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COMPANIES ORGANIZE.

Articles of Incorporation Granted Enterprises Backed by Oregon Capital.

The Wild Pigeon Mineral Springs Company filed articles of incorporation today with the secretary of state. The incorporators are: L. W. Wynhoop, S. F. Lee, and J. V. Beach, of Portland. The capital stock is \$50,000, and the principal office is in Portland, but the company proposes to engage in the real estate and brokerage business in both Oregon and Washington.

The Willamette Boiler Works of Portland has filed its declaration, dissolving the company.

STAKES LIFE ON FILM OF COIN AND LOSES.

Would-be Suicide Is Rescued From Thames and Placed Under Arrest.

London, July 30.—"Heads, I drown myself; tails, I don't," remarked a youth named Andrew Mullen, as he jumped on the wall at the side of the Regent's canal on Wednesday evening and tossed up a coin. When the coin came down he threw his cap at a youth, who was standing near, saying: "Here is a cap for you as a keepsake. It is too hot to

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wear one." He then jumped into the canal and sank twice before he was rescued.

Charged at the Thames court yesterday with attempting to commit suicide, Mullen, who had lately been an inmate of Dr. Bernardo's labor home, pleaded that he had a bad leg and could not get to his home in Newcastle.

The labor master at Dr. Bernardo's home said that defendant was dismissed from that place for bad behavior. He and three other lads incited 40 other youths to quit work. Mullen was committed for trial.

MILL CITY SAFE. Forest Fires on Santiam Believed to be Under Control.

Advices by telephone and telegraph from the upper Santiam country state that the flames in the big timber in the Cascades are still raging. However, it is believed that the fire is under control, and that its further spread will be prevented until the wind blows unusually strong. The country around Mill City is said to be in no danger and the trail to the hot springs was reported open this morning.

Forest fires are raging in many different parts of the state, but there are four dangerous conflagrations burning along the Willamette river also near the Columbia on both the Oregon and Washington sides. None of the fires close to Portland has wrought any great destruction as yet, mostly underbrush on logged-off lands being consumed, but, unless headed off before long, the flames may find lodgement in valuable tracts of timber.

In the hills between Linnton and Willamette Heights there is a large-sized fire. Sweeping near the government forest reserves near Mill City, Or., a blaze is raging. A big fire is burning between Cathlamet and Stella on the Washington side of the river, and there is still another burning over the logged-off lands on Yaocolt Prairie, 25 miles north of Vancouver, Wash.

Every possible effort is being made to check the fires, but in every instance it is reported that the flames are spreading toward large tracts of fine timber, and it is feared that unless there is a heavy rain there will be wide-spread destruction. A light pall of smoke overhangs Portland.

Pastor to Come in September. Word has been received from the Rev. F. E. Dell, of Grass Valley, Cal., who recently accepted a call from the First Congregational church, of this city, that he would be here September 15th, to begin his pastorate. The coming of Mr. Dell is eagerly awaited by the congregation who desire to have all the church activities re-organized for the winter work.

Snook Gets Contract. H. Snook, of Salem, has been awarded the contract for building the new school house at Medford. The building will be modern in every way. The main structure will be of brick, with a metal shingle tile roof.

A Trifle Premature. Rev. and Mrs. Babcock, of Salem, returned this afternoon from the bay.—Albany Herald.

MUSIC AT THE MAPLES

The gondola ride to "The Maples" last night was as beautiful as a hour's dream (whatever that is); the Willamette, the kaleidoscopic light and gleam of the Japanese lanterns, the broad belt of moonlight spread out on the river like a silver ribbon, the fresh beauty of the Salem girls, the red lemonade, the music and the glory and splendor of the July night, were some of the things that combined to make the concert on the Polk county side of the river last night a success.

It was a success, and as many people went over in the launches as could find room, and as many more wanted to go.

It is unnecessary to tell Salem people that "The Maples" is one of the prettiest spots on earth. They know it. Several families are camping there during the heated term, and others will join them.

The orchestra last evening excelled itself. The audience was very appreciative, and had the musicians responded to all the encores they would have been playing yet.

Ivan Martin tickled the popular fancy with a well-rendered euphonium solo. His recall number, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," won much applause.

The following program was carried out:

- March—Semper Fidelis Sousa
- Overture—Concert Scenes Keisler
- March—Coon Hollow Capers Kelly
- Overture—Siege of Paris Ripley
- March—Amizitia Chambers
- Overture—San Souci
- March—Stuffing Jasper
- Euphonium solo Selected Mr. Martin.
- Waltz—Souvenir De Baden Baden N. Bouquet
- March—Chicago Tribunes Chambers

MEN ENTER MINE STRANGELY MISSING.

Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of L. A. Thompson and W. C. Mathers at Ouray.

Ouray, Colo., July 30.—Considerable mystery surrounds the disappearance of L. A. Thompson, general manager, and W. C. Mathers, mine foreman of the Tempest-Apex Mining & Milling Company. The two men entered the tunnel of the Mickey Breen mine Wednesday since which time nothing has been seen or heard of them.

A large force of men has been searching throughout the workings of the Mickey Breen mine, comprising the tunnel and five levels leading from the tunnel, but not the slightest trace has been found. For a time it was thought that the men had been shut in the mine by a cave-in on the second level, but the cave-in later turned out to be an old one and the men could not possibly get behind it.

The mine is located in a remote and sparsely settled section and as both men are strangers to the country the most likely theory is that they emerged from the tunnel during a fog and are now lost in the mountains.

Fresh footprints in the snow about the mouth of the tunnel strengthens this belief. Following up this theory rescue parties have been searching the mountains all day, but without success up to this time.

New College for Women.

Dr. Mary K. Benedict has accepted the presidency of a new woman's college at Amherst, Virginia. The institution was established by a Virginia woman, who has given it 10,000 acres of land, several buildings and left it an endowment of \$500,000. Miss Benedict, who has been attached to the department of pedagogy at the Missouri State Normal school, at Warrenburg, will be its first president, at a salary of \$3,000 a year.

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DRIVING TO THE COAST

Is not a Picnic for the Horses by Any Means

John Manley returned Saturday from his drive to the Siletz beaches with the Greenbaum-Rostein-Adolph party, and says the roads through the mountains are awful. They made about 15 miles a day, and part of the time the wagon was in the mud to the axles. Leaving here a week ago they arrived on Sunday. They stopped at Salmon river and caught a fine lot of trout. They went in via Sheridan, Willamina and the Grande Ronde. Mr. Manley says he would not make the trip again for \$40. Livery stable men at Sheridan charge \$35 for going with two or three people and a light hack. He says it will be a month before the roads are dry and passable. There are five or six tents at the Siletz beach. Parties from Salem caught 1000 trout in two weeks in the Salmon river. A rescue party will probably have to be sent for the people he took into the Siletz country. Mr. Manley's horses showed they had been over some very tough mountain roads.

Season Was Closed in Blaze of Glory

There was a halo, so to speak, around the sun of the Edison theater last night, when it set. It was the last night of the season and all the matinee girls were there. The play was the "Country Girl," and the audience listened with thrilling interest. After the curtain fell on the last act and the villain was killed, and the brave hero married the pretty heroine, the enthusiasm of the matinee girls knew no bounds. One by one, the actors and actresses were called before the curtain and as they passed around the glittering horseshoe they received an ovation. Everybody got applause and all were happy.

Tom Cronise got the big prize and everybody was glad and clapped their hands.

While the Edison is dark for the next four or five weeks the house will be enlarged, the seating capacity increased and more stage room provided.

The theater will be opened again in September with an enlarged company and a choice repertoire of new plays.

Baseball Players and Foot Racers!

Louis J. Kruger, ex-champion long-distance foot racer of Germany and Holland, writes, October 27, 1901: "During my training of eight weeks' foot races at Salt Lake City, in April last, I used Ballard's Snow Liniment to my greatest satisfaction. Therefore, I highly recommend Snow Liniment to all who are troubled with sprains, bruises or rheumatism." 35c, 50c and \$1. Sold by D. J. Fry.

BRICK FROM RUINS.

San Francisco Will Utilize Earthquake Ruins. Out of the ruins of the calamity P. H. Bosworth would build houses for refugees who were made homeless by the calamity. He presented the project to the executive committee of relief and Red Cross funds.

If there are people who need houses, and there are also more bricks in the streets and lots than horses and teams can throw away in six months, this contractor reasons that the solution of the two difficulties is brick cottages for the refugees.

"For \$1350 each I am ready to contract to build houses of bricks from the ruins, the walls to be stained and waterproofed inside and out." The cottages, he goes on to explain, will be 16x35 feet on the ground, containing four rooms and a bath, and be two stories in height. Down stairs is a living room and a good-sized kitchen, and upstairs are two bedrooms, with convenient closets. The entire interior is to be hard finished. Having a front and rear porch, the design is an attractive one, and bids fair to be a strong rival of the ready-made-in-Michigan type.

"Some of the brickmakers are interested in having the bricks in the ruins thrown away as fast as possible. When they are out of the way they propose to raise the prices, as the lumber men have done. If the committee should adopt my plan it would not only circumvent the plot of the brickmakers, but it would also do away with the necessity of paying exorbitant prices for lumber."

HUNTING FOR THE BLUE BUCKET

Go over in the John Day country and talk to miners and inevitably they will mention the Blue Bucket Diggings, one of the greatest lost mines in the history of eastern Oregon. Men have spent fortunes and lost their lives in search for these fabulous placer claims and today, after more than fifty years of fruitless search, a party of prospectors are wandering over the hills of Cow valley seeking these lost diggings. In this party is a veteran prospector, a man who mined in California in the early days and a man who a few years ago was the principal owner in the Standard of Quartzburg. He is quite wealthy now and was seeking rest and ease up the John Day river when he heard of the Blue Bucket diggings and got the fever. Everybody over there seems to have a different idea as to where the Blue Bucket diggings are located and you will be given positive assurance that this fabulous mine is anywhere from Canyon City to Cow valley, some go so far as to designate old Ironside mountains as the location. Whenever you see a man over there

Tale of a Mine in Eastern Oregon of Miraculous Wealth

sneaking around behind a tree pulling up the grass you may find that he has the Blue Bucket. A fever that will not wear off. The history of these diggings is an old one. In the very early days an immigrant wagon crossed a trail leading through the John Day pass. At some point near the John Day pass the mother took sick and died and in digging the grave her father and children discovered immense quantities of gold clinging to the grass roots. They threw some of this in their wagon and went on. When they reached a settlement they showed the gold with the gold clinging to the roots. But little attention was paid to the incident until they reached Portland. One surviving daughter a few years after attempted to lead some men to the spot but could not. The only thing she could remember of the journey and gold was that the buckets carried on the wagon were blue, hence the name. But that is the history of the Blue Bucket diggings and so far as is absolutely known they have never been found.

HOW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS SHALL BE CHOSEN IS PUZZLING

Politicians are in a quandary to know what method to adopt in electing delegates to the national conventions which will nominate candidates for president and vice president of the United States in 1908. Among the important changes wrought by the direct primary nominating elections law was that of abolishing the old convention system, by which delegates to national party conventions were formerly chosen.

Grave doubts have also been expressed by lawyers as to whether there is sufficient provision in the direct primary law for selecting presidential electors, and this question may yet have to be taken into the courts for solution. The law makes no direct allusion to the method to be employed in nominating presidential electors, but it is held by some lawyers and among them one who took a part in framing the law that the phraseology to be found in section 2 of the act, providing that primary elections shall be held to nominate a "senator in congress and all other elective state, district, county, precinct, city, ward and all other officers and delegates to any constitutional conventions that may hereafter be called," makes sufficient provision in the words "all other elective officers." But whether it does or not is not clear to all.

As to the method of choosing delegates to the national convention, however, there is no provision. The law deals directly with the nomination of candidates for federal, state, district, county and municipal officers, and leaves the question of na-

tional conventions and delegates thereto entirely alone.

Thus far the only remedy suggested is that the parties by their initiative and expense will agree upon some sort of system whereby county conventions may be held, delegates elected to a state convention and the national delegates selected by the state convention. The only kind of county convention practicable under this arrangement would be mass county conventions for to hold delegated county conventions, unless various provisions in the counties were to hold mass conventions of their own and submit elect delegates to a county convention, which, in turn, would send delegates to the state convention, where the national delegates would be elected.

That some method of this kind will have to be adopted is practically certain, for it would be out of the question, lawyers think, to undertake to burden the primary ballot with candidates for delegates, and the absence of any provision for such proceedings it is practically certain that the county clerks of the state would refuse to put the names of candidates on the ballot.

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