

# 1912 PROMISES WELL FOR MINING IN THIS SECTION

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THIS DISTRICT CERTAIN TO BE GREAT MINE FIELD

New, Quick Blood Alone Needed to Lend Impetus to Important Movement.

From present indications the year 1912 promises well for the mining industry of Southern Oregon.

The writer predicts that this immediate section will before many months be in the limelight and attract the attention of mining men from all over the globe.

For several months men who are closely identified with some of the largest mine operators on the coast have been in this neighborhood quietly conducting a series of investigations of several promising prospects as well as proven properties, with results that are, to put it mildly, very gratifying. A few minor details are as yet uncompleted, but there is no question in the minds of those who are in a position to know but what these will be speedily and satisfactorily adjusted in the near future. Then, but not before, will the public be in possession of all of the facts. But when the news does break, Southern Oregon will become the field of some gigantic mining operations.

Strange as it may appear to many of the newcomers here, who have been devoting their energy and capital to horticultural and agricultural pursuits, it is nevertheless true that this neck of the woods is destined to become the scene of the next great mining excitement.

In 1851 gold was first discovered within a few miles of Medford and approximately one hundred million dollars' worth of the precious metal has been taken from the surface of the nearby creek beds. Ever since then placer mining has been carried on in a somewhat desultory sort of manner, partly owing to the fact that the early settlers were unable to properly equip their properties and partly from the fact that nature materially assisted them in making a very easy living by supplying them with some of the most prolific soil for producing the necessary provender for their families. It was only during the winter months that the placer miner would get busy and then many only worked out but sufficient "dust" for their immediate wants and with the cessation of the wet season mining operations were suspended and the miner became again a farmer.

But with the coming of the new, quick blood to this portion of the state new and up-to-date methods, both in mining and in agricultural pursuits, changed the old conditions and fruit growing became the permanent industry. With the coming of the new, progressive element others were attracted and some naturally turned their attention to the mineral resources, which in a measure are practically untouched.

For years no one even dreamed that the innumerable stringers of quartz found in the contact of the slate, porphyry and deontu would eventually develop into profitable mines, but at last that fact is beginning to dawn upon the mine owners, and the old idea that this was merely a "pocket country" is fast giving away to the growing conviction that this is today one of the most promising quartz mining fields in the West.

These quartz ledges, formerly neglected, are now receiving the attention of men with brain and capital, and it is becoming more evident each day that here, in nature's stronghold, are untold riches which only await the touch of the magic wand of capital to unlock and wrest from the hills this vast mineral wealth.

I make the statement, without fear of successful contradiction, that within a short distance of the city of Medford, in a mountain which is seamed and threaded with a network of numerous veins and fissures, is one of the largest mining propositions in the West, not barring Goldfield or other Nevada camps. This is proven ground and inasmuch as there is an abundance of lumber as well as water, when all the plans and negotiations now pending are completed and the names of those interested are made public the influx of men with capital will be far greater than any in the past history of the Rogue River valley.

The recent consummation of the sale of the vast coal measures just

back of here is but the forerunner of surprises that are in store for this bountifully favored portion of the state of Oregon.

The taking over of the coal lands by the new operators means much to Medford. It means the expenditure of large sums of money for equipment. It means a thriving suburban town with several hundred wage earners with their families. It means a permanent pay roll, the money from which will naturally find its way to the till of the merchants and business men of Medford and nearby towns.

The recent rejuvenation and the increased power reserves of the electric

light and power company is another very important factor to the mine operator who heretofore has been handicapped by the lack of power for operating his plant, and it is reasonable to believe that in the near future many properties will be operated by electricity.

It will not be surprising if the proposition to tunnel Gold Hill will be completed by the opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in 1915. This is an undertaking of great magnitude and will not only open up an exceptionally large area of placer ground, but it will assist in developing several

quartz mines as well. With the completion of the projected electric railway, whose rails will gridiron the valley and district, better transportation facilities will be offered, not alone the fruit grower and farmer, but the miner and manufacturer as well.

Anticipating the above statement, the Rogue River Pottery company at Tolo is equipping the plant for the manufacture, upon a large scale, of drain tile, etc., as well as vitrified brick which is greatly in demand as far north as Portland, the fact is already recognized that nowhere else in the Northwest can the quality of the

clay and the general conditions necessary to its successful manufacture be duplicated.

The electric railroad will also benefit many of the producers of copper and iron ores and then famous Blue Ledge mine, where at the present time fully one million dollars' worth of ore is already blocked out and will be in better shape to handle their product, and thus bring into existence another pay roll of at least \$40,000 monthly.

The county abounds in opportunities for the investment of capital other than the growing of better fruit and nowhere else in the United States

is there a more inviting field for the investor or manufacturer than in the country traversed by the beautiful but swift waters of the Rogue.

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### Curtiss Will Filed.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 20.—In the will of William E. Curtis, filed for probate here, the late famous newspaper correspondent states that he hopes that his grandson, William Elroy Curtis II, "may show the ability and ambition to follow in my footsteps, to adopt my profession and to continue the service which I have been trying to do by giving the world

true and useful information and publishing the good that men do, rather than the evil."

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—Owing to the alarming spread of scarlet fever in Vancouver and Clark county, the city and county health board today closed the public schools here.

Seventy-five cases of fever have been reported and it is believed there are cases which have not been turned in to the authorities.

The city authorities are considering closing picture shows and theaters also until the epidemic is over.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## JUST 3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

This store is brimful of Helpful Suggestions that make the Gift Problem easy



### BEAUTIFUL FURS SPECIALLY PRICED

We have a very attractive lot of furs, consisting of small neck pieces, throws, muffs, etc., in pretty black and brown furs that we have grouped in one large assortment which we now offer at a special price. In the lots are values up to \$8.50 each which we now offer at the unequalled price of each.....\$1.95

- Japanese Mink Set, collar and muff.....\$45
- French Coney Set, collar and muff, shirred silk lining.....\$17.50
- Fine Pillow Muffs, Rag Muffs-Barrel Muffs.....\$3 to \$15
- Separate Fur Collars, large or small shapes.....\$3 to \$20

### DAINTY NECKWEAR FOR XMAS

Neckwear is always appreciated for Xmas. Our showing consists of some very dainty varieties, all well made.

- Side Frills.....25c to \$1
- Lace Collars.....25c to \$4
- Chiffon Veils.....\$1.25 to \$2
- Windsor Ties.....25c to 50c
- Embroidered Collars.....25c to \$4
- Jabots.....25c to \$2
- Crepe and Silk Scarfs.....50c to \$7
- Stock Collars.....25c to \$1

### Men's Neckwear

Ladies in search of practical gifts for men should see our display of Men's Neckwear. It is very large and prices to suit everyone, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.

### BARRETT'S, BRAID PINS, BACK COMBS, JABOT PINS AND BELT PINS

If in search of one of these pretty novelties you should not fail to see our line. We are showing some exceptionally pretty barrettes made of polished aluminum that are set with French Rhinestones that are especially suited for evening wear; also many pretty ideas entirely new in Braid Pins, Back Combs and Belt Pins. We particularly wish to emphasize the reasonable prices that these are marked at, as they range from .15c to \$6.50

### UMBRELLAS

For Men, Women and Children

If in search of umbrellas we offer some especially good values in our line of women's goods. We are specializing on numbers to sell at \$1 and \$1.50. These are not the ordinary goods offered at these prices, but are made with 8 ribs, which insures strength. They have good rain resisting covers and the handles are made in a wide variety of mission styles neatly trimmed with silver, etc.

- Ladies' Umbrellas.....\$1 to \$8
- Men's Umbrellas.....\$2 to \$5
- Children's Umbrellas.....50c to \$2



### THERE IS NO NICER CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAN A LEATHER OR BEADED HAND BAG

The Hand Bag line this season has never been equalled from point of variety of styles. Among the new ones are the popular Mandarin bags, made of beautiful tapestries and velvets which are trimmed with gold braids and which have gold cord handles. Then there are entirely new designs in the beaded bags and some new leathers such as Canadian ooze calf in the leather bags. Then, too, there is an immense assortment of velvet bags, some of which are braided and some trimmed with silk fringes.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK, 200 BAGS, VALUES UP TO \$2.00 FOR \$1.25.

We have gathered together 200 bags which we have on a special table consisting of Velvet Bags, Seal Leather Bags, Suede Bags, Satin Bags in blacks, blues, greens, greys, browns and tans; some are leather lined, others lined with moire, all in the one price.

### Silk Stockings for Men or Women

Who ever had too many silk Stockings, few indeed, and what makes better presents. We have stocked our shelves liberally with the celebrated "Wayne" brand and recommend them in preference to all other makes.



STOCKINGS TO HANG AND TO WEAR

Women's Silk Stockings, list top and sole, 20 colors and black, at.....\$1

Women's all Silk Stockings, wide garter hem; also out size, black and all colors.....\$1.50

Women's Boot Silk Stockings, list top, black and tan.....50c

Men's Silk Socks, black, tan and colors.....50c

Men's Silk Socks, black only, extra heavy.....\$1 and \$1.50

### ONE NEVER HAS TOO MANY HANDKERCHIEFS

We sell hand-embroidered goods at popular prices

If in doubt you can safely buy Handkerchiefs as they are used sooner or later. Our lines are truly immense and there is practically nothing that you could ask for in the handkerchief line that we cannot supply. Of particular interest is our showing of real hand embroidered goods done in a large assortment of designs in one-corner work. We also have a large assortment of hand-embroidered initial handkerchiefs done on dainty sheer linen all reasonably priced.....25c, 35c, 50c up to \$2

### LINENS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME BECAUSE USEFUL

We are featuring some specially beautiful linen sets consisting of Table Cloths and Napkins which come to us from Belgium. They are much finer than the Irish or German lines and the designs are exclusive. They are made in sizes for all tables and the border designs are on all four sides of the cloth; also special designs for round tables. Prices from.....\$12 to \$20 a Set

- Linen Towels and Scarfs, 25c to \$1.50
- Hemstitched or Scalloped Guest Towels 35c Cents
- Linen Centerpieces, Dresser Scarfs, Etc. 50c to \$9.00

# KENTNER'S

### GLOVES ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE

WE HAVE THE RELIABLE KIND AT POPULAR PRICES.

The Gloves that we sell are a particular pride to us, in the instance of the women's Real French Kid Gloves that we specialize in at \$1.50 we feel safe in asserting that there is absolutely no equal to it in Medford. The stock is soft and very strong and it is guaranteed. We have all the wanted colors as well as black and white and any purchased for Xmas will be exchanged if sizes are found incorrect.

- Women's 16-button Kid Gloves, black and white and tan, at.....\$3.50
- Women's lined Kid Mittens, fur trimmed.....50c
- Children's and Infants' Wool Gloves and Mittens.....25c and 50c
- Women's Cape Gloves, tan only.....\$1.50
- Women's Golf Gloves, all colors.....25c and 50c
- Women's Lined Cashmere Gloves.....25c, 35c, 50c, 65c

### Dainty White Aprons and Everything in Infants' Wear at Reasonable Price

You should not fail to see our showing of Aprons; it is very complete and some entirely new ideas are shown. They are made of sheer India lions, cross bar batiste, dotted Swisses and prettily trimmed with laces and embroidery as well as some hand embroidery.

25c TO \$1.50 EACH

- Infants' Bath Robes.....\$1 to \$2.50
- Infants' Knitted Sacques.....35c to \$1.25
- Hand Edged Sacques.....\$1 to \$6
- Infants' Booties.....25c to \$1
- Infants' Hand Painted Celluloid Novelties.....50c to \$3
- Infants' Knit Sets Caps, Leggings, Mittens.....\$1.75
- Infants' Sweater Sets.....\$2.00-\$2.50
- Infants' Sweaters.....50c-\$3.00

