

THINK COAL BELT VERY EXTENSIVE

Gold Hill Residents Recall Discoveries Made Years Ago When Coal Was Found in Well in Sams Valley—First Found in 1878.

GOLD HILL, Ore., Nov. 28.—That the entire Sams valley and Meadows districts and intervening territory, many square miles in extent, lying north and east of Gold Hill, are underlain with coal is indicated by stories told by old residents since the discovery of bituminous coal in a well in Sams valley, at a point seven miles from this place. It seems probable that a belt of country thirty miles in length extending from the upper Meadows to Rosy Ann mountain, east of Medford, is coal bearing.

A big vein of black lignite in the upper Meadows has been worked desultorily for years. This is on the east fork of Evans creek, about five miles above what is known as the Meadows proper. There are many evidences of coal in the vicinity of this mine, whose remoteness from market over bad roads has made its working impracticable.

Early Discovery of Coal.

In the '80s coal was found about five miles south of this point, in the Meadows, in deepening a spring on what is now known as the Toney Olson place. A quantity was taken out, merely to make the spring deep enough, and burned in a fireplace, but no development work was done.

In the early '70s coal was found about five miles south of the Meadows and an equal distance north of Sams valley, near the New Hope church road. It was taken from a surface cropping and was burned by a nearby homesteader. The same man dug a well, the water of which was so strongly mixed with petroleum that it could not be used, and it was necessary to dig another well.

Coal of High Quality.

The latest discovery, that on the Shipley-Miller place, seven miles from here, shows the continuation of the belt under an intervening low range of hills into Sams valley. This discovery is in the northern end of the little valley.

That coal exists in the southern portion, and perhaps underlies the belt of fine farmland, is indicated by a discovery made in 1878. A well was sunk on the McTendons place, and in deepening it a two-inch vein was cut at a depth from the surface of eighteen feet. This coal was of excellent quality, being termed "sandy coal" at the time, because when lighted it burned with a clear, steady flame until nothing was left but a light ash residue. As in the case of the more recent Sams valley discovery, no attempt was made at development, as the object of the digging had been accomplished when a sufficient flow of water was obtained from the well.

ODD FELLOWS VISIT NEARBY BRETHREN

Jacksonville lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., came over in a body last night to help swell the large attendance at the regular meeting of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F. The third degree was put on in a most fitting and commendable manner, which was highly praised and applauded by all visiting brethren.

Immediately following the lodge session a splendid entertainment was given by the following: Humorous selection, Francis E. Cully; vocal solo, C. C. Hoover; violin, Charles Skuter; recitation, O. O. Hull; banjo solo, M. L. Meadows; whistling solo, M. A. Rader; piano accompanist, E. W. Bratman.

The chairman of the refreshments committee then announced that the banquet room was awaiting their pleasure, whereupon all repaired there to satisfy the needs of the inner self.

A merry delegation of some forty-seven members and visitors of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., chartered the special auto service and motor Saturday evening and went over to assist Jacksonville lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., in putting on degree work.

After the body closed a splendid banquet was served as only Jacksonville lodge knows how to prepare. In this their reputation has long been undisputed, and their title still holds good.

With many regrets that the Medford boys and visitors could not always be with them, the Medford delegation returned home.

Hintings for Health.

Our Correspondents

GOLD HILL ITEMS.

(From the News.)
A meeting of the electors of school district No. 57 has been called for the new high school building, 2 p. m., December 1, for the purpose of levying the annual tax for school purposes.

G. F. Carter has heard the vote of progress calling for a better town and as a result has built a neat blacksmith shop on the old south side location. The old building made a dandy bonfire.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Henry returned Wednesday from Eugene, their former home, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry's sister, Miss Winifred Haggard, who died at their home here on Friday of last week.

D. P. Blue arrived Thursday from Raymond, Wash., where he has been engaged in bridge building for several months. With H. L. McMahon he will operate the Centennial placer mine on Kanes creek, formerly owned by him.

John B. Hills of Evans creek was in the city recently with a load of beans. Two loads which he has brought in this fall have brought him \$179.62. He received 5 1/2 cents per pound for white beans and 5 cents for red.

One of the handsomest deer heads and antlers ever brought into Gold Hill is now mounted and an object of admiration on the office wall of the Gold Hill hotel. The buck was killed on the last day of the season by Landford Hodges, and was one of the biggest that ever fell before his rifle. The trophy was mounted by Thomas Dungey, the Galls creek taxidermist.

Charles Kell, local blacksmith, has secured a patent on his fish screen for power and irrigation ditches. The invention consists of a screen cylinder, rotated by paddles hung on the axle inside the screen. As the cylinder revolves it carries trash and drift over and down stream, preventing the passage of fish up the ditch. The invention is the result of the screening law, on the statutes of all western states, requiring all power and irrigation ditches to be effectively screened against the passage of fish. With the old stationary screen, trash would catch and jam the ditch, causing it to overflow and allowing the fish to escape to their death on the land, which is precisely the thing that the law was designed to prevent. A factory may be established here.

Preparations have been made for the removal of the M. E. church to its new location on lots just east of D. H. Miller's residence. The lots have been cleared, and will make a splendid site for the church, which, with contemplated alterations and improvements, will be one of the most little houses of worship in southern Oregon.

Mrs. Bradford Dean of Port Oxford, Coos county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Harvey. It is 14 years since she removed from the Rogue river valley to the Coos country, and quite naturally she observes many amazing evidences of progress and improvement. Her husband will join her here in about a month, and they plan to spend the winter in Ashland. Mr. Dean was sheriff of Jackson county two terms before he removed to Coos county 14 years ago.

Those trusting souls, who have hoped against hope that the Southern Pacific Railroad company would build a railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, on the California coast, thereby enabling an outlet to a harbor, may as well cease from further solicitude in the matter, because Judge Robert S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines in the United States and Mexico, gave it out flatly Tuesday afternoon in Grants Pass that his corporation would not build a railroad from that city to Crescent City, or elsewhere from Grants Pass.

E. E. Jameson of Galls creek states that he is making fine progress clearing and creating a farm of his hillside homestead.

T. D. Wolverson is building him a beautiful new bungalow on the riverbank opposite his old home in Riverside addition. He expects to occupy his new home in the near future.

Mrs. W. Steeman of Galls creek has a beautiful 40-acre farm adapted to chicken raising and gardening, which she has, with the aid of her sons, succeeded in cultivating to a profit.

P. M. Compton has added materially to the picturesqueness of his Riverside ranch by erecting a very pretty bungalow home. Mr. Compton has devoted his time to the growing of alfalfa.

One of the general farmers of Galls creek is P. W. Blackert. He has a fine farm of rolling land, well stocked, and showing a general air of prosperity. Mr. Blackert is one

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

D. E. Jones left for Butte Falls Monday morning, where he will probably remain.

Rev. and Mrs. Shields of Medford spent Monday here visiting friends. Mrs. S. A. Armstrong, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Helen Caldwell, and family, left for her home in Los Angeles Monday morning.

Herman Simpkins, who spent several months in Portland, has returned to his home in this city.

James A. Reese and family have gone to Willow, Cal., for the winter.

Mrs. Losdntter and son, Mrs. Jas. Shields, Mrs. W. W. Edington, Miss Francis Shields, Miss Strong, S. A. Pattison, Len Williams and W. E. Jones were among the people who spent Monday in Medford.

Rev. Boyle, who has been holding revival meetings in the Christian church for the past two weeks, has been chosen as pastor of the First Christian church at Medford.

KANES CREEK ITEMS.

All those reported on the sick list last week are convalescent, we are glad to chronicle.

Nearly everybody wells through this section have gone on a strike for a raise in water, something unusual for this time of year.

Wm. Russell was a Central Point business visitor on Friday.

Geo. Taylor and wife of Coburn, Ore., are here upon a visit to Mr. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, and other relatives.

Visitors at school on Friday were Misses Cap Swinden and Mary Bogel, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Ritter, Supervisor D. C. Henry of Gold Hill.

Mr. Lewis and family motored to Medford on Saturday, returning home in the evening. What place can beat southern Oregon at this time of year for fine roads and better weather?

Several teams are engaged hauling the railroad ties from Kanes creek to Gold Hill, which will be used for other purposes.

of Galls creek's pioneer placer mine.

R. M. Cook has a splendid farm and orchard on Galls creek, which he has well stocked with cattle and hogs. Mr. Cook is a progressive man and is anxious to see this country come into its own.

W. S. Coe is building a substantial bungalow home in Riverside addition. Mr. Coe states that he will devote his energies to fruit and gardening. He is very anxious to have a market established in Gold Hill.

Nestled away in the hills near Galls creek is one of the finest little berry farms in southern Oregon. T. E. Dungey is the progressive farmer who deserves credit for his up-to-date methods. He has several acres planted in strawberries, raspberries and blackberries, for which he finds a liberal home market. Mr. Dungey has also succeeded very well in placer mining.

It is reported that the Tibbon ranch, near the Foots creek store, is to be subdivided into small tracts and sold. I. T. Galligan of the Del Rio, it appears, will finance the proposition. This will extend the Riverside addition for several miles along the banks of the beautiful Rogue river. Undoubtedly this stretch of land makes one of the prettiest residential tracts to be found anywhere in Oregon.

O. E. Blackington, late of Rocklin, Me., is one of our young progressive farmers who has bought a beautiful ranch on Galls creek. He was busy preparing one of his fields for fall oats when called upon by the Gold Hill News representative. Mr. Blackington believes in co-operation between the merchant and the farmer. "Live and let live" is one of the life principles of Mr. Blackington. He is glad to learn of the greater Gold Hill movement, and hopes the town will speedily enter an era of rapid growth.

Individual progressive farming has been remarkably demonstrated in completion of one of the best and largest private irrigating systems in southern Oregon. G. B. Woodson of Sams Valley has just finished building a big dam across the upper end of a ravine running through his farm, enclosing an area of several acres, which he has scraped out to a depth of 10 feet. The artificial lake has a capacity of about 200,000 gallons of water, which is more than an ample supply during the dry season. Mr. Woodson has been experimenting with several grasses for dry farming, and states that he has found the tall meadow oat grass to thrive well in dry soil. He has a field sown to this grass which has attained a height of two feet. Red clover and alfalfa do well on his place.

LIGHTWEIGHTS ARE READY FOR GONG

Welsh and Wolgast in Prime Condition for Their Fight on Thanksgiving Day—Both Managers Are Confident.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 28.—As the day draws near for the final reckoning of the lightweight championship, interest in the clash between Freddie Welsh and Ad Wolgast increases. Both lads have let up on their training and from now until the gong sends them away about 7:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, will take things easy. While attacking a sirloin steak about the size of a dormat, Baron Long, who looks after the business affairs of the "Vegetarian" Freddie Welsh, said:

"In only one spot have we got the worst of this fight, and that is in having Jack Welsh forced upon us as referee. But he that as it may, Freddie is going to beat Wolgast so hardy that many of the wise ones will be wondering why the 'chase champion was ever made a two-to-one favorite."

Seated in Jim Jeffries' third emporium, admiring a new photograph of himself, "Cherokee" Tom Jones sized up the merits of the two fighters in this manner:

"Wolgast is going to surprise the boys by outboxing Welsh."

Ignoring the guffaws of several celebrities, Jones continued:

"Not only has the champion improved as a slugger, but he has polished up in his boxing to such an extent that he would be more than able to hold his own in a boxing exhibition against Abe Attell."

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IRRIGATION will make the Rogue River Valley famous for its berries. The largest yields in the next few years will come from "the desert."

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