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NEWS WHILE IT IS YET NEWSY

Gold Discovered Near Bly.

Great excitement prevails in the vicinity of Bly, Klamath county, over the discovery of gold at Quartz Valley, near the line between Lake and Klamath counties.

William Hammersly has struck a ledge that assays \$16.50 a ton. J. S. Watts of Bly writes the Republican that the people are greatly excited over the discovery and that large numbers are rushing to that section and taking up claims. Quartz valley lies about 12 miles from Bly. William Hammersly, the discoverer of the ledge, is well known in Lake county as the hero of Paul DeLaney's "Lord of The Desert."—Klamath Falls Republican.

Phantom Stage Coach.

Among the many unique scenic features of the Rogue river valley, which has hitherto been overlooked—not the only one, by the way, that has been overlooked—is the "phantom stage coach," upon the summit of Rocky Ann. On a clear day the outlines of one of those old-fashioned, round-bodied coaches, with coachman, horses and all complete, is shown by the trees at the northern end of the summit of the mountain. This is visible from almost any point in Medford, and viewed from this distance is almost a perfect picture. You folks who have lived in the valley for years and have never seen this picture should take a look at it.—Medford Mail.

Wins First Game.

The first ball game of the season was played at the ball park here last Sunday between the Medford and Jacksonville ball teams and resulted in a victory for the home team by a close score. The game was somewhat ragged from start to finish but was fully as good as could be expected at this season of the year. The good work of Ed. Donegan both with the stick and at short, was splendid, also the work of "Chuck" Wilcox in center field, who captured everything in sight. The score by innings was as follows:
Jacksonville 3 2 5 0 1 1 3 0 6-21
Medford 6 0 0 1 4 2 4 2 0-19
Batteries, Lester and Barlow and Hutton and King. Struck out by Lester 5, by Hutton 4. Bases on balls, by Lester 7 by Hutton 4.

Quite a crowd came up on the excursion from Medford and the attendance from here was fairly good. The game pleased the crowd because it was close and exciting.

Opp Mine a Good Producer.

Messrs Opp, Perry and Reddy, who own the Opp mine, near Jacksonville, have not been making a whole lot of noise about the production of the property, but just the same they have been cleaning up a goodly bunch of gold from time to time. The ledge is showing up better and better all the time, and there is enough ore in sight now to keep the ten stamp mill running for the next ten years. That shows the extent of it. A few issues ago the Mail mentioned the shipment of several gold bricks of various sizes, the output of the mine. Monday of this week a brick was brought

down and deposited in the Jackson county Bank, which tipped the scales at 100 ounces. The gold is figured by the owners at \$15 to the ounce. It will run nearer \$16. At the first figure that little chunk of the yellow metal would net \$1,500 and it is the free gold product of 15 day's run, making the average production of the mine \$100 per day. Besides this the company has just received returns from 48,998 pounds of concentrate shipped for treatment, and the net proceeds of this shipment was \$1737.75, over \$70 to the ton. These were the concentrates from a run of fifty days. The Opp mine is considered by its owners one of the best quartz mines in Oregon. There are others just as good, but it requires not only capital but grit and good management to make them pay.—Medford Mail.

At the Millionaire Mine.

Jay Davidson, superintendent of the Millionaire Mine on Blackwell Hill, was in town Tuesday. He brought in a sample of rich ore they are now getting at the mine. The sample weighed 30 pounds. The ore value is mainly in the tellurides. Many samples from the Millionaire have assayed several thousand dollars per ton. From the last mill run they obtained over \$700 from 40 tons of ore. Nearly all the tellurium values which form the main value of the ore were lost, showing conclusively that the stamp-mill is useless in the treatment of this variety of ore. It is the purpose of the owners to erect a plant in the spring that will recover the values. The company which owns the Millionaire mine controls 600 acres of patented land on Blackwell Hill and is prosecuting work at several places on their property. The Millionaire shaft is down 115 feet on a six foot vein. At present the company is working on what is known as the Johnson lead parallel with the Millionaire. The shaft on the Johnson is 180 feet deep. Three crosscuts have been run on the 100 foot level and several pay shoots have been opened running very high in assay values. The last shoot opened is 180 feet long and six feet wide all the ore carrying good values. On the dumps there are hundreds of tons of rich ore awaiting treatment. In all probability a smelter will soon be erected to handle the ore from this mine.—Grants Pass Herald.

Washington's Giant Spruce.

N. C. Christensen of Seattle, Wash., has seen a large spruce tree in Clallam county, which he avers is the most enormous one in the state of Washington. The tree is 30 feet in diameter and it is 100 feet to the first limb.

The attention of Consissio or Johnson is to be called to the giant spruce, and he will be urged to have it exhibited at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. It is planned to have a log cut from the tree 100 feet long and placed on exhibition here. It will be utterly impossible for the railroads to handle the log, and it is necessary that it be towed here via Puget Sound, the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

A log was sent to the Chicago Exposition in 1893 by the state of Washington, but in comparison with this one discovered by Mr. Christensen, it was a mere pigmy. An old timber cruiser who has tramped Washington forests for over twenty years, on seeing the great spruce tree, stated that it was the largest in the state and could be compared favorably with the sequoia of California.

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