JOSEPHINE LEADS IN PRODUCTION OF PLACER WEALTH

Advance Sheets of Geological Bureau Show Gold Production in Oregon During the Year Just Closing—Decline Is Seen.

HYDRAULIC MINES ARE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE

Baker Leads in Output, But Josephine County Has the Best Placer Mines.

Advance sheets of the 1911 geological report issued by the government on the mining industry has the following to say of Oregon:

There has recently been a decline in metallic output of Oregon, and so far as present data show, this decline was more marked in 1911 than in 1910, according to Charles G. Gale of the United States geological survey. The total number of active mines shows little change, but some of the larger ones have become less productive. Several gold dredges are in operation, but the most productive was not worked for several months in 1911. The dydraulic mines are the most productive placers, and their number is greatest. The deep mines of the state are yielding larger quantities of milling ore than formerly, but the grade of ore worked has declined nearly one-half. This accounts for the falling off in total gold production. Some siliceous ore is shipped to the smelters, but most of it is milled, and comparatively little copper ore is now being smelted. The output of silver in the state is small. Baker county is still the largest producer of gold. It includes the districts of Baker, Cornucopia, Cracker Creek and Mormon Basin, and between 50 and 60 producing mines, about half of which are placers, though much of the larger proportion of the gold is obtained from deep mines. In gold output from placer mining Josephine county leads. There are 12 counties in the state now producing gold. In southwestern Oregon the placer mines are producing larger quantities than the deep mines; in northeastern Oregon the lode mines are much the most productive.

According to preliminary figures prepared by the director of the mint, Oregon produced, in 1911, $599,235 in gold and 69,116 fine ounces of silver, valued at $38,014, against $681,400 in gold and 43,800 ounces of silver, valued at $23,600, in 1910.

FRATERNAL UNION OF AMERICA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Fraternal Union of America, Medford, lodge No. 421, was the scene of an enthusiastic gathering, when the lodge installed their list of new officers for the year of 1912.

The work of installation was carried on in a very elaborate manner, highly impressing the newly elected candidates.

After the regular session of the lodge, refreshments were served, consisting of many delicious eatables.

The officers installed were: F. M. Jordan, F. M.; E. W. Ralston, Justice; Lettie Robinson, Mercy; Mrs. L. A. Jordan, secretary; Bessie Ralston, Truth; William Jackson, treasurer; Elbert Robinson, guide; Ida Jackson, guard; Elizabeth Lawrentz, sentinel; Sarah Jackson, steward.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY JURY RECOMMENDS CHANGE

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 12.—The grand jury of Josephine county adjourned Monday. Several important recommendations were received, among the number being that the county court employ sufficient competent help in the sheriff's office during the tax paying season in order that taxes collected be turned over to the treasurer promptly. The jury also recommends that the county clerk keep a book showing the financial standing of the county, which book should be balanced monthly; also that the county court begin immediate action to have the Grants Pass & Rogue River company bridge across Rogue river removed, as it is considered a menace to public safety.

Epworth Leaguers to Meet.

The Epworth league of the First M. E. church will hold a business meeting this evening at 7 o'clock sharp, at Mr. Lawton's home, 310 North Bartlett street. Members are urged to attend. Business of the utmost importance will be before the meeting. F. T. Carr'tt, secretary pro tem.

DYNAMITE SUSPECT DECLINES TO TALK

GEORGE BRIDGES

George Bridges, arrested in Monessen, Pa., with seventy-two sticks of dynamite, was taken to the Westmoreland county jail at Greensburg to await trial at the February term of court on a charge of larceny. Bridges has not made a confession.

Third degree methods by the police, private detectives and others have made Bridges sullen and when he was taken to the Justice's office he waived a hearing, saying he preferred to be tried in court and wanted to be taken to jail where he would not be bothered.

Secret Service operatives are busy running down all sorts of clews, as are a score of private detectives.

MUCH INTEREST IN WILDE CASE

Man Charged With Embezzlement of $90,000 Goes on Trial Today—Tension at High Pitch Marks Opening.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Tension at high pitch surrounded the opening of the trial of Louis J. Wilde this afternoon in Judge Kavanaugh's department of the circuit court. Wilde is charged jointly with W. Cooper Morris, formerly cashier of the defunct Oregon Trust and Savings bank, with the embezzlement of $90,000, through the sale of telephone stock to the institution

Following recent sensational charges of attempts to tamper with the grand jury, the burglary of the offices of the prosecutors and the shooting of A. E. Clark at Salem, the actual opening of the trial came in the presence of a packed courtroom and an atmosphere charged with expectation.

Judge Kavanaugh was occupied with another case this morning and was unable to proceed with the trial until this afternoon.

W. Cooper Morris, who is to be the chief witness against Wilde, was brought from Salem in charge of a penitentiary keeper several days ago, when it was expected the trial would commence.

It is believed the selection of a jury will occupy two or three days. Great care will be taken by both sides in picking the men, to make sure they are free from prejudice and have not been swayed by the recent sensational incidents connected with the case published in the newspapers.

SOCIALISTS MAKE GAINS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Returns late today in the election for the reichstag indicate that the socialists have gained 30 seats at least and that their position in the next chamber is likely to be even more greatly improved.

Kaiser William is getting the election returns in the palace at Potsdam. No disorders of note have been reported. The vote cast throughout the country was remarkably heavy.

MRS. M'MANIGAL GETS CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Pending the outcome of divorce proceedings instituted against her husband, Ortie E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter, Mrs. Emma McManigal today has been temporarily awarded the custody of their two children.

FRAZEE BACK WITH BIG OFFER IF JACK MAKES GOOD

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Angered by the sworn claims of Jack Johnson to the effect that he offered the negro champion a large sum to engage in a fake fight, H. H. Frazee, theatrical magnate, offered today to pay the colored fighter $100,000 if he would prove his statement.

AEROPLANE TO LOCATE OUTLAWS

Three Aviators Circling over Hills Near San Fernando in an Effort to Locate Fugitives From Justice.

SAN FERNANDO, Cal., Jan. 12.—Glenn Martin, a southern California aviator who piloted his aeroplane in the wake of Deputy Sheriffs Phil Parmalee and Clifford Turpen in the first aerial man hunt in history, landed at Vail's ranch, near here this afternoon for gasoline. He declared that Parmalee, Turpin and H. W. Gill, who also accompanied the deputies, are flying above the hills around San Fernando and predicted that they would locate the fugitives before night.

Each of the four aerial scouts is armed with powerful field glasses. The squadron deployed directly over San Fernando, each aeroplane starting toward one of the cardinal points of the compass and circling high over the hills.

Up to 2:20 o'clock Martin had covered the most ground. He announced upon alighting that he had flown at an average speed of 65 miles an hour.

Martin said that if the fugitives were not found before night another flight would be made tomorrow.

The excitement of the chase, he said, appealed to him and he predicted that tomorrow at least three more birdmen would join in the hunt. Cal P. Rodgers, the first transcontinental flyer, is one of these.

Fireman Scalded.

OROVILLE, Cal., Jan. 12.—Fireman O. A. Anderson was scalded to death when the Western Pacific train No. 4, eastbound, was near wrecked because of two landslides today at Belden, 40 miles from here. The line will be blocked until late tonight. All traffic is tied up.

Strikers and Police Clash.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 12.—Scores of strikers and police were injured in a clash between several thousand mill strikers and police reserves here today. A large number of arrests were made.

Haskins for health.

LOVE AND KISSES FOR SWEETHEART

Leetter Full of Heart Throbs Found on Streets of Phoenix—Owner Can Have Same by Calling at Mail Tribune Office.

To the Editor: This letter was found on the streets of Phoenix. Will you kindly publish it so the owner can call for same?

Sweetheart: Now honey you must eat something or you will be sick. I know you are lonesome and lovesick, but never mind sweetheart because you know that I love you better than my own life. I wrote to your daddy and mommy Tuesday night. It is kind of dull here now sweetheart but I don't care for nothing as long as I know that you love me. Well little girl I must say goodby to you with all my love and many many kisses from your own little huby. x x x