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## OLD STURGIS MINE

**This Great Placer Mine, Now Operated by the Vance Hydraulic Mining Co., Preparing For a Big Winter Run With Giants.**

### OTHER MINING NEWS AND NOTES

Manager W. E. Olmstead of the Vance Hydraulic Mining Company, operating what is known as the Sturgis mine on Forest creek, has had a force of ten men at work for the last ten months making extensive improvements that will add greatly to the working capacity of this already one of the largest placer mines on the Pacific Coast. The main ditch has been widened from three feet to five feet and the headworks strengthened to increase the storage capacity of the reservoir. Another pipe has been set making three No. 3. giants that will be operated this winter. This mine is fitted with a steam power derrick for handling boulders and electric plant supplies light for the mine and the Company's store, mess-house and dwelling houses. Manager Olmstead expects to be able to begin piping by the middle of November, by which time there is usually a good supply of water in Forest creek that last well into the ensuing summer, the clean up being made in July and August. A double shift of men will be employed and work will be carried on day and night. This mine has been worked for the past 50 years yet the gold bearing ground is so extensive that it is good for another 50 years of profitable production. The bank now being worked is about 40 feet high and is a clay formation that is readily piped down to five feet above the bed-rock where a cement gravel strata is encountered that has to be loosed with powder to enable the water to cut it. The present working is an ancient channel of Forest creek that was opened up last year and which has the indication of being quite extensive and is very rich in coarse gold. Al. Sturgis, the veteran miner, made a fortune last year out of this mine and then sold it for a big price and now there is every certainty that the Vance Hydraulic Company, Eureka, California capitalists, will make a fortune too from it, and while doing that will carry a pay roll and a supply account that will be an important factor in the prosperity of this mining district.

### Red Oak Group on Alder Gulch.

Development work is to be renewed on the Red Oak group of claims on Alder gulch, Galls creek, next week by the owners, the Gold Hill & Bohemia Mining Company. There are five claims in the Red Oak group and work will be continued at least until next June and will be in charge of O. G. Gilbertson, who will have three men to assist him. The first work will be to drive a crosscut from the the bottom of the gulch in to the ledge which it will strike about 350 feet below the surface. Other development work will also be done to more fully demonstrate the value of the ledges, which even now show up quite promising. Nothing is given out as to the plans of the Company, but it is understood that there is a strong likelihood of a mill being put in at the mine next summer.

### Pleased With Southern Oregon.

The Sentinel recieved a call Wednesday from Hon. Sylvester Peterson, regis-

ter of the United States land office at Crookston, Minnesota, while spending the day in Jacksonville in company with his brother-in-law, F. M. Calkins who was in attendance at circuit court as the official reporter. This is Mr. Peterson's first visit to the Coast and being an observant man he finds much to interest him. One thing he notes is the fact that the Southern Oregon people are so perfectly satisfied with their country, even the new comers from the East having no desire to return to their old home. This he takes as proof that the country is really superior in its advantages to the East and he is so well pleased that he expects when his term of office expires next year, to move to Rogue River Valley. His wife was here last year and was so delighted with the country that she is anxious to take up her residence here.

### At the Millionaire Mine.

J. E. Davidson, superintendent of the Millionaire mine, was in Jacksonville Wednesday. Mr. Davidson reports that very satisfactory progress is being made on the development work now carried on at that mine. Two crews of men are employed and work is carried on at two shafts on two marked ledges, at one a steam power hoist is used and at the other horse power. The shaft at the steam hoist is down nearly 150 feet and in each the ore is steadily growing richer and the ledge is holding its width. The Company's plans are not known but it is generally understood that if the development work which is to be carried on all winter shows up the body of ore now counted on that a 10 stamp mill will be erected next spring and regular mining operations will then be carried on.

If you want to rent a farm or have land to rent see T. C. Norris, Medford.

## BIG ARTIFICIAL LAKE

**Immense Storage Reservoir May Be Constructed in Bear Creek Valley, Near Talent, To Irrigate Large Body of Valley Land.**

### CAPITAL INTERESTED IN SCHEME

Steps towards the inception and construction of the proposed big artificial lake just north of Ashland, an enterprise which as an irrigation measure is of such vast importance to the Valley, have been going quietly forward ever since the Tidings first made the project public two months ago. A force of ten men under the supervision of J. D. Olwell has been engaged in sinking holes along the bed of Bear Creek where the proposed dam is to be constructed to determine the distance to bed rock. The men have been assisted in this work by D. Peruzzi's big traction engine, and after operations extending over the past several weeks it has been found that the average depth to bed rock is ten feet. Yesterday J. D. Alsop, the engineering expert who superintended the work on the Ray dam at Tolo, visited the scene of operations on Bear creek and made a thorough inspection of the conditions there, with a view of being able to report upon the probable cost of the foundation. Mr. Alsop and Col. Frank Ray leave this week for New York, where, it is understood the plan of the enterprise and the data which they carry with them will be laid before Eastern capitalists.—Ashland Tidings.

This great irrigation lake which is to be created in Bear creek Valley midway between Ashland and Talent is quite certain to be the beginning of an irrigation system that will embrace the entire west half of Bear creek valley. From this

lake a canal will be run along the base of the hills by Jacksonville and terminating in the Willow Springs district. Storage reservoirs would be constructed in the valleys of the various streams that will be crossed which include Wagner, Colman, Griffin, Jackson and Walker Creeks as well as in the larger gulches that would afford a reserve supply of water with which to feed the canal during the latter part of the summer. This irrigation system will take a large sum of money to handle it and even after the main reservoir is built in Bear creek it may be several years before the canal is extended so far as Jacksonville and the auxiliary reservoirs are constructed, but it is one of the factors in the development of the agricultural resources of this valley that is sure to come so soon as land becomes more valuable and the needs of a large population make it necessary to force the productive capacity of the land to the greatest possible limit.

### Golden Standard Mining Company.

Henry Kubli was in Jacksonville over Wednesday night on his way home to Applegate from Gold Hill where he had been to arrange for making final proof and securing patents to five mining claims located on Alder gulch on Galls creek, owned by the Golden Standard Mining Company, of which the Kubli family are the stockholders, the others in addition to Mr. Kubli being his mother, Mrs. E. J. Kubli; his brother, K. K. Kubli, his sisters Mrs. E. B. Watson, Mrs. Howard Kilham, and Mrs. Phil Metshman, Jr., and his brother-in-law, Judge E. B. Watson. These five claims cover 101 acres of land and with 76 acres of land bought from the railroad give the Company a holding of 177 acres. On this tract is five ledges that have been developed and proven to be of value, in fact quite a quantity of ore has been taken from them and milled in the two stamp steam mill located on the property. The land is heavily covered with timber thus affording an ample supply of fuel and timbers for mining purposes. There is now a stamp mill at the mine but as to whether the Company will operate the mine, lease it or sell it, Mr. Kubli states has not been decided.

Trespass notices on cloth sent by mail to any address for \$1.00 a dozen.

Canby Buck, who is working at the Blue Ledge, came in Wednesday and remained until Thursday in Jacksonville, when he returned to the mine.

Mrs. J. F. Bowersox went to Grants Pass Thursday where she will spend several days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kitchen. She will then go to Glendale to spend a few days with relatives and friends in that place before returning to Jacksonville.

J. F. Hall, who has a small tract of land in the north-east part of town, is erecting a barn that with the sheds that surround it will cover a ground space 44 x 72 feet. It will give shelter to his team and cows and afford ample space for storing hay and other feed.

George Henry, who is teaching the school in Mound district east of Central Point, was home over Sunday. Mr. Henry now has 36 scholars enrolled, five more than were on the roll for last year and while it is a large number to handle, embracing all the classes from the primary to the eighth grade, he is having good success and the school is making satisfactory progress.

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