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MINING EXCITEMENT KEEPS UP.

Excitement at the mines keeps up as people continue to come in from other places. The country is pretty well staked off now for a considerable scope and newcomers are working further North. George Ayres, local assayer says the rock goes from \$6 to \$250 per ton, and that after panned out for quite a distance around the ledges shows to contain gold. Two reports came from the mines Monday and both were from reliable men, one to the effect that the owners of the Wade ledge were offered \$100,000 for their property. The offer was conditional, providing for a \$1,000 payment down and the company was not to take anything away from the mines, and would work the claim for six months, and at the expiration of that time they were to make another payment of \$25,000 if they continued, and at the end of a year if they still remained in possession they were to pay \$64,000. This was said to be a man from New York who has plenty of capital to back his deals, also an expert to assure him of the value of the ore in sight and the prospects for the future, as nearly as the best miners can determine from what shows up on top of the ground. These men came to Tonopah from New York, and heard of the strike here and made the trip up to investigate. The other report was that the New York people, unable to make a deal for the entire Wade property, had offered Mr. Plummer, one of the owners \$8,000 for his one-third interest.

All the mining excitement in the county does not center in these diggings, however, for there is a squad of 25 or 30 miners in the Dry Creek country, west of Lakeview, who have been at work there for a month past, and have had the county surveyor out there running out lines for them. They believe they are on a ledge fully as rich as any found in the mountains east of the lake.

Pete Follett brought the word to town Tuesday that one of the owners of the Wade mine had sold his interest for \$34,000.

About the only unfavorable report we have heard came from a man who came up from Tonopah to look at these mines, and he says there is nothing in them. But another report came that the same fellow tried to buy some of the claims, or an interest in them. So it can be said that reports of any kind are liable to get out. We give these reports just as we hear them and take no chances on creating a sensation that might later be traced to the editor's desk, and people can read them and judge from the whole as to the truth of them. We are not manufacturing any mining booms in The Examiner office. However, our sincerest hope and sympathy is with the optimists.

Other reports have it that Plummer sold for \$10,000, and still more conservatives say that if a deal was made at all Plummer received a few hundred dollars down for spending money and bonded his claim.

Death of Josiah Henkle.

The death of Josiah Henkle last Monday morning removed from the county another of its pioneer settlers and one who for many years was engaged in active business here. Mr. Henkle was born in Lee coun-

ty, Iowa, in 1843, and at the time of his death was 62 years of age. When ten years of age, he came across the plains with his grandparents and settled in Oregon, and ten years afterwards his face was a familiar one along the line of settlements from the Idaho line into northern California. In 1870 Mr. Henkle moved to Corvallis where he filled the office of deputy sheriff until his removal to Crook county in 1877. Soon after coming here he engaged in cattle raising, a business which he followed successfully for 18 years. In 1882 Mr. Henkle was the democratic candidate for sheriff of Wasco county, of which Crook was then a part.

His death was due to enlargement of the heart, an affliction which caused him intense suffering before he finally passed away. A son, Siebel, and a daughter, Vivian, survive him. The funeral services were conducted at the residence in this city Monday afternoon, interment taking place in the Odd Fellow and Workman cemetery. The Rev. C. P. Bailey, of The Dalles, conducted the services.—Prineville Journal.

Mr. Josiah Henkle was a brother of our townsman C. Henkle.

Jury at Work.

The first work of the new Oregon Federal Grand Jury was accomplished last Friday, when indictments were returned against Claud Thayer, a banker and capitalist of Tillamook county for conspiracy in defrauding the government out of public lands through crooked entries under the timber and stone act. With Mr. Thayer there were indicted Clarke E. Hadley, G. O. Nolan, Maurice Leach, Thomas Coats, Walter J. Smith, John Tuttle, Charles E. Hayes, John Doe and Richard Roe, on the same charge. The significance of this action is emphasized by the fact that at the time the indictments were returned there remained but six hours until the statute of limitation would have intervened to prevent prosecution. This case is said to involve more money value in its timberlands than all the cases which have been tried so far.

A Few Stock Sales.

C. W. Withers and J. M. McDade are buying sheep. Tuesday they bought the entire band of Geo. Wright, consisting of 1800 ewes and 1200 lambs. Withers takes the lambs and McDade the older sheep. The price was \$1.50 for lambs and \$2.50 for ewes.

Yesterday they bought from A. L. Howell 1100 ewes and 600 lambs, and from E. P. Combs 1000 lambs.

We learn that C. Swanson, the Sacramento beef buyer, came here last week to look at the 70 beef, but did not get to see them, also that he bought a bunch of beef from Owens of Round Grove.

Mr. Shampaigne, the mutton buyer returned to Lakeview Tuesday from the railroad, where he drove the sheep that he bought in Lake county last spring. He is here to buy more sheep if he can find them, but has made no deals thus far. If he cannot buy mutton he will buy up some stock sheep.

Another Quiet Wedding.

Again we take pleasure in announcing a happy turn in events to the lives of two of Goose Lake's popular young people. This time Mr. Dan Funk and Miss Mabel Follett. The wedding was scheduled for last evening (Wednesday) at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete



SIEGFRIED WAGNER, WHO OPPOSES THE PRODUCTION OF "PARSIFAL" IN AMERICA.

If Frau Cosima Wagner, widow of Richard Wagner, the great German composer, and Siegfried Wagner, her son, are supported by the courts they will prevent Herr Conried, director of the Metropolitan Opera House, from producing "Parsifal" in New York. Richard Wagner, they declare, desired that "Parsifal" should never be produced anywhere except in Bayreuth, his home. Siegfried Wagner is himself a composer of note.

Follett at New Pine Creek.

We understand that Rev. S. Snyder was to join the happy young lives together. Mr. Funk is the son of R. K. Funk a prosperous farmer living between Lakeview and Pine Creek, and the bride is the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Follett, of Pine Creek. Both young people have many friends who will be pleased at the happy culmination of their courtship.

Ladies' Aid Supper.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church of Lakeview will give a supper in the banquet room of the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, September 6th. Supper will be served commencing at 5 o'clock P. M. A charge of 35 cents per plate will be made. The proceeds will go to a fund to pay off the debt on the M. E. parsonage, a worthy cause. The Ladies' Aid is exerting every effort to make it a success and should have the patronage of all who can go. They modestly ask that a liberal patronage be accorded the event.

Interested in Young Folks.

Our lives are of interest to others perhaps, when we are little aware of it.

An old man met a young friend in a Lakeview store the other day, who seemed, from his actions, to be interested in house furnishings.

The gray beard suggested to the younger man that there must be another whose interest in the tour he was then making was equal to his own, and whose taste in such matters were likely to be superior.

The young man departed, but soon returned with a companion, when there began a critical search for articles highly suggestive, and which excited most pleasing reminiscences in the aged observer. Let these young people be assured of an old man's interest in the events their visit to the store certainly foretells.

Wants Game Laws Enforced.

J. C. Oliver was over from the West Side last Saturday. Mr. Oliver is considerably interested in the fish and game of Lake county, and says its protection has got to be his "hobby." There is no doubt that the laws protecting fish and game are less regarded here than in nearly any other county in the state, not because the citizens of Lake county are less inclined to observe the laws, but presumably because both fish and game are so plentiful in this county that hunters fail to understand how the supply can ever be diminished. Here is their poor conception of natural conditions which govern all game in all localities. Other localities may have had an abundance of game at one time, and the people failed to establish proper protection until it was too late. It not only requires a strict observance of the law during the closed season, for ample protection to game, but adherence to protection principles during the open seasons as well. No one should kill more than they can take care of, leaving the dead carcasses on the ground to rot, just for the pleasure of telling how many they slaughtered. True sportsmen do not so much revel in the number they kill as the tactics used in killing them.

Association.

Association of the thirty second annual session of the Eastern Baptist Association of California and Oregon, will be held with the First Baptist Church of Lakeview, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., on Thursday Sept. 28, 29 and 30, 1905. Its objects shall be the dissemination of the truth as it is in Jesus, by promoting the preaching of the gospel at home and abroad; fostering Sunday schools and temperance work, to the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ. Come one and all. J. H. HOWARD, Pastor.

WORK FOR THE LEAGUE.

There now seems to be reached a period of non activity in some of the important reclamation projects in the West. Last week The Examiner made known to its readers the status of the Lake County projects. This week brings encouragement, viewing the situation from what we believe to be a sort of diplomatic standpoint. A few facts may serve to explain away the apparent difficulties now in the way of actual operations in this part of the state. In the first place we sight to the recent instructions of Chief Engineer Newell to curtail the work of the Reclamation Service in the Klamath Basin project, also the status of the Malheur project, on account of the reluctance of the large land owners to sign up their lands, the conditions are the same in both schemes. Most of the land under these two projects are in private ownership, and in both cases the cost of reclaiming the lands is double the estimated cost of reclaiming the lands in Lake county. This seems to offer an excellent chance for Lake county to get the government's eyes turned this way. Our land is comparatively free. We believe all, or nearly all of it is yet in government ownership and that the government can almost be assured that every acre of it will be taken as soon as it is made known that it is to be irrigated. It is not the cost that has caused the Reclamation Service to hesitate, but the absence of railroads. Now what has caused the railroads to hesitate? Is it not the absence of assurance that the government will irrigate the land and make it sufficiently productive to warrant the building of railroads? This condition shows that the time is opportune to have something done or said to bring these two balking forces to an understanding. The Reclamation Service will be asked by the National Irrigation Congress, now in session at Portland, to go ahead with small projects, as is shown by the following:

"The following resolution was introduced by the California delegation, was passed unanimously, and without debate:

Resolved. That this congress favors the early reclamation of small tracts of land whenever the cost per acre of reclaiming such tracts does not exceed the cost per acre of larger enterprises of a similar character, and whenever in the judgment of the Administration service, it deems such reclamation of sufficient importance to receive its attention."

We have a Development League all in working order, whenever there appears profitable work to do, just the work that the League was organized to carry out. Next Saturday evening is the night of regular meeting and there is much to do. We need not blaze out a path for the League to follow, the nature of the work is obvious, the time is ripe and the field open; now to find willing hands to carry it out. It will require a great deal of energy and influence, and no little faculty for diplomacy. The brains are in the League if they can only be brought to act in the interest of Lake county.

Let us have a large attendance to report next week and a line of work mapped out to do.