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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Brief, Breezy Notes Regarding the Various Events That Take Place at and Near the County Seat, By This the Only Paper.

NEWS WHILE IT IS YET NEWSY

Fruits of all kinds at Millers.

Fresh bread, daily, at W. H. Millers.

All kinds of fresh, crisp vegetables at W. H. Millers.

A fine selection of glassware at Nunan-Taylor Company's to be sold with baking power at no additional charge.

W. M. Colvig will leave Sunday for Klamath Falls to be gone several days to attend to some legal business pertaining to water rights for Hon. H. E. Ankeny.

T. H. Herriott was in Jacksonville this Friday. Mr. Herriott returned last week to his home in Central Point from Provolt where he has been employed as sawyer in a large sawmill at that place.

Hon. H. E. Ankeny and his son Frank Ankeny left Monday for Klamath county where they will spend 10 days at the big grain and hay ranch they have near Klamath Falls in partnership with Roscoe Cantrall a son-in-law of Mr. Ankeny's.

Rev. S. Sack, pastor of the Lutheran church in Medford, announces that on this Sunday at 10:00 o'clock a. m., confirmation services will be held at his church, when a class of four, who have completed their course of instruction, will be admitted to fellowship in the church. The members of this class are Ernest and Emma Neidermeyer and Elizabeth Demmer, of Jacksonville and Louisa Schaeffer of Phoenix. Following the confirmation services the holy communion will be observed. The Lutheran church at Medford is the only organization of that faith in this county, and from a small beginning it has, under the able pastorate of Rev. Sack, grown to be one of the strongest church organizations in the county and both the Sunday school and regular services each Sabbath are well attended and a fine spirit of co-operation exists between the pastor and his parishioners.

A. W. Sturgis, the veteran miner and an Oregon pioneer of 1852, and who, 50 years ago the first of this month, left his father's home near Oregon City on foot, in company with another young man, with \$40. in money, a pack horse and a camp outfit as their total assets, for the mining camps of Southern Oregon, was in Jacksonville, Wednesday. Mr. Sturgis has gone through all the vicissitudes incident to a miner's life, but has prospered and now has a fine home in Medford where he and his family live in comfort, with a goodly bank account for a rainy day. Mr. Sturgis operated until last year the Sturgis mine on Forest creek six miles west of Jacksonville and one of the biggest paying placers in Southern Oregon, when he sold it to the Vance-Olmstead company who are now operating it. Mr. Sturgis yet owns some fine quartz properties on Applegate which he is contemplating opening up himself or by lease to other parties. Mr. Sturgis is a firm believer in the coming boom to Southern Oregon that will make it one of the great mining districts of the United States and one of the most prosperous sections of the Pacific Coast.

Superintendent Frank Ankeny of the Sterling mine had work begun Tuesday on getting the ditches in order for the winter's run. A force of men with William Jennings is at work cleaning out the ditch, which is 27 miles long, and in size a small canal, and brings water to the mine from Little Applegate. New head-works will be put in and the water system put in effective order for a big run this winter with the four giants with which the mine is equipped. Piping usually commences at the Sterling mine about the middle of November and Supt. Ankeny expects to have all in readiness to start mining with the first water that is to be had.

Nick Young, of Eagle Point was in Jacksonville this Thursday with a load of farm produce which he sold to the local merchants. Mr. Young expects to leave for Prineville next week where he expects to take up a homestead in one of the irrigation districts that the government is planning to establish in that section of Eastern Oregon. Mr. Young is a hustling young man and will make a success of his venture if no unforeseen obstacle prevents.

James A. Wilson has placed a new roof on the boy's school building at St Marys Academy. It is of felt with a coating of specially prepared tar paint on which a coating of sand is sprinkled. This kind of roofing is said to be both water proof and fire proof and very durable while no more expensive than a tin roof.

Hinkle, the Jacksonville jeweler, has a full stock of spectacles and will fit them to your eye and his prices are right.

Spectacles soldered and other light repairing done at reasonable prices at Hinkel's jewelry store, Jacksonville.

Grain sacks in any quantity and prices that are right at Nunan-Taylor Company.

Quartz and placer location blanks for sale at the Sentinel Office.

BLUE LEDGE MINE

Increased Activity at the Big Copper Mine on Upper Applegate and Indications Point to a Wonderful Future For The Property.

SHOWING UP BIGGER AND BETTER

The Blue Ledge Copper Company is one of the big mining companies operating in Southern Oregon that is steadily and quietly carrying on its work with so little noise that the general public hardly knows that a copper mine is being developed in the Jacksonville district that promises to be one of the great copper camps of the world. As the tunnels penetrate the ledges the ore shows up in increasing richness and in bodies of immense quantities that will make possible the erection of great smelters like those that have made Butte and Anaconda famous, and what is of special interest to citizens of Jacksonville, the building of these smelters is no longer a matter of the distant future but of the present and it is reasonable to expect that within the next five years the solitude now over the Upper Applegate will be broken by the ceaseless activity and bustle of a great mining camp.

The Blue Ledge property is now under a bond given by Dr. J. F. Reddy and his associates to a New York company, of which John R. Allen is president, C. C. Bruger, vice president and treasurer and G. P. Humphrey, secretary, with their office at 25 Bond street. The company has its western office at Los Angeles, where are the headquarters of the consulting engineers, Bruger & Siebert. The mines at Blue Ledge are in charge of C. W. Geddes, of New York City, as superintendent, with R. C. Abbott, of

Colorado, as assistant superintendent. From the extensive plans now under way by this company there is every reason to expect that they will take up their bond to the Jacksonville owners and proceed to erect a smelter and secure railroad connections for which a preliminary survey has been made from Jacksonville to Blue Ledge. The company also holds a bond on the Joes Bar land on Elliott creek where is a good location for the smelter and a town.

Recently assistant superintendent Abbott has been making surveys on both Elliott creek and Joe creek with a view of ascertaining the available power to be had from these streams for operating an electric power and light station. The current would be transmitted to the mines three miles distant up in the foothills of the Siskiyou mountains where it would be used to operate a compressor and other machinery about the mine and for light in the tunnels and in the houses in the camp. The drilling in the development work now carried on is done by hand but it is evident that the company intend in the near future to install a compressor and to use power drills, which will greatly facilitate the work of opening up the mine. Telephone connection is to be established with Jacksonville as a permit has been secured from the county to erect poles and carry wires along the county road from this place to the mines. The company's big mule team is kept busy hauling in supplies and Supt. Geddes is preparing for steady work all winter and he is now employing a force of about 25 men and pushing development work on the tunnels with day and night shifts. While the plans of the company are not given out at all it is quite reasonable to expect from the operations now carried on that the bond holders are satisfied with their venture and that they will make the purchase of the property and begin in the spring the erection of their smelter.

Several hundred dollars of Blue Ledge money now finds its way to Jacksonville each month and with the increased activity at that mine the town will be more greatly benefitted and it will be a factor of much importance in the prosperity of Jacksonville and of this section.

Pleased With This District.

H. Calahan, who is a well known Spokane mining man, and who in company with J. R. Riley, another prominent mining man of that city owns the St. Albans group of claims in the Elliott Creek copper district, was on the Applegate last week to note conditions in the copper district. Mr. Calahan returned to Jacksonville Tuesday and Wednesday he left for Spokane. He expresses great confidence in the richness of the Applegate copper district and expects it to become one of the copper camps of the country. He visited the Blue Ledge claims, which adjoins the St. Albans claims, and stated Supt. Geddes, with a large force of men, was steadily pushing development work and that the ledges were showing up both in richness and extent beyond previous expectations. Mr. Calahan reports that there is much interest among Spokane mining men in regard to Southern Oregon mining interests and he expresses the opinion that within the next year there will be many Spokane men making investments in Southern Oregon mining property, for they look upon this district as one of great promise and which is destined to be in the near future one of the best in the United States.

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