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Continued Interest in the Copper Mines.

The Applegate copper district is the center of attraction just now to the mine of the entire northwest as well as to many other people, for if those copper mines turn out to be as rich as they appear to be there will be one of the biggest rushes Southern Oregon has ever known. Nearly 300 claims have now been taken up and new claims are being located every day. Monday's stage took in 11 men and nearly two tons of their effects, Manager John Wilson running his stage in three sections as the railroad men say, three teams being required to haul the passengers and baggage. The stage each trip has a full load of passengers and the traffic is steadily increasing.

Miners going to the Squaw creek district leave the stage at Watkins, where E. J. Faucett has a comfortable lodging house and he also keeps a small store and the postoffice. Persons going to the Elliott creek and Joe creek districts go on to Joes Bar, which is the terminus of the stage line. At Joes Bar, which gets its name from a former placer claim, Joseph Willett and David Harroll have a hotel and stable and can give rest and food to man and beast. Their accommodations are not so elegant as can be found in the cities, but a generous bill of fare and a miners welcome make up for any lacking in style that there may be. For the present the stage makes but three trips a week to the copper mines, leaving Jacksonville Monday, Wednesday and Friday, returning the following days, but if the rush increases, Manager Wilson will put on daily stages. The mail goes to Watkins, but twice a week, Monday and Friday, but a petition has been sent to the postoffice department asking that it be made three times a week. There is now talk of getting up another petition to have the service made daily. There is no postoffice at Joes Bar, but a petition is soon to be forwarded to Washington asking for a postoffice at that place. There is need for an office at Joes Bar for it is six miles to Watkins, the nearest postoffice and the present terminus of the mail route from Jacksonville.

There is a large number of miners in the vicinity of Joes Bar, the famous Blue Ledge belonging to Patsy Clarke, of Spokane, being four miles beyond this place, and the lack of postal facilities is a great inconvenience to them. There is talk of a town being platted at Joes Bar and the report is that there are a number of persons awaiting developments at the mines and if the outlook is good they will put in various establishments at that place. The report is also out that Dr. J. F. Reddy, of Spokane, and who is one of the close personal friends of Patsy Clarke, the noted mining man, has had the preliminary work done for laying out a townsite near the Blue Ledge copper mines. Should these mines prove to be as rich as those of Montana, and the surface indications are quite as good as were those of the great mines of that state, the new town would grow into a second Anaconda, for there would soon be a host of men at work in the mines and at the smelters.

Found, a silver watch. The owner by proving property and paying for notice can secure the watch by calling at the Sentinel office.

C. W. Conklin, of Boyd & Conklin, furniture dealers of Medford, has purchased four lots and a dwelling house on Fourteenth and K streets in that city, of Charles Tyler for \$1150. This property is in the south-west part of Medford and it is in a very desirable residence locality and Mr. and Mrs. Conklin will make it into one of the most homelike places in that city. They expect to move to their new home in about 10 days.

LOCAL NOTES.

Tents, camp stoves and camping utensils at Boyden's hardware store, Medford.

Miss Ella Parks, of Buncom, will close a successful term of school at Uniontown Friday of this week.

G. M. Parker, of Portland, went to the copper district Monday to put in a couple of months while making a thorough development of a fine appearing copper prospect he has on his claim on Elliott creek.

Prof. and Mrs. Washburn expect Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whipple, of Seattle, to arrive in Jacksonville next Wednesday, to spend a week with them. Mrs. Whipple is a sister of Prof. Washburn and at the termination of her visit here she and her husband will go to Ashland to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Washburn.

John Spiker, who keeps a large hotel at Gardiner, Montana, at the entrance of Yellowstone Park, arrived in Jacksonville last Friday and left the next morning for Squaw creek, where he and Ed Spencer have a fine copper claim. Mr. Spiker will remain on the Applegate for some time and assist in developing their copper mine.

Rev. Edwin Lockhart announces that there will be a morning service only at the M. E. church in this place Sunday, other engagements making it impossible for him to be there for the evening. The subject of Rev. Lockhart's discourse will be "Silent Eloquence," and the theme will pertain to Decoration Day and patriotism. The public is cordially invited to attend this service which will be at 11 a. m.

Highest market price in cash paid for wool. We have wool bags, fleece twine, sheep dip for sale. Nunan, Jacksonville.

Mrs. John S. Taylor from Princeton, Indiana, is spending this week in Jacksonville with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor is greatly enjoying her visit and she is delighted with Southern Oregon's climate, and with the beautiful flowers and pretty yards to be seen in Jacksonville. She expects to leave next week for her home, going by the way of Pocatello, Idaho, where she will make a stop to visit with brothers she has living there.

The digger squirrels will soon be destroying crops. They can be readily destroyed with squirrel poison to be had at the City Drug store, Jacksonville.

C. M. Buck returned Monday evening from Upper Applegate where he had been to get signers to a petition to be presented at the June term of county court asking for a change in the route of the county road along by Purcell and Watkins. The change in the route is for the purpose of putting the road on the west side of the stream. By the present route the road crosses the river four times, and as there are no bridges there is much of the time during the winter months when it is impossible to ford the stream. Mr. Buck got the name of every settler along the road to the petition as they were all anxious to have the road changed as the impossibility of fording the river in the winter season in addition to being a serious inconvenience to themselves often prevented the mail carrier from making his trips thus depriving the people of their mail.

Smart dressers will find just what they want at The Toggery, Medford. Mr. Isaacs is making a specialty of spring suitings in all the latest colorings and absolutely correct in style and in fit. The latest and newest in all kinds of gentlemen's wear such as can be had at only a strictly gents furnishing store, as The Toggery is.

Driver Wilson of the Jacksonville-Watkins-Joes Bar stage states Superintendent Jas. P. Harvey of the Blue Ledge mine is rushing the work of getting in the car load of machinery, which arrived in Jacksonville last week and which was hauled by teams to Joes Bar. At that place the wagon road ends and all freight has to be taken to the mines by pack mules. It is four miles up a pretty steep trail to the Blue Ledge mine, but by Monday night Manager Harvey's pack train had got 2,400 pounds of the 10,000 pounds of the diamond drill outfit packed in. By the end of this week the remainder of the drill outfit will be landed at the mine as well as the tools and supplies that made up the remainder of the car load will all be at the mine. Mr. Harvey intends to get the diamond drill at work next week, when the entire tract covered by their claims will be thoroughly prospected and the Clark Syndicate will be able to learn whether they have a copper deposit worth millions or a lot of valueless ledges.

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