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Salstrom's Dream Realized.

The following article from the Flounce Rock correspondence to the Medford Mail will no doubt be of interest to our readers:

E. G. Salstrom bade farewell to Prospect last week and went to Medford, whence he will go to Alaska and join his family. For fifteen years he has held the Rogue river falls and the land surrounding them. For fifteen years he has kept promoters, speculators and surveyors alike at bay, not even affording them the usual privilege of running surveys across the land. For three years he has worked incessantly at the stupendous task of digging a race above the falls, to change the course of the river. Winter and summer would find "Old Salter" as he was called, working at his never-ending task. When interrogated as to his object he would tell of a "big eastern company" that would come and buy him out and construct a big power house at the Rogue river falls. During the summer months Salstrom kept a feed yard near the Rogue river bridge and travelers have experienced his method of soliciting business. The story is told of a young Medfordite, who, being accosted by Salstrom, became very much frightened at the old man's appearance. Arriving at Prospect, a little later, in very much of a hurry and telling a rambling story of a wild man down at the bridge who had tried to hold him up. But now the Condor Company has absorbed "Salter's" interests. The "big company" has come at last and Salstrom's dream is realized.

Copper Deposit Near Medford.

C. M. Allen, who purchased the Geo. F. Davis place adjoining Medford several months ago, has made a discovery which may lead to the development of another source of wealth to this community. It is no more nor less than the finding of what appears to be an extensive deposit of copper ore. Specimens from the surface show the presence of copper in considerable quantities and the rock is also quite strangely impregnated with gold. Just how extensive the copper bearing portion of the ledge is has not yet been fully determined, but Mr. Allen says that there is any quantity of rock, but whether it all bears copper in paying proportions or not is yet to be demonstrated. A thorough test of the ore will be made soon. A copper mine on the outskirts of the city would be something nobody has figured on as yet and would be the means of increasing the wealth and population of the city to a great extent.—Medford Mail.

Missouri Flat Mining News.

Rogue River Courier—

Jesse Berner and Archie Willey, two Missouri Flat miners, were in Grants Pass over Wednesday night and returned Thursday to their mine with a load of supplies. To a Courier representative they gave news of the Missouri Flat mining district.

Mr. Berner, in company with Fred M. Miller, is operating a placer mine that belongs to Mr. Miller and Supt. Lincoln Savage, Mr. Berner having leased Mr. Savage's interest. This placer is located on Missouri Flat and is equipped with a No. 1. giant. Water is brought from Miller and Rocker creeks by a flume 1½ miles long and a ditch of three miles. Ample water during the entire rainy season is had under good pressure and as the

bank is of but 20 feet of easy, working earth a large area of bedrock can be cleaned each year. While it is a small placer, as compared with many of this district, yet it has always yielded good returns to the operators.

Mr. Wiley is working for Messrs. Miller & Burner, but finds time to do some prospecting and recently he located a ledge on the Miller creek side of the divide between that stream and Oscar creek, that is showing up quite well. At the close of the placer season he expects to do some extensive development work on his ledge and ascertain its real value.

Robert Jackson and Chas. Foraker, two prospectors from Galice, have located a ledge on Miller creek, two miles up from Missouri Flat, and 1½ miles from the Mountain Lion mine. The ledge is well defined and runs from six inches to a foot in width and is of free milling ore and so plentifully filled with gold that it is readily seen with the naked eye. In values it runs so high that it is not well to publish the figures, as it would prove distressing to the knockers and chronic growlers whose chosen vocation it is to run down every mining venture in Southern Oregon. Competent mining men who have examined this ledge, believe it will prove to be one of the great mines in Southern Oregon. Some 40 feet of tunnel work has been done and Messrs. Jackson & Foraker will continue the development until they have more fully demonstrated the extent and richness of their find.

Going Steadily Forward.

The compressor plant, which the Greenback Gold Mining Co. have been busy in installing upon the "Martha Claim," has now been completed and the Burleigh drills are running with both a night and day shift.

The ore body is showing good values in all the three levels sunk upon the shaft, and it is proposed to erect a large mill for the treatment of the ore from this mine. The water power will be obtained from Coyote Creek. R. N. Bishop, who recently took Carey W. Thompson's place as manager at the Greenback is superintending the work on the Martha, and it is being worked in connection with the other mines of the Scenic and St. Peters groups.—Mining Journal.

Land Office Business.

Henry F. Higby has been appointed clerk in the Roseburg land office since the suspension. In spite of the suspension of the officials the daily mail relating to public business continues to be heavy. No contests are being heard or final proofs taken at the office itself, although all proofs set prior to the order of suspension before outside officers in the Roseburg district are being received and filed with notation of the tender of the legal payments. In the last few days there have been 13 homestead entries, seven timber and stone applications, two state selections and seven lieu selections filed. The date and hour of these filings is noted on the papers, and they will be taken up in the exact order of their receipt, when the office is reopened for the ordinary transaction of business.

Nunan—Taylor Company have a new invoice of trunks, grips, valises and telescopes and persons fitting out for a journey will find it profitable to buy of this firm.