain point of a mineral spring. Still pools are covered with a yellowish ochre-like scum and at one place the snow has all melted away leading to a belief that the pools and rocks underneath are of a comparatively high temperature. Out of mere curiosity, while coming up the other day I tasted the water from one of these pools, after first skimming off about a two-inch scum of yellow paste. The water tasted flat and nasty, and gave off an odor very similar to the odor of the water at Hot Lake. On each of my trips past this point I have been in a hurry and could not spare the time to make an examination. Some day, however, I am going up there and do some prospecting."

WHAT MINING HAS DONE FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A special number of the Australian Mining Standard is devoted to the story of the marvelous progress and rise of west Australia, particularly from a mining point of view. In the announcement, the editor says:

"Scarcely a decade has passed since gold mining operations on anything like an extensive scale were commenced in western Australia. Certainly, the first mineral was discovered in 1842, when a fair copper and lead field was opened at Northampton, but the finding of gold in Victoria in the fifties acted as a magnet on the early miners, and the field was temporarily abandoned. What mining, especially during the past ten years, was done for the state is shown on all sides by a phenomenal increase in population, a railway system which extends for hundreds of miles, well planned and well built cities, which a few years ago were unexplored wildernesses, and which now contain all the conveniences of up-to-date countries.

Thriving industries have sprung up in all directions, the karri and jarrah timber trade has progressed by leaps and bounds, the extensive areas of agricultural land are being energetically developed and pastoral land now carry immense stocks, which may play an important part in the future of the state. Mining—gold, coal, tin, silver—has been wholly responsible for this change. The state is now the premier gold producer of Australasia. Up to the end of October last, the production reached the magnificent total of 12,587,366 fine ounces, of the value of

£53,467,734. In 1903, for the first time in the history of the state, the gold output amounted to 2,064,801 ounces. For the 11 months of this year the total is 1,818,158 fine ounces. The gold production of 1903 was more than one-half the output of the commonwealth, and no less than 48 per cent of the total yield of Australasia; the dividends amount to £11,245,838, or about 21 per cent of the total value of gold produced; the total value of other minerals to October has been £1,440,222, and the industry finds employment for over 20,000 men."

Fresh line of Lowney's candies at Ed. Wesberg's; Hotel Sumpter Building.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, February 6, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1894,

ELVA MILLS,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 3270, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of Section No. 33 in Township No. 9, South, Range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May 1905.
She names as witnesses: Walter J. Mills, Cato J. Johns, Byron Weatherford and Margaret Johns, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3rd day of May, 1905.
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MARGARET JOHNS,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 3270, for the purchase of the SE 1/4 of Section No. 32, in township No. 9 south, range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May 1905.
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CATO J. JOHNS
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3277, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 of Section No. 32, in Township No. 9 South, Range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 1905.
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WALTER J. MILLS
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3278, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of Section No. 32 in T. No. 9 south, R. No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 1905.
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