

BLUE LEDGE ORE RETURNS CONVINCED MOST SKEPTICAL

By W. W. WATSON.

Report yesterday of the result of the smelting of the first carload shipment of ore from the Blue Ledge mine brought local Doubting Thomases to their feet with a short shrift. The most convincing proof of the truth of anything is found in its demonstration. That was demonstrated.

The fact that the company cleared over \$2500 on the thirty-four tons shipped, over and above every item of expense, from the first stroke of the pick to the return of the demurred result, fully answers the question as to whether or not it will pay to ship the ore.

Rarely do miners find so near to the surface such rich ore, for \$163.50 per ton, cheaply mined, is a delightfully inspiring output. It is also being demonstrated from day to day that the deeper the miners go in the Blue Ledge ores the richer they become in both copper and gold. That is the history of real mines.

For Road Improvement.

The committee appointed by the Copper league to interview the county court on the matter of co-operation in the big day on the Blue Ledge road will now take up that work. That committee is composed of A. L. Hill, Blaine Klum and Vernon Vawter. It will probably ask the court to call an emergency session to order the blasting done on the section of that road on which the 300 or 400 men will work on Copper Community day. The money is in the budget for the improvement of that road. There is no doubt in the collective mind of the league membership that the county court will respond promptly.

When that shall have been done, the league will set the day for the work. Immediately following that event, preparation for the big copper edition of the Mail Tribune will begin. In fact, much data has been collected already. Secretary Latta of the league is busy obtaining names of mining men in the big centers to whom copies of that edition shall be sent. He is being assisted by others whose fund of information in that line is valuable.

Payroll Looms Large.

Already a happily different atmosphere has been created locally over the promise of vigorous development work in many of the big claims of that district. The payroll looms large on the business horizon. The activities it will create in other lines are an interesting feature of the calculation in the preliminary work necessary to a busy season.

As stated by practical miners of national repute in recent interviews, the transportation problem must be included in the solution of the proposition. Nearness of the point to be reached and the abundance of necessary materials simplify the problem. Hurry is required, if we hope to succeed. Once taken away from us, the opportunity can never be recalled. This fact is being generally conceded among those interested in this movement.

Rich Mineral Deposits.

That an immense area of rich mineral deposits lies at Medford's threshold cannot reasonably be doubted. Smelter results on the first shipment have overcome all doubt, so far as the Blue Ledge is concerned. Those familiar with that district extend the same favorable consideration to more than a dozen big properties up there.

Therefore, the big day is anxiously awaited by hundreds of people who are ready and willing to help to give it the introductory potentiality it should have.

CHANGES MADE IN DELINQUENT TAX LAW

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—By a vote of 49 to 19, the house of representatives yesterday refused to pass Senate Bill No. 43, as passed by the senate, which was drawn with the intention of taking away the publication of delinquent tax lists from the newspapers throughout the state. This bill has been strongly supported by the Portland Journal, at whose instigation the bill was drawn and introduced. Much pressure has been brought to bear on the members to effect the passage of this measure, but it has also been strongly opposed by nearly every newspaper in the state. By a vote of 33 to 24 an amendment by Forbes was adopted, which provides that the tax collector must send out postal card notices to delinquents when the taxes are three months overdue, and that when four months overdue, publication be made. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 49 to 19.

\$6,000,000 BOND ISSUE FOR ROADS PASSES HOUSE

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and Pendleton, thence by such route as shall be determined by the state highway commission to La Grande, Baker and the Idaho line.

Jackson County Paved.

Fifth—The Pacific Highway through Jackson county, including both paving and base.

Sixth—A road commencing on the Columbia River Highway, near Arlington, in Gilliam county, up Willow creek in Morrow county, through Pilot Rock, Pendleton, Adams, Athena, Weston, Milton and Freewater to the Oregon-Washington line.

Seventh—A route from the south end of Clatsop county at the end of its highway, south via Wheeler to Garibaldi Beach.

Post Roads Specified.

The following highways are to be known as post roads:

First—From Eugene to the Jackson county line over the route of the Pacific Highway as adopted by the State Highway committee.

Second—The Columbia River Highway as already described, which the commissioners of the several counties do not propose to treat with hard surface.

Third—The road from Roseburg, via Myrtle Point and Coquille to Marshfield.

Fourth—The road from the Pacific Highway from a point at or near McMinville via Williamson to Tillamook.

Fifth—The road from The Dalles to Redmond, Bend and to Klamath Falls.

Sixth—From Bend to Lakeview.

Seventh—The road from an intersection with the Columbia River Highway, either in Sherman or Gilliam county, via Condon, Fossil and Spray, up the John Day Valley to such point as the highway commission shall elect, thence to Vale and to the Idaho line.

Eighth—A road from some point on the Pacific Highway to be selected by the commission to the city of Tillamook.

A road from La Grande, through Union and Wallowa counties to Joseph.

Crater Lake Work.

The following are to be built as forest roads in co-operation with the federal government:

First—From a point in Jackson county, to be selected by the highway commission and the federal officials via Crater Lake to a point in Klamath county to be selected by the highway commission.

Second—A road from a point in Lane county to be selected by the commission via Shualaw river, to a point in Coos county to be selected by the commission.

Third—A road from Eugene, connecting the Willamette valley, via the Mackenzie river, with Bend.

Fourth—A road connecting the road from the Columbia River Highway, up the John Day Valley, with the post road between The Dalles and Bend.

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

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The timber sections of the state were not forgotten, as the "boom bill," making logging streams common carriers, was passed by both houses. By putting the streams under control of the public service commission, as the bill does, private logging companies will be permitted to improve their channels and thus reach territory not now touched by railroads or boat lines.

On account of the 6 per cent tax limitation, many improvements requested by state institutions had to be killed. The state fair wanted a new stock pavilion and women's building and the state penitentiary asked for a new barn and new walks. All have denied.

The new insurance code is a complete revision of the state's insurance laws. It was passed only after extended hearings attended by insurance agents, expert framers and others interested.

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NO EVIDENCE TO CONVICT LAMPORT IN BOOZE CASE

A verdict of not guilty was brought in by the jury that heard the case against Ed Lamport of Medford, accused of illegally importing liquor into the state, contrary to the provisions of the bone dry act. The jury was out five minutes.

The case of the state was weak, the evidence failing to prove the allegations that Lamport had come from Hornbrook to Phoenix, where he was said to have gotten off the train with two suit cases and a bundle of booze and to have entered his car and driven to his home.

The conductor and brakeman of No. 16 stated that two men had gotten off at Phoenix, but were unable to identify Lamport. The sheriff stated that he met Lamport's car a mile and a half from Phoenix and trailed it until he finally lost sight of it.

The two suitcases and packing box of liquor seized in a raid on Lamport's house were not introduced as evidence.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting a jury, and the answers of the jurymen to questions of the attorney, furnished amusement to the crowd in attendance. When asked if they held any prejudice against a man for keeping liquor in his home practically every man answered that he either had liquor in his home at the present time or that he was temporarily out.

ANTI-PICKETING BILL IS KILLED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—Oregon strikers may continue to throw out their picket lines without interference from the police, the state senate today having killed the anti-picketing bill, which was recently passed by the house of representatives.

MEDFORD HIGH DEFEATS ASHLAND IN FAST GAME

In the fastest game of the season, the Medford high school basketball team last night defeated the Ashland Armyory team by the score of 27 to 7, capturing the series of three games.

Brandon and Williamson featured for the locals an offense, breaking through the Ashland defense time after time and rarely failing to make a basket when within shooting distance.

Young and Torney, Medford guards, held the famed Grubb brothers down to two baskets, breaking up the Ashland offense with ease.

The showing against the Armyory team made by Ashland High and Medford indicates that Medford will have a walkaway in the games with the Lithia City high school team, the soldiers having trimmed that team decisively.

Next week the Medford team meets the Roseburg quintet in two games. Hope runs high in the Medford camp that the locals will also walk away with these games.

Preliminary to the main game, the Medford girls met the Applegate girls' community team, defeating them 5 to 4 in a slow game.

In the afternoon the high school students staged a costume parade through the downtown streets.

BAPTISTS FILE PROTEST ARTICLE IN MAIL TRIBUNE

The revival meeting opened last night with a vote of the members of the Baptist church in which they voted to the effect that so far as the Baptists were concerned that never in the past had been and never in the future would fermented wine be used in the taking of the sacrament. And they resented the fact that an editorial had appeared in The Mail Tribune in which it was made to appear that church leaders were asking a privilege of the state. This was followed by a vote of all Christians present, from every denomination represented, that they too used only

unfermented wine in the sacrament. Then followed a short talk on the book of Daniel in which a warning was timely spoken.

The sermon text was "That which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of spirit is spirit." It is a difficult task to lift your children on higher ground than you are yourself. Then get the new birth in Jesus Christ. Get the B. A. degree. (Born again). If a man gets into heaven he gets there because his heart is right.


As a natural birth is the connecting link between you and your child so the new birth is the connecting link between you and God. As the new birth is a spiritual one and as God is a spiritual being, the B. A. is necessary.

Some think that being born again is quitting your meanness; then all the men in the Oregon penal institutions are born again; some think it is reformation, like making a brick out of mud. Then what is it? It is the sovereign act of God when he reaches down and gives new life to a lost soul. How does He do it? We don't know, but that has no effect on the fact or the promise. Tonight "The Call of the Wild." Come one come all.

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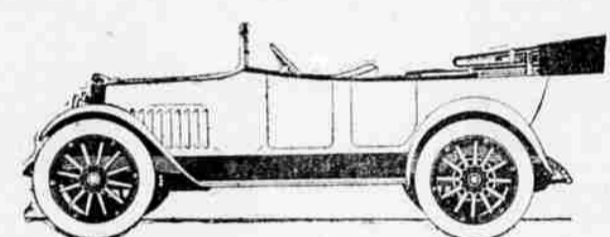
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