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NEWS OF THE MINES

Busy Season Among The Miners of Southern Oregon Now At Hand and Unusual Activity Is Noted Throughout This Section.

PLACERS WILL START UP SOON

August Petard and his sons August and Albert unite gold mining with fruit raising; in the winter they work a placer claim in Rich gulch and in the summer care for their vineyard. This year in addition to their own vineyard on Rich gulch they have leased the Barbe vineyard of 17 acres two miles north of Jacksonville. They have shipped the larger part of their grapes to Portland and other northern markets, realizing good prices, but a considerable portion will be made into wine.

May Put in an Arastra.

Riley Thompson and William Jordan are opening up a ledge in Quartz gulch on Thompkins creek that is making a showing that is very gratifying to these miners. While no rich pocket has been struck yet their ledge is rich enough to pass for a pocket for from six ton of rock recently mined they secured \$800 in gold, milling their ore at the Thurston mill on the Applegate. As it is several miles to the Thurston mill they are planning to put in an arastra at their mine, the power to be had from the Mee ditch which passes above their claim.

Cinnabar Near Jacksonville.

There is every prospect that the Jacksonville district will have another cinnabar mine to add to its mineral wealth, for a large ledge of that ore has recently been discovered on Palmer creek by J.H. Ray, of Medford, and Amos McKee of Upper Applegate. Messrs Ray and McKee are now at work developing their claim which is showing up in good shape both as to richness and quantity of ore. The development work will be continued until the value of the ledge is demonstrated and if it proves to warrant the expenditure a retort will be erected next and active mining operations will be then begun.

Ricoro Gold Mining Company.

A syndicate of Los Angeles capitalists, under the company name of the Ricoro Gold Mining Company, at the head of which is Capt. G. G. Mullens, a retired army officer, and who is in charge of the company's mining operations, has bought the Classic Hill mine, located at the head of Indian creek midway between Happy Creek and Waldo, on what was known in early mining days as the Sam Howard place. In addition to this mine the Company has bought 600 acres of additional placer ground and is preparing to operate one of the biggest placer mines of the Coast. A sawmill, that cuts 10,000 feet per day, has been erected, of which E. A. Head is sawyer and J. D. Matney has the logging contract, to cut lumber for the flumes and for the messhouse and other buildings. Water will be had from the west fork of Indian creek, by two ditches one 1½ miles long

and the other five miles long and an ample supply will be had and with a pressure of 375 feet. Capt. Mullens expects to have all work completed and the giants in operation by the middle of November.

"The Maid of the Mist."

The Maid of the Mist mine on Thompson creek, owned by Ben Thurston, of Applegate, and White & Armstrong, of Grants Pass is likely to soon be a producing mine of some importance. This ledge has been worked in a small way for the past two years and has yielded good values in the ore taken from the development work. Mr. Thompson, with Albert Cully, assisting him, has been at work for several months past extending the tunnel to learn the extent and value of the ledge and so promising is the showing that it has been decided to put in a mill and inaugurate regular mining operations. Negotiations are now on for the purchase of the three stamp mill used in the development work at the Opp mine and which will no longer be used as the 20 stamp mill will soon be in operation at that mine. With this three stamp mill to handle the ore, extensive development would be carried on, the ore being rich enough to more than pay for cost of opening up the mine and if the outlook warrants it, a larger mill would be installed and the mine worked as a permanent proposition.

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GOVERNMENT LAND

Good Stock Country Near Squaw Lake Where But Little Winter Feed Is Required To Bring Cattle and Hogs Through That Season of the Year.

LAND NOT YET BEEN SURVEYED

John Haskins was in Jacksonville Monday from Squaw Lake making his regular fall purchases. Mr. Haskins has a fine stock ranch on unsurveyed land on Squaw creek above the lake, where he has resided with his family for the past seven years and until two years ago had no neighbor nearer than four miles. Mr. Haskins raises cattle and hogs and is making money for his stock are comparatively no expense at all to him, the hogs finding their own living in the woods and becoming fat for the market on the mast each fall, while the cattle come off the range as prime beef. Mr. Haskins feeds very little during the winter months, only a few days at a time when there is snow on the ground, but so soon as the snow is off the ground the stock take to the range on which there is good feed all year, for the cool, misty air of the mountains keep the vegetation green during the dry months of summer and in the winter the timbered sections afford good feed for there is little snow beneath the trees.

Clover and timothy produce large crops of hay and all kinds of farm products grow well, especially potatoes which on this rich mountain soil grow to perfection, the yield being large and the quality far superior to those grown in the low valleys, a watery, knotty, hollow potato being unknown to this section. Mr.

Haskins thinks that when transportation facilities are had, as will be had when the big copper and gold mines of that section are developed, that the north slope of the Siskiyou mountains will be the great potato growing district of Southern Oregon. Fruit also does well and is very fine quality and free from pests.

There is yet much vacant government land in this section, which Mr. Haskins states will make good farms and stock ranches. As Mr. Haskins is anxious to secure neighbors he will gladly give intending settlers all the information he can regarding this land either by letter or will show parties good claims. His address is Watkins. This is as yet unsurveyed but it will probably not be long until it is put on the market, in the meantime a settler pays no tax on it and when the land is open to entry his previous residence is applied on his five years homestead requirement.

Mining Men Organize.

The mining men of Grants Pass and vicinity have perfected an organization which is known as the Grants Pass Miners' Association. The officers of the Association are: C. L. Mangum, president; S. Case, first vice-president; John Minor Booth, secretary; W. T. Cape, assistant secretary; H. L. Gilkey, treasurer; W. H. Hair, assistant treasurer. The executive committee is made up of W. B. Sherman, C. C. Higgins, Arthur Conklin, P. H. Harth and R. L. Coe. The Association has fitted up headquarters in Grants Pass where a complete exhibit is to be maintained of all the mineral products of that mining district, and an exhibit is being prepared for the Lewis & Clark Exposition. The Association has become a member of the Oregon State Development League. It has a membership of over 150 and those pushing it expect the roll will embrace 250 names before the close of this year.

Improving The Road.

Road Supervisor W. H. Pennington, of the Willow Springs district, is doing some substantial work on the Willow Springs—Jacksonville road and he expects to have a considerable distance of this road made passable for travel in the winter months as well as during the summer season and to attain this much-desired end he has several teams hauling gravel from a bed on the Armstrong place and distributing it along the road grade which he made last spring.

A Question of Tacks.

Any reader of this paper, sending 25 cents in silver, by postal note or in one and two cent stamps, will be sent The Daily Journal one month; or The Sunday Journal two months; or the Semi-Weekly Journal three months or the Weekly Journal four months, and in addition a match safe filled with tacks, postage prepaid. Address The Journal, Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney fell Monday evening and injured her knee so seriously that she has been barely able to get about the house with the aid of a crutch, but no serious consequences are feared and she expects to have the full use of her limb in a short time.

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