

Watkins Items.

The Seattle mine started up today.

Mr. Lundgren has struck it rich at his copper mine.

Miss Maud Byrne is visiting friends in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are visiting friends in Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Loudon were in Jacksonville last Friday.

Cary Cudy of Steamboat is visiting Mr. McKee for a few days.

R. W. Watkins made a business trip to Jacksonville this week.

G. F. and J. P. Collins left Monday morning for Klamath Falls.

John Loudon has been visiting friends at the Seattle mine for the past week.

Bruce Buck has arrived from Jacksonville. He comes to work on his copper mine.

P. J. Sullivan is doing his assessment work on his copper mine on Cook and Green creek.

The copper mine will go on with their work for a while yet. There are fourteen men working.

Frank Faucett and Otto Jelness made a flying trip to Jacksonville Sunday to witness the ball game.

E. J. Langley and J. Terry have been hauling quartz for the past two weeks. They will soon start up their quartz mill.

A very large crowd came up from Applegate and Ruch to spend their Fourth here. Everybody reported a good time.

A very interesting ball game was played here on the Fourth between Watkins and Ruch for a purse of twenty dollars. The score was 9 to 5 in favor of Ruch.

A. E. Collins and W. Hacker recently visited Jacksonville to lay in a supply for their rich quartz mine. It is the richest mine on the Middle Fork and they are expecting some experts here to examine it about July 10th.

Eagle Point Items.

Dick Bessie has been in Eagle Point for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morine of Elk Creek were in town Monday.

Bert Peachy and Robert Jonas of this place started for Ft. Klamath Thursday.

Josie Pool who has been very sick for the last two weeks is recovering at this writing.

Miss Mattie Taylor started for Fort Klamath last week to visit her friend, Mrs. Hoyt.

Miss Laura and Annie Nichols went to Jacksonville for the Fourth and returned home Sunday.

Miss Lottie Taylor, who has been staying with Mrs. Dan Norris on Big Sticky, returned home Thursday.

Miss Bertha Wyland of Wellen was visiting her sister, Mrs. John Daley of this place one day this week.

A number of our young men went to Big Butte and Lost Creek on the Fourth and all report having a fine time.

Mrs. Geo. Daley who has been quite sick with chicken pox is reported as being able to be up and around at this writing.

Down About Woodville

Miss Badger closed a successful term of school in Woodville last Friday and returned to her home in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lance of Foots Creek have gone to the Tolman Soda Springs for several months, for the benefit of Mrs. Lance's health.

The drilling machine, which was used by Robt. Ghristian on the Lance place, has been taken to Kanes Creek about 2 miles from Gold Hill and will be operated there, on the Miner place, by parties from Montana.

Della Evans, who came from Portland several weeks ago to visit her parents on Foot's Creek, will return to Portland this week. Miss Evans is fitting herself for an elocutionist, having been for some time under the direction of one of Portland's most noted voice culture teachers.

Timber and Stone Act.

The repeal of the timber and stone act will be, according to Senator Gibson of Montana, one of the most important measures affecting the West, that will come before the next session of Congress. The bill for this repeal has been reported favorably by the committee on Public Lands of the Senate, but has not been acted on. The contest on it promises to be one of the fights of the session. It is not a party measure and it seems that the representatives of the Western States are not a unit in favor of it. The mining interests so far as heard from, are in favor of repeal because they know that in many cases much undeveloped mineral land has already been grabbed under the pretense that it is valuable "chiefly for its stone and timber," and those who favor the settlement of the States of the far West with a bona fide population such as the homestead law encourages, ought to be a unit in favor of repeal. The party who takes up public land for its timber or stone is rarely an actual settler, but is often a dummy or adventurer in the hands of speculators who have no intention to settle down and live in the community. The hope of many Western States lies in the coming of small farmers to take and hold the public lands. The Homestead Law, which requires five years' residence, encourages this, while the timber and stone act encourages mere speculation and monopoly by non-residents.

According to Senator Gibson, Wyoming, all the Western States seems to be opposed to repeal. Why this should be so does not appear. The new irrigation law will render available thousands of acres of land that may at the present time be regarded as of no value except for its "stone," and which, after irrigation has reached it, will be of great value

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for agricultural purpose. It would be singular indeed if, while the government is expending millions to redeem arid lands, it should afterward be discovered that these same lands had in the meantime, under the timber and stone act passed into the ownership of syndicates who had crowded out the actual settler and maintained at the expense of the government the most odious of all monopolies, says the Pacific Coast Miner.

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