

MICHIGAN SAM FILES ON TWO CLAIMS TODAY

SHOWS ASSAYS OF FABULOUS WEALTH

Old Prospector Who Believes He Has Located the Lost Pedro Mine Returns From San Francisco, Where an Assay Was Made of Quartz Specimens That Brought Out Great Possibilities.

Is Klamath county to be the next scene of a gold rush? Has the much fabled "Lost Pedro" mine been re-located?

Again are these questions rife in Klamath Falls, for Sam Reist, or "Michigan Sam," as the old prospector is called by his many friends, has just returned from San Francisco with an astounding assay, made by Abbott A. Hanks, one of San Francisco's best known assayers.

Today, in conversation with a Herald representative, "Michigan Sam" produced an assayer's certificate, which valued his quartz specimens at \$1,232.41 the ton. This is \$1,232.22 in gold and \$100.19 in silver.

Besides the assay, a milling test was made by Abbot. Out of ten pounds of quartz, the assayer secured a bar of pure gold weighing 2.93 ounces. This is valued at \$22.25 an ounce, as it is free from any alloy whatever.

The location of the discovery is on the north slope of Diamond Peak, near Diamond Lake, north of Crater Lake, and near the Douglas county line.

Today the old prospector filed five claims, preparatory to beginning development work in the spring. One of these claims is for a quartz mine, another is a placer location, a third is an appropriation of 1,000 miners inches of water from the Big Inlet, which drains into Odell Lake, another is for a mill site, and the final one for a settling point for debris.

Reist has been tramping Central and Southern Oregon for years in quest of a mine. Now that it looks as though he has succeeded, his many friends rejoice at his reward for his efforts.

Latest Photo of King Albert at New Belgian Capital



This photograph of King Albert of Belgium, the first of him since the beginning of the war, was taken at the new capital of Belgium, Havre, in France. When the Belgian government moved from Antwerp it could find no safe place on its own territory, and had to accept the hospitality of the French. All government records were hurried to Havre as the Germans swept from Antwerp over northern Belgium. The photograph shows the king to be in prime physical condition. He has gained in weight and sturdiness since the war began. It is evident that his activities in the field have improved his appearance.

COUNTY BUDGET JUST PREPARED BY THE COURT

THE GENERAL FUND EXPENSES ARE \$75,000

Provision is Made for Deputy for Prosecuting Attorney and Detective Services for That Office—New Court House Appropriation is \$85,000, to Be Expended Within Block Ten of Hot Springs Addition.

The county court this morning completed the budget of expenses for the coming year. At this time the court set December 14, at 10 o'clock, as the time for discussing and hearing objections to the various items, preparatory to making the levy for the ensuing year.

A total of \$85,000 is set aside in the court house fund, according to the budget. This specifies that the money is to be used in block 10 of Hot Springs addition, evidently a precaution lest Hanks, if he becomes judge, decide to tear down the court house and move it somewhere else.

The office expenses of the prosecuting attorney are estimated at \$1,750, included in the items are a deputy prosecutor at \$75 a month, and \$800 for detective services.

The general fund expenditures are estimated as follows:

Sheriff's office, \$6,300; board of prisoners, etc., \$1,000; assessment and collection of taxes, \$2,500; county treasurer, \$2,200; county assessor, \$4,000; county clerk's office, \$5,940; county school superintendent's office, \$1,975; county court and commissioners, \$2,000; expediting of books, \$1,000; county surveyor's office, \$1,750; county coroner's office, \$770; county physician, \$500; county health officer, \$250; county veterinary and stock inspector, \$250; county fruit inspector, \$100; circuit court, \$12,200; justice courts, \$3,300; current expenses (books, stationery, postage, telephones, etc., all offices), \$6,000; widows' pensions, \$5,000; county poor, \$6,320; court house expense, \$2,500; registrations and elections, \$500; scalp bounty, \$1,400; refunding taxes, \$1,200; advertising, \$1,000; miscellaneous, \$500; juvenile court, \$250; insane, \$250; prosecuting attorney's office, \$1,750; sealer of weights and measures, \$1,200; road fund, \$1,000.

The total general fund expense for the coming year is estimated at \$75,000. The estimated receipts in the general fund are estimated at \$7,650.

Estimates of expenditures from special funds follow: Carnegie library maintenance, \$3,300; county school tax, \$66,110; high school, \$31,000 (including 1914 deficit and tuition of Merrill and Bonanza); school library, \$165; State Agricultural College extension work, \$2,000; special road fund tax, new road construction, \$25,900; maintenance, \$10,000; work now completed, \$20,000, total, \$65,900; new court house construction, \$85,000; redemption of outstanding warrants with interest, \$50,000.

KIDDIES WANTED FOR REHEARSALS

Word has been received from Miss Less Matthews, who is to stage "The Wedding of Tom Thumb" at the Christian church Friday night, that she will be here tonight from Etna Mills. The first rehearsal will be held tomorrow night.

The cast calls for a large number of children. A call has therefore been issued to all children between 5 and 12 years of age, to assemble at the Christian church tomorrow afternoon, to be assigned parts in the production.

Warrenton will spend \$150,000 on water supply from Lewis and Clark river.

Honors Showered on German Leader



BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Besides being raised to the rank of field marshal by Kaiser Wilhelm, General von Hindenburg, who inflicted disastrous defeat on the Russian troops in East Prussia has been honored by the University of Königsberg with a quadruple doctor's degree, all four faculties of law, divinity, medicine and philosophy having united to do him honor.

His diploma bears the following inscription:

"To the supreme leader of the Eighth German army, who completely overthrew and destroyed Russian hordes, and in this way defended his native province and German culture from barbarian enemies, to the immortal ornament of the Fatherland."

TO STANDARDIZE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SUPERINTENDENT CHURCHILL WRITES TO LOCAL SCHOOL FOR ITS REGULATIONS AS TO MEMBERS OF TEAMS

In an effort to bring about a standardization in high school athletics, Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has written the Klamath County High School for a copy of the school's regulations regarding what students are eligible to represent the school in any athletic team or event.

It is believed here that the local regulations will be in a large measure adopted all over the state, as these prevent any team from playing a man who is not a regular student in the institution. Moreover, postgraduates are prevented from playing on any team.

That athletics are secondary to scholastic ability in Klamath County High is shown by the strict regulation providing that no student can be a member of a team unless he is up to a good average in his studies. Instead of neglecting studies for athletics, therefore, the student who desires to make a school team must also brush up in school or be ruled out.

The American commission for relief in Belgium has received a check on the Bank of England for \$2,000,000, which was contributed by Belgians interested in the relief of their countrymen.

Weyerhaeuser interests that own twenty billion feet of timber in the Clearwater district are looking for a mill site on the Snake river.

County, city and school taxing bodies all over the state are whittling down levies.

Roumania has refused the request of Russia that the czar's troops be permitted to cross Roumania.

RENEWED FIGHTING IN FRANCE, BELGIUM BY BOTH ARMIES

United Press Service

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Today's communique indicates that a vigorous offensive movement has been started by the allies along the main highway between the Aisne and Lette Rivers, which leads to the fortress of Laan, which the Germans occupy. The communique says:

"At Craonne, a German battery was destroyed, and there was a lively bombardment in the region of Vendress."

Vendress is five miles west of Craonne and three miles north of the Aisne.

German artillery is hammering the allies between Ypres and Arras. It is reported that the reinforcing of the enemy continued, and 100,000 more are expected to arrive in a few days.

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Austrians occupied Belgrade today, according to a telegram from Amsterdam.

The popular cry here is for a decisive victory, either in the west, the east or on the sea before Christmas.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—It is admitted that the Russians nearly succeeded in enveloping a large German force at Lodz. The Germans fought their way out, though, repulsing the enemy and capturing 12,000 men.

A Vienna dispatch says the Austro-German garrisons at Przemysl have repulsed the attack upon the northern positions by a bombardment from the fortress. The Carpathian fighting continues.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.—The Russians repulsed the Germans along the Vistula and now hold Plock.

It is admitted that in Lodz, the Germans under Lowie succeeded in cutting away the enveloping forces. Friday, it is reported, was the bloodiest day of the campaign.

"YELLOW BOOK" BLAMES GERMANY

FRANCE'S OFFICIAL PUBLICATION SAYS GERMANY BARRED ALL EFFORTS OF THE ALLIES TO BRING ABOUT SETTLEMENT

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The French foreign office has given out a "Yellow Book" which recites the French viewpoint of the events which led up to the present war. This book reviews at length the diplomatic exchanges before the declaration of war. An abstract given out by the foreign office lays emphasis upon the responsibility of Austria as primal cause of the conflict, and says that Germany persistently avoided every opportunity to adopt measures of conciliation and reach a settlement.

In its presentation of the case the

French foreign office places the responsibility fully upon Austria and Germany, and relates that Great Britain, Russia and France were ready to adopt means of settlement, but that the Teutonic allies would not consent. Germany's ultimatum to Russia is said to have precipitated the rupture. France, according to the book, exhausted every possible avenue of conciliation before she decided to draw the sword to defend her very life.

The milk of a single Roquefort sheep will in one year provide from thirty to forty pounds of cheese. In one district of France there about 8,000 sheep devoted to the cheese industry.

An apple tree owned by S. W. Alexander of Los Angeles, Calif., is exciting interest through the fact that, in the last year, it has had two crops, giving each time a different variety of apple.

Silverton Interurban Telephone company has been granted right to increase its rates.

Settle Conger Estate

After Several Years' Effort, Will Soon Be Closed

After being in an unsettled state since the death of Joseph Conger in February, 1908, the Conger estate is at last to be settled up. The county court this morning determined that there are forty-four relatives of Conger who are entitled to legacies of \$25 each, and the estate, it is believed, will be settled in January.

Conger was for years a resident of the Klamath country, and he owned property on the avenue that bears his name. On this tract he had an orchard, and practically his entire summers were devoted to driving away the school children, who with predatory intentions were wont to invade the orchard.

Perhaps Conger believed better education would stamp out this trait, for in 1906, two years before his death, he made his will, in which he bequeathed the bulk of his estate to School District No. 1. Later on, owing to the death of a sister who was named as a beneficiary, Conger made a codicil that after certain other legacies in the will were taken care of, a legacy of \$25 was to go to each of his kinsmen within the fourth degree of relationship.

At this degree took in even grand-nieces and nephews and second cou-

ins, and the relatives are somewhat scattered, the settlement of the estate became a very difficult matter. For years it remained unsettled, the executors, Captain J. W. Siemens and Charles D. Wilson, being unable to find all of these relatives.

The last session of the legislature, however, paved a way for the settlement of involved estates of this kind, in providing for an equity proceeding in the county court. Through this, interested parties can file a complaint, and bring the people claiming to be entitled to benefits before the court to determine whose claims were valid.

Proceedings of this kind were started in the Conger estate by the school board, through attorney Rollo C. Groesbeck. As a result of Groesbeck's activities, a total of 185 claims from relatives were presented, these coming through E. L. Elliott, and the greater part of them from residents of Vincennes, Ind.

These depositions were examined this morning by the county court, by Judge Drake as attorney for the executors, by Mr. Groesbeck for the school board, and E. L. Elliott for the claimants. At that time, it was determined that forty-four of the claimants were entitled to the \$25 legacies, and the distribution of the

legacies and the closing of the estate was ordered.

The estate is now worth about \$15,000, mostly in cash. It has increased from \$10,000 while in the hands of the executors. Following the publication of a notice of final account, it is expected that the estate will be closed up without further loss of time.

The school district's share of the estate is the income from a big portion of the estate. This has come to be known as the Joseph Conger endowment fund, and is the first with which the district is endowed.

"Two things are brought out strongly in this case," says Rollo C. Groesbeck, whose efforts are largely responsible for the final settlement. "One is, that besides 'law's delays,' there can be a greater delay from lack of law. Another is the necessity for making more specific the terms of a will, especially as to bequests to individuals, in order to save such long delays in settlement."

Lead Shortage in Germany

A shortage of lead for bullets in Germany has resulted in a government order to music stores to turn over the supplies they have for use in pianos and other musical instruments, according to Dr. E. K. Johnstone of San Francisco, an officer in the United States medical reserve corps, who has just returned to London from Belgium.

Dr. Johnstone says that the order was a secret one, but it has caused deepest dejection among music instrument dealers, who foresee immediate ruin. There is also a shortage of anesthetics in Germany, Dr. Johnstone said.

Matt Chosen on Jury

Former Jury Indicts Williams; Sessions Continue

F. R. Matt, a local merchant, was this morning drawn from the jury panel to become a member of the grand jury now in session. Matt took the place of John Matney, who was obliged to ask for an exemption, owing to illness in his family.

Before Matney left last night, the grand jury made a return in the Frank Williams case, indicting the former prize fighter for the murder of Allen C. McLeod, the Midland homesteader, who was killed last August, and upon whose claim Williams moved his family and resided until neighbors, becoming suspicious, started an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of Williams and the finding of the body of McLeod buried a few yards from the cabin. The time of arraignment has not

been set as yet by Circuit Judge H. L. Benson. The indictment accuses Williams of shooting McLeod in the head and striking him with some blunt instrument, with malice, with premeditation and in cold blood.

With Mr. Matt as a member of the inquisitorial body, the grand jury this forenoon resumed its investigation into criminal matters in Klamath county.

A number of the witnesses who were called for the state in the hearings that resulted in the indictment of William Sims, Love Chandler and Harry Ernst on charge of larceny of a steer, are in Klamath Falls in answer to grand jury subpoenas. This indicates that there may be some more indictments before the trouble in the Merrill country is settled.