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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Ross, deceased, that they must present the same to the undersigned at their place of business in Central Point, Oregon, or to Charles Prim, at his office in Jacksonville, Oregon, on or before six months from date of this notice.  
Dated this 14 day of October, 1904.

JOHN E. ROSS,  
GEORGE B. ROSS,  
Executors of the Estate  
Elizabeth Ross, deceased.

## Mines and Miners,

Of Southern Oregon.

### At The Oregon Belle.

W. C. Kitto, foreman at the Oregon Belle mine on Forest creek near Jacksonville, and his sons, Walter and Joseph who are also employed at that mine, spent Christmas in Grants Pass, returning Tuesday to Jacksonville. James Farley, who has been at the Granite Hill mine, accompanied Mr. Kitto to the Oregon Belle and will take charge of one of the two Burleigh drills operated at that mine. Mr. Kitto stated that the development work carried on at this mine was progressing satisfactory and a crew of 12 men is now employed by Superintendent H. E. Foster, in two shifts, working day and night. A Huntington mill is operated to work the ore that is taken out in the development work that mill tests may be had of sections of the ledge as it is opened up.—Rogue River Courier.

### Southern Oregon a Network of Ledges.

Miners familiar with prospecting in this section claim that if the hills of Southern Oregon were hydrauliced off and cleared to the bedrock of soil that they would show a perfect succession of quartz ledges says the Rogue River Courier. Hundreds of these ledges will remain hid for years owing to the great depths of earth over them, for the hills of Southern Oregon are not the barren, rocky wastes that are found in many other mining districts. Even where the ledges do come to the surface, very frequently no trace of them can be seen for the dense growth of brush, grass and weeds, with the matting of trash that produce, effectively hide them from the eye of the prospector.

In early days when the Indians and the miners vied with each other in setting out fires, the one to make better range for game and the other to make gold hunting more easy, prospecting could be prosecuted more successfully than at the present time. This difficulty in prospecting has been one of the big factors in retarding the development of the mining industry of this district and will continue to hold it back for years to come. Yet to the new comer it has proven an advantage for the chance of finding a rich ledge is as good now as it was years ago and big finds will be made in the future as they have been in the past, and men, whose sole possessions are a pick, pan and shovel and a grubstake, will, in a day, step from poverty to wealth, and exchange the humble, but nourishing beans and flapjacks for the more toothsome porter house steak and mince pie.

### Proposed Mining Legislation.

The convention of the California Miners' Association, which closed on the 8th instant, at San Francisco, California, was one of the most important in the history of that organization, the discussion of the several phases of the mining industry in that state and the numerous technical papers read were interesting and instructive. Among the many interesting topics which came before the convention was that of the proposed revision of the mining law, as explained at length by Mr. A. E. Belcher. In this connection the most important is probably the contemplated repeal of the extralateral right law and the substitution of a square location law with all rights bounded by the claim lines drawn vertically downward

in its stead. If, however, it is the intention, as is suggested by Mr. Belcher, to make provision for the claim owner to take an additional side location at some later period when he has discovered that his ore dips into adjoining ground and he desires to follow it, complications result at once, and it were possibly better to continue with the old extralateral right law, as it is, than it is to start a new crop of litigation, which will certainly be the outcome of indiscreet tampering with the existing law. Mexico has apparently settled this problem satisfactorily by permitting the location of as many claims as the locator cares to pay taxes on. No discovery of "mineral-bearing rock in place" is required, but he must pay the government. This idea might be adopted in the United States with some necessary modifications. If we are to have square locations and no extralateral rights, let it be simply that and nothing more, for any attempt to make exceptions will involve the laws in a new period of litigation which would last for years. There is no longer need for experiment. The action and effect of the present laws are well known. There are precedents and decisions for almost every case to cover existing mining claims. Other countries where no extralateral rights obtain have furnished sufficient data upon which to base a new code, when desirable. The only thing in connection with square locations, some think is, perhaps, the number that one person may take. That this is material is not apparent, as the poor miner will not take more than he can pay for or represent, and the rich corporation would buy all it wanted anyhow.

Under existing laws one person may take as many claims as he cares to, and the same thing applies to corporations. The fear that the corporations would absorb all the available ground is without precedent.—Mining and Scientific Press.

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Miss Anna Jeffries of Medford spent several days here last week calling on friends and acquaintances.