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OUR MINERAL RESOURCES.

That the magnitude of the mineral resources of Southern Oregon has never been conceived of by the outside world is demonstrated here every day.

The mines of Southern Oregon have been worked more as a necessity than as a money-making project. Every farmer, every rancher, every herder has a "patch" of placer ground which he works in winter when water is plentiful; or, by odd spells, when he can find nothing else to do.

But a new era is dawning. Experienced mining men are daily coming in and taking hold of property with the intention of development in a manner that will most surely demonstrate the importance of Southern Oregon's mineral resources.

While placer mines have been in operation here for upwards of forty years, the idea of working quartz seems to be a new one. Only within the past two years has any attention been given to the latter division of mining, and now stamp mills are being shipped in and operated with large earnings.

If the Shylock money lenders of Portland had half the enterprise that exists among moneyed men of our neighboring states, Oregon would stand pre-eminent as a mineral producing state today.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has decided to withhold his proclamation as to the reservation of the great national park reserve in Oregon, and he does well. In the opinion of THE MAIL, and we believe we voice the sentiments of nearly every resident of the Rogue river valley, there could be no greater injury done our people than the reservation of this vast tract of timber and mineral land.

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next few months. By every mail comes letters to this office from various parts of the country asking for sample copies of THE MAIL and such other descriptive matter as we may have at hand.

SINCE the last issue of THE MAIL we have heard many friendly and favorable comments upon the improved appearance of our paper—for all of which we are grateful. Many of these having been backed by new subscriptions and renewals, as well as advertising contracts, we feel encouraged and to the end that the people of Medford get a REAL LIVE NEWSPAPER we shall keep forging ahead toward the goal that is stationed in the vicinity of the top rung of success.

IT would indeed astonish the best of mathematicians were they to attempt to solve the problem as to the number of farmers who are trying to eke out an existence on the barren, blizzard-swept plains of the middle western states, and who, if they only knew and were in some way given assurance of the wonderful fruit productiveness of this part of Oregon, would turn their backs to the "single crop theory" which for so many years has proven a failure, and seek this our golden promise land.

THE Roseburg Review is out with its annual "big edition." It is a twelve page paper and contains ninety-six columns of good, sensible reading matter descriptive and to the general good of Douglas county. It is just such an edition as THE MAIL would like to get up for Medford. Another interesting feature of the Review's "big edition" is that it is profusely illustrated—contains cuts of all the public buildings as well as many private residences and business places.

A SCIENTIFIC writer says that if people on the star Sirius have telescopes powerful enough to distinguish objects on this planet and are looking at it now they are witnessing the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place over 1800 years ago. Of course the reason of this is that the light which the world reflects, traveling, as it does, at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, would take over eighteen centuries to reach the nearest fixed star.

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MINES AND MINING.

Great Activity in the Vicinity of Medford—Large Annual Shipments of Bullion.

Placer Ground Being Developed by Means of a Shaft.

About three miles from the post-office of Bolt, on Rogue river in this county, prospecting that is out of the usual mode of operation is being carried on, which promises some important as well as curious developments.

The ground has long since been patented as homesteads, and now contains several substantial dwellings and vast acres of fruit orchards. Several years ago this land was bonded to some Portland gentlemen for the purpose of prospecting, but very little development work was done by the original company.

A few months since, Mr. Miles Standish, of Hot Springs, Colo., a mining man of large experience, came to Southern Oregon to take a glimpse at the mines here. In looking the ground over, he made an investigation of the same, referred to above, which resulted in his re-bonding it with about 400 additional acres adjoining.

Mr. Standish was in Medford this week, and in conversation with the writer said that the ground was being prospected, and told how he proposed to work a placer mine by means of a shaft and tunnel. He described the ground as a dry channel, which on being excavated proved to be a conglomeration of closely cemented rock formation. It is exceedingly hard and can only be worked by blasting. At a depth of fifty feet bed rock was struck which gave rise to the theory that the channel of a pre-historic river lay beneath the conglomerate mass. He has a force of ten men at work "cleaning bed rock" fifty feet below the surface, and raising the "pay dirt" by a steam engine.

A double shaft is to be put on in a few days, and arrangements made for more extensive operations. A tunnel will be driven in at a lower plane in the channel and the bed rock tapped and worked in a manner similar to a quartz ledge.

Mr. Standish was very reticent when asked about the prospects of the mine; but the extensive preparations he is making for development work, are indicative of his faith in the project. He remarked that if the mines and mining prospects of Southern Oregon were as near Denver as they are to Portland the country would be almost crowded with miners.

L. S. Calkins, editor of the Nevada City, California, Daily Transcript, in an interview with an Examiner reporter has this to say relating to the minerals of Nevada City surroundings: "Competent mining engineers have estimated that from the vicinity of Nevada City to the Oregon line the placer grounds contain from \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000 in gold. The ground is as good as any that was worked over in the old years. By the Caminetti bill we will be allowed to work on all the placer beds and the result will be that thousands upon thousands of men will be scattered about getting out this gold. I do not doubt that our output will get up to \$18,000,000 or \$19,000,000, as it was in California before hydraulic mining was shut off. Such a sum as this from the gold mines will cause an immense increase in business." While Mr. Calkins only goes with his estimate so far as the Oregon line it is perfectly safe to presume that these placer grounds extends many miles north into the state of Oregon. As a matter of fact it is being daily proven that such is the case.

Mr. W. R. Ridenhour, the retired engineer on the Rogue River Valley railroad, is now over at the Braden quartz mill, near Gold Hill, putting the mill in shape for crushing operation. Mr. F. Fitch is the gentleman who is having the work done. He proposes to bring an hundred ton of ore from his Willow Spring mines to the mill to be crushed—just as an experiment. If it proves profitable he will doubtless get in and do a considerable more work and upon a more extensive plan.

The discovery of a new chemical compound for the reduction of refractory ores promises to materially increase the output and consequently lower the price of silver.

Favorable looking ore is being found everywhere in the county, especially in localities which were supposed to have nothing in sight for the miner of early days. The fact is apparent at last that it was all a mistake to suppose that the mineral wealth of this section all lay on or near the surface, and that the deeper diggings will prove of vastly more satisfactory nature though possibly not of as astonishing richness as some of the pockets emptied years ago. When the years grow old and the stars grow cold and all the rest of it, will the mines of southern Oregon be completely worked out.

Location quartz claim blanks printed for sale by THE MAIL—fifty

And Still They Keep Coming.

THE MAIL'S subscription list is "climbing up a higher and a higher" as will be seen by the lists published each week. The list is getting well on into the big figures, but there are still more whose names we would be pleased to enroll. Here is our list of new ones for the past week:

- NEW SUBSCRIBERS. F. M. Poe Medford. Isaac Wolf, Medford. H. Klipple, Medford. C. P. Buck, Medford. W. H. Russell, Medford. C. S. Descamp, Medford. E. L. Bashford, Medford. Rev. A. S. Foster, Medford.

- RENEWALS. J. C. Elder, Medford. I. M. Harvey, Medford. F. M. Mingus, Medford. I. A. Whiteside, Medford. D. W. Mitchell, Merlin, Or.

GRIFFIN CREEK GATHERINGS.

More fogs, more frowns! This is up hill weather for the farmer.

N. H. Spencer is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Forty-eight cents per bushel for your wheat—provided its No. 1. Encouragement sublime.

Old Mrs. Rumor states that we are liable to have one or two weddings in our neighborhood before long.

The Crooked Creek Crank will be grateful for any news which occurs on Griffin creek or any of its tributaries.

J. McPherson and son, Wilmer, are running their grubbing machine to its full capacity now days—preparing ground for a vineyard.

Just say papa to Harry Wortman and the smile that will illuminate his countenance would cast a ray of sunshine through a bank of fog.

Ward West who is engaged in the horse business in Modoc county, California, made a short visit with relatives at the Lawton ranch last week.

The new editor of THE MAIL is a "hustler" for news. Help him out—and don't forget to subscribe for THE MAIL if you have not already done so.

The Directors of District No. 2 have secured the services of Prof. V. A. Davis, now of Ashland, to teach the spring term of school. The Professor comes highly recommended and holds a state certificate.

The next regular meeting of the Farmers Club of Jackson county, will be held at the school house on the first Saturday after the full moon. Hon. W. N. Parker will address the club. All are cordially invited to attend.

Not long since a wood chopper who was sawing wood up the gulch was surprised by the appearance of a large black bear. It is hard to tell which was the most astonished and which made the best time putting as much distance between himself and the other party as possible. Both escaped.

Don't forget to attend the Illustrated Evening Talk, by Capt. W. S. Crowell, at the Medford Opera House, Thursday evening, Jan. 26th. Subject—"Chinese scenes and a Yankee in the Celestial Kingdom." As is well known Mr. C. is a very fluent speaker, and we justly feel proud that he lives in our midst. C. C. C.

SPIKENARD NOTES.

We have had no annoyance from fogs this winter. We count this a great compensation in favor of life in the hills—24 miles from Medford.

Yes, we are in it—some. D. Reynolds is puffed up with pride to an enormous extent over the discovery of a ledge bearing nickel. It is located on his farm and no one need invest in mining notes blanks on this account. How valuable this deposit is remains to be seen. It is a nickel bearing ledge beyond all doubt.

We have no gold or silver up here, either in the rock or out of it. Free coinage does not interest us. We have nickel, iron, coal, clay and asbestos. Bob Dusenbury calls it "Bust-us." We have plenty of water, soil and timber. Our people think it a better place to live than some others.

We hope sometime to have a school house. We would suggest to the directors the advisability of arranging some permanent means for a regularly appointed school.

Mrs. Polk Hull and Mrs. Wm. Childers have both been on the sick list lately. Both, we are glad to say, are now on the road to recovery. Spikenard post office is booming. Total receipts last quarter \$72.85. This paid P. M.'s salary and the mail carrier's quarterly stipend. NEMESIS.

A Sure Cure for Piles.

Itching Piles are known by moisture like preparation, causing intense itching when warm. This form as well as blind, bleeding or protruding yield at once to Dr. Bosanko's Pile remedy, which acts directly on the parts affected, absorbs tumors, always fishing and effects a permanent cure. 50 cts. Druggists or mail. Circulars free. Dr. Bosanko, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by G. H. Haskins, druggist, medford.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have sold and used in my family for several years, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and have found it one of the most useful and satisfactory remedies I ever handled. C. H. LEWIS, Druggist, Salt Lake City, Utah. For sale by G. H. Haskins.

CENTRAL POINT.

Two new Central Pointads this week. Read them.

James Trask, of Applegate, was in town last Saturday.

Miss Nettie Bayne, of Kullii, visited friends here last week.

Dr. J. Hinkle made a professional visit to Grants Pass on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Purcell, of Jacksonville, was visiting in town last Friday.

Daniel Reynolds, of Spikensard, made Central Point a visit on Monday.

W. H. Newton and E. Pleasant are at Prospect this week in the interest of their coal mine.

Wm. Carey is negotiating the sale of his harness shop to a Mr. Nicholson, who lives in the vicinity of Central Point.

A grand dance will be given at the Central Point hotel on Feb. 10th. Music will be furnished by the Ashland string band.

Louis Smith, of Gold Hill, was in town on Monday having some photographic work done at the gallery of Mrs. I. M. Nicholas.

A very pleasant time was had at the dance given by J. N. Hush at the town hall last Friday night, notwithstanding the small attendance.

F. T. Fradenburgh shipped two carloads of wheat to Port Costa this week, which makes a total of nineteen cars sent from this point by him during the winter.

Mrs. I. M. Nicholas, is turning out some excellent work at her photograph gallery. She gives special attention to photographing babies by the instantaneous process.

Rev. E. L. Thompson and family, of Roseburg, are spending the week here. Rev. Thompson preached in the Methodist church last Sunday. They expect to return home Saturday evening.

Two births occurred in Central Point the past week. On January 17th to Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton, and January 24th to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson. Both girls, the latter weighing eleven pounds.

The rumor that Mr. Walker, formerly of this place, had committed suicide in Portland recently, has been exploded by a letter from that gentleman to a friend here, stating that he is located in Missoula, Montana, and enjoying excellent health.

A solid train of stock left Central Point for Portland on Sunday. It consisted of fifteen cars of cattle belonging to Wm. Hanley and one car of hogs from J. W. Hockersmith. The shipment of cattle, hogs and wheat from this place is no small item.

—Go to Elder's for the best tea in town.

—Money to loan—Hamilton & Palm.

DR. GUNN'S ONION SYRUP FOR COUGHS, COLDS AND CROUP. THE CHILDREN LIKE IT. When a child, mother give me onion syrup for Coughs, Colds and Croup, it sure to cure it in a few days. There is nothing so simple, safe and sure. Dr. Gunn's Onion Syrup is as harmless and pleasant as the taste of honey. It is a mother's best remedy, why not try it? Sold at 80 cents.

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The Farmer and Politics.

The prosperity of a farmer to-day depends more on the methods he employs than on governmental rule. Take seeds for an example: Many farmers who are alive to their own interests in other things are careless in buying seeds. Realizing this, D. M. Ferry & Co., the famous seed firm of Detroit, Mich., have embodied in their Illustrated Annual for 1888, much valuable information about seeds and their selection. It contains the knowledge gleaned from many years practical experience in the seed business, and the newest and best things about gardens and gardening. Such a book issued by a firm of unquestioned reliability is of the highest value to every one who plants a seed. Although the cost of printing and embellishing it with beautiful illustrations has been great, it is sent free to any one making application to the above firm.

From Newberg.

C. F. Moore & Co., prominent druggists of Newberg, Ore., say: "Since our customers have become acquainted with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, we sell but little of any other kind. Chamberlain's medicines all give good satisfaction." For sale by G. H. Haskins.

—Pure maple syrup at Davis & Pottinger's.

Draw Your Own Conclusion.

Mr. J. O. Davonport, manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., Ft. Bragg, Cal., has this to say of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I used it for a severe cold and cough and obtained immediate relief. In the Fort Bragg Redwood Co.'s store we have sold large quantities of Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by G. H. Haskins.

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