

MINERS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER

No Place Offers Such Opportunities for the Miner as This Section and Its Advantages Should Be Systematically Exploited.

(By C. W. Patterson.)

Nowhere else in the world is it possible for the miner to stand at the portal of his tunnel or the collar of his shaft and see fruit trees loaded deep with apples, pears and peaches and at his feet look down upon all kinds of vegetables growing prolifically; hear the tinkle, tinkle of falling water as it tumbles over the rocks and like a silvery stream winds its way through a nearby alfalfa field in which his horses are contentedly grazing. Here his eyes may roam over the surface of his claims and see, within a stone's throw, thousands of feet of merchantable timber which nature planted several hundreds of years ago in order that he might have the material necessary to develop his property. A short distance away this same miner may see the smoke of a number of passenger and freight trains each day as they travel over a trans-continent railroad. This statement is not in the least exaggerated and is made for the sole purpose of convincing the most skeptical that here in the Rogue River valley there will be developed a great mining industry. The minerals are here, both in placer or lode, as well as copper, iron and coal, and the general conditions including all the year climate are unsurpassed anywhere on the globe.

It has been many years since local people have manifested as much interest in mining as is in evidence today. Now that the fruits of the valley have attained the highest state of perfection possible, it is but natural that the progressive element is turning to some other industry to reap a quick harvest. The recent mining congress and the ores and golden nuggets displayed were a revelation to many of our staid business men, some of whom did not have the slightest idea that such mineral was to be found in this immediate vicinity. It is high time that active steps were taken in the organization of a mining bureau the purpose of which should be to promote legitimate mining in all of its various branches and to disseminate such reliable information as is available concerning our mineral resources to the mining public. In fact such a bureau would in a measure act as a clearing house for all meritorious mining propositions.

No better exemplification of the necessity of such an organization may be found than the experience of the Medford Commercial club. In that organization are several hundred producers of horticultural products, bound together by mutual interests. Early in its history the man at its head saw the manifold advantages to be derived by a scientific publicity campaign—you know the result—they are evident on every hand. The mining and business men of this city are now awakening to the advantages of mining publicity and if one-half of the support that is now given to the Commercial club is given to the mining interests the way will be paved for the coming of large amounts of capital which otherwise will naturally find its way to other but more talked of districts.

WHITE SLAVE AGENTS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 10.—Herbert Schaefer was today sentenced to six months in the county jail, and E. O. Henderson to three months on misdemeanor charges growing out of their arrest on charges of white slavery.

Both men are actors. The police claim they lured Aileen Casey from her home here and were attempting to entice Marian Hoffman away. The young men were first charged with abduction, but this was not sustained and misdemeanor actions were substituted.

ATELL IS FAVORITE OVER JOHNNY KILBANE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 12.—Abe Attell, featherweight champion, rules today a 2 to 1 favorite over Johnny Kilbane, who will contest his title at Vernon February 22. There has been little early betting; the Kilbane men apparently sitting back waiting for long odds. According to experts, however, the 2 to 1 price is not destined to hold good very long, 10 to 7 being the figures at which the wiseacres declare the men will enter the ring. Kilbane has much local support, and that, with the backing the Cleveland sports will give him, is expected to keep up his end.

Haskins for health.

CORPORATIONS SLAUGHTERED

Governor Reports Charters—Many Southern Oregon Concerns Among the Slain, Including the Medford Coal Companies.

The governor, acting upon the report of the secretary of state, has revoked and repealed the charters of many foreign and local corporations and denied them the privilege of doing business in Oregon. For two years past the corporations have failed to furnish any statement or license fee as required. Among them are some that did business in southern Oregon.

Coal Companies.

The various coal companies promoted by Colonel J. F. Mundy and others of Medford are among those listed. There are the Cascade Coal Company, the Sunnyside Coal and Coke company and the Western Coal company, sister concerns, that issued several million dollars' worth of securities and bonds enough to paper the Medford hotel lobby. Then there is the sister, or perhaps it should be called brother corporation, Desert Oil company.

Mining corporations have been decimated in large numbers. There is the Gimlet Mining company, organized in Indiana, to operate the Roaring Gimlet mine, and the Golden Dritt Mining company, the famous get-rich-quick swindle at Grants Pass. That built the Ament dam, used principally to impede the progress of fish up the Rogue. The Opp Consolidated Mines of New Jersey, that purchased the Opp mine at Jacksonville and afterwards failed at payments, is also among the list.

Pine Needle Hoax.

The Pacific Pine Needle company of California, a clear get-rich-quick scheme that built a pine needle oil and mattress factory at Grants Pass, is also among the has-beens, though the building still stands. T. H. Wilcox of Portland was among those asting. Rumor says it was for \$10,000.

The Ashland City Hospital company and the Ashland Coal Mining company are also eliminated, as is the Citizens' Telephone company, a Medford project in which many prominent citizens were stung. The Medford Development company also went

Our Correspondents

JACKSONVILLE

Mrs. Helen Haskins was at the court house Wednesday interviewing the tax collector.

A. B. Cornell of Grants Pass, representing the Oregon Life Insurance company, was a business caller during the week.

County Commissioners L. Davis and James Owens have been attending court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd of Ashland were Jacksonville visitors on Sunday.

H. C. Garnett, a prominent business man of Medford, was in Jacksonville a few hours on Wednesday.

Miss Rose Buckley of Rush has been the guest of Mrs. R. B. Dow several days this week.

Attorneys P. J. Neff and O. C. Boggs of Medford attended court this week.

Mrs. Will Warner of Medford was the guest of Miss Leila Prim recently.

Mrs. Hal Conrad of Medford was in town on business the first of the week.

Richard Gaskin left for Klamath Falls this week, where he has accepted a position in a newspaper office.

W. W. Harmon has been up town several times lately on business.

Mrs. Lindsey Slesmore of Fort Klamath and Mrs. J. G. Coteheit of Oakland, Cal., were the guests of Mrs. Mary Miller this week.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Collins will be pleased to hear that his son Fred is convalescing from his recent illness.

Mrs. Jessie Calvert of Evans creek

is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Denett.

Mrs. John Dunnington has returned from a visit with relatives living in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Brown, accompanied by the latter's father and mother, came in from Sterling Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Dunford has returned from a few days' visit with relatives in Ashland.

M. M. Taylor sold his interest in the Noonan-Taylor company to Chas. Noonan and is contemplating leaving in the near future.

Mrs. W. R. Coleman was a recent visitor in Phoenix.

"Curly" Wilson has received his contract from Walter McCredie and will join the Northwestern league in the near future. Success to him.

Among those attending "The Chocolate Soldier" at Medford last Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dow, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ulrich, Mrs. John F. Miller, Mrs. Charles Prim, Mrs. C. Ulrich, Misses Leila Prim, Fleta Ulrich, Charles Prim, Fred Colvin and E. Wilson.

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CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mrs. Lizzie Bean left for her home in Grants Pass Friday morning.

J. B. Stevens and Mr. McInough, Mr. Bohne and Mr. Beers of Toledo were transacting business here Friday morning.

Mrs. T. J. O'Hara, A. E. La Pointe and daughters, George Wilcox and family spent Friday in Grants Pass.

Mr. Moore Sr. is spending this week in Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roper of Grants

Pass spent Friday in here visiting relatives.

Mr. Washburn of Table Rock and Mr. Samuel of the Medoc orchard were in our city Friday.

J. W. Myers, W. W. Scott, J. L. Cline, Thos. Stamp, Gus Morris, W. A. Cowley, L. C. Young, J. H. Grace, A. C. Fiero, E. Webb, W. R. Newman, Mr. Ware, S. A. Patterson, Miss Manning, Mrs. F. E. Cooper and daughter and Miss Parks were among the Central Point people who went to Medford Friday.

A physician of 29 years' practice is expected soon to locate here.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

Butte Falls is coming to the front. Several real estate sales have been made of late.

A vote is to be taken on the 15th on the question of bonding the city in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to pipe water from the Ginger creek spring. As it is situated less than a mile from the center of the town, carries no surface water, has 300 feet fall, runs winter and summer alike, is of the purest quality, it will doubtless offer attractions to future residents.

As there is practically no opposition, the enterprising character of our citizens speaks well for our future prosperity.

The fourth and fifth grades in the public schools are getting busy preparing for the county contest in spelling and arithmetic.

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