

OREGON POLITICS.

There are three tickets in the field in Oregon for member of Congress from the fourth district of that state.

The Independent State convention in session at Salem on the eleventh instant nominated George M. Whitney, of Lane county, for Congress. His qualifications for the position are said to be that he is a sawmill man and an elder in the Campbellite Church. The convention adopted a platform condemning the extravagance of the National and state administrations; favoring return to specie payments; against third term; in favor of repayments; in favor of repealing the Act doubling the President's salary; pledging the nominee to river and harbor improvements generally and to locks at the cascades and extension of public surveys; favoring legislative power to regulate freight and passenger rates; favoring reimbursement to Oregon of the Modoc war expenses by the General Government; against division of school fund for sectarian purposes. There was very little enthusiasm.

The Republican state convention the same day at the same place nominated for Congress Henry Warren, formerly receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Oregon City. The convention adopted a platform declaring the Republicans unutterable in their adherence to the Union; the sovereignty of the Federal Government; approval of the national administration; the policy of arbitration between governments; third term opposed; favors the resumption of specie payments as soon as practical; demands a revision of the patent law; corporations to be held subject to the laws; asks for Government sanction for various internal improvements; opposed to any division of the school fund for sectarian purposes.

These two nominations will give Lafayette Lane, the Democratic nominee for the same position, an easy victory.

The Philadelphia Times says that an American colony has sprung up on an island in the Caribbean sea. The name of the island is Cozumel, and it belongs to Mexico. The climate is delightful, being at an average temperature of 80 degrees, and the distance from New Orleans is four or five days' sail. The products of the island are sugar, tobacco and all kinds of tropical fruits, while it also grows valuable timber, such as ebony, lignum vitae and logwood. To settlers the Mexican Government allows 2,471 acres of land in favorable locations on the payment of \$25, which payment can run through several years. As this island is in the neighborhood of the Channel of Yucatan it has a most favorable position in connection with the trade and commerce that must spring up with the United States of Colombia and other parts of that vast region of South America. It will be a point of stoppage for all ships bound in that direction, and hence the importance of having it inhabited and its trade and commerce ruled by Americans. The Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea and all the waste waters in that region of this division of the globe should be settled by Americans. When a ship canal is cut across the isthmus the ships of half the world will pass through this water-way on their voyages to and from Japan, China and the islands of the South Pacific. In this manner the United States will compete with Europe and its cut-off, the Suez Canal. When the future of this country is looked at through this channel, the importance of American colonies in the Caribbean Sea or the Channel of Yucatan will assume their full and just importance in a national and commercial point of view.

QUARTZ LEDGES OF ALTURAS COUNTY.

While at Rocky Bar and Atlanta, we gathered some interesting facts about the quartz ledges in that section, that are hardly credited outside of Alturas county, but which are nevertheless true. We did not have the time to visit any more than a few of the principle ledges, descriptions of which we give below, and vouch for the truthfulness of the same. These facts are not gathered from Tom, Dick and Harry, but from headquarters.

Mr. Edward Mallon and myself, under invitation from Mr. Jotham Newton, the Superintendent, paid a visit to this ledge and mill, which is situated in the head of the creek, about half a mile above town. This mill and mine is owned by a Pittsburg company, and has paid its own way from the very commencement of operations. After paying the mill a visit, we went across the gulch to the hoisting works, which are run by a 40-horse power engine. One thousand pounds of rock is hoisted in a bucket at one raising. Their pumps, which reach to the bottom of the third level, which is down to a depth of 235 feet, are very powerful, and throws a nine-inch stream. After seeing all there was above the surface, we, with Mr. Newton and another obliging gentleman, (the contractor for getting out the quartz), named James Dardis, undertook a job we did not like very well, but did not like to "own up," and we started down the ladder to the bottom of the shaft, and after descending step by step a distance of 235 feet, we reached the lower level, where we found a ledge from two to three feet wide, and richer than in either of the upper levels. This is a very wet mine, and miners receive five dollars per day. After spending a couple of hours going through the levels and stopes, we ascended the shaft. After getting through our observations of the Ada Ellmore ledge and mill we engaged in general conversation about the mines in that locality, and learned the following facts: Gold from the Ada Ellmore is worth \$16 per ounce. The ledge contains free gold, and is easily milled. The company have a lease of a 10-stamp mill. They own a 15-stamp mill, which they expect to start up soon.

Confederate Star, Idaho and Vishnu. The Idaho and Vishnu are known to be good ledges, and are now bonded for sale. The rock that has been worked from them has yielded an average of \$50 per ton. They are situated three or four hundred yards north east of the Ada Ellmore, and are of the same character of rock as the latter.

The Confederate Star is owned by the Wade Bros., of Chicago, and is leased to Jacob Reeser. As there is some litigation it is not being worked at present.

Red Warrior. The following morning we visited the little town of Red Warrior, which is about one mile and a-half south of Rocky Bar, where we found Hon. John McNally and Mr. Warren Hussey. Mr. Hussey is the gentleman that bought out Mr. McNally some time ago. The Superintendent had run the mine and mill in debt and was constantly making draws on Mr. Hussey for the running expenses. Mr. McNally has kindly volunteered his services to crush one hundred tons, and under their management is paying \$45 average per ton. Mr. Hussey is very much pleased with the prospects, and will hereafter keep the mill running steady on Wide West rock. We visited the mill and was shown around by Mr. McNally. Mr. Hussey and Capt. R. R. Hopkins accompanied us through the Wide West mine. A depth of over two hundred feet has been attained, and as they go down the ledge increases in width and richness.

Alturas Gold Mining and Milling Company. This is a new company formed with California capitalists by Mr. McNally. There are three ledges and a 15-stamp mill owned by the company. The mill can be put in good running order in eight or ten days' work. Work will be commenced early in the spring. These mines and mill formerly belonged to a New York company, and having made partial failure through mismanagement, fell into the hands of Mr. C. Jacobs, of Boise City, and were purchased from him by Hon. John McNally.

The Atlanta. We were received by the Superintendents, Mr. Frank P. Cavanah and Mr. Lantiss, with that kindness that is not always found in Superintendents. The portion worked by the Buffalo company, of which Mr. Cavanah is Superintendent, is the claim formerly owned by Mr. A. O. Miller, formerly of this place. Work putting things in shape, is being pushed forward. A place is being taken out on the ledge, to make room for hoisting works. A 20-stamp mill is to be erected early in the spring.

Mr. Lantiss is taking ore and shipping it East for reduction. This ledge can be traced for several miles. There are three stratas that yield from \$900

to \$10,000 per ton. The reader may think this a wild estimate, but the returns from the shipments show it to be a fact, and not a mere fancy sketch. As the ledge is sixty feet wide, it will be able, when properly opened and worked, to support thousands of people. Men who have worked in the famous Comstock do not hesitate in making the assertion that, so far as prospected it is far ahead of that ledge. This is saying a good deal; but we believe it to be true, as ruby and native silver show plenty throughout almost the entire vein—a large portion of the rock being rich enough to cut with a knife.

Forty or fifty feet above the Atlanta is a gold ledge running parallel with it, and is owned by the Newton Bros., and another gentleman whose name we did not learn. They keep up expenses by using a hand mortar about once a week. The day before our visit there one of them pounded out \$100.

General Items and Observations. Atlanta is one of the prettiest locations for a town in the mountains. Three or four miles to the north is a very high and craggy mountain, rising to a great height, and magnificent to look upon by the lover of natural beauty. On the left of this mountain, and on the south and west the mountains are not so high and craggy, giving a beautiful contrast. The location of the town is on almost a level basin, is well watered and partially covered with timber. In time there will be a large and beautiful city in this now solitary spot.

Rocky Bar is in a deep gulch, and although hemmed in by mountains, there is room for a large town; and when the fact that there are twenty-five or thirty ledges already prospected and known to pay, at a not far distant day it will be a lively and large town.

Judge Whitson says court will last until the end of next week, at least. There is several cases of importance yet to be tried. One is the supposed stealing of four tons of quartz from the Atlanta ledge. The rock is supposed to contain some \$30,000.

One divorce was granted, and the "boys" are trotting around from store to store inquiring for collars, "billed" shirts, studs, breast-pins, hair oil, &c.

A rough came into a saloon and ordered "judge" to defend himself. There were some twenty or twenty-five men in the saloon, and the mass made one rush for the counter, billiard table and every other place of refuge. Three carpenters were kept busy all the next day repairing chairs, &c.

One of the Atlanta boys started in to talk one of our boys sick but got the worst of it. It is thought that he will hardly be able to attend to business for sometime yet. There has been quite a number of thunder showers in the mountains during the last week.

We met several old Idahoans at Rocky Bar, among whom were Henry Edmundson, Ned McLaughlin, and Ruff Turner. Mr. Solomon Newcomer is building a two story hotel 86 by 22 feet, with an ell 22 by 24 feet; when completed, which will be in about a month, it will be the finest building either in that or this county. Every man in Alturas county is summoned on the jury, the superintendents included.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS.—When the valleys were first settled there was noticed but few flocks of prairie chickens. Now they are so numerous as to prove almost a nuisance, and getting thicker each year. Other feathered game is also very plentiful. Where are all the shot-gunners? To the front, boys, and thin the birds out.

THE RACES.—The talk about the races over the Star Ranch course, which comes off next week, increases as the time draws near. Only a few days more left to train in. The first of next week people from the valleys will begin to flock into the Basin. Everybody that can will be there from Idaho City.

RISEING STAR LEDGE.—This ledge belonging to Mr. Otto, is situated near Centerville. It was discovered about four years ago, and prospected well in gold. A shaft was sunk a few feet and a tunnel run in from the bottom a short distance, when, for some reason, nothing further was done. At that time a man could make four or five dollars a day on the ledge with a rocker, working the decomposed quartz. Mr. Otto has now taken Wess Wood in with him and they are going to thoroughly prospect it. A piece of the rock weighing two or three ounces and pounded up by Wess yielded a very flattering prospect. The boys think they have a good thing in the Rising Star, and we hope they have. They have gone over to go to work on it.

SALES.—The following transfers of property were made during the last week: P. M. Doyle and Stephen Dempsey bought, on August 17th, three-fourths interest in the Grimes' Creek ditch, from Messrs. B. F. Channel and William Schnarr.

Lauer & Swinn bought the interests of Beverly Willis in ditches and mining ground on August 17th.

LETTER FROM AFRICA.

The following very courteous private letter was received by Mr. Peter Rush, of this place, from Mr. W. N. Pheelan, editor of the Gold Field Mercury, printed at Pilgrim's Rest, Transvaal Republic, South Africa. It accompanied a copy of the paper above-mentioned, and was written without desire to color the facts or create excitement. We hope the gentleman will not regard it as a breach of confidence by publishing the same. It will be read with interest by all who have heard of "Africa's sunny fountains rolling back their golden sands."

MERCURY OFFICE, PILGRIM'S REST, TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC, May 27, '76.

MR. PETER RUSH: DEAR SIR—Your letter I duly received last post. You will see by the Mercury that I have published it there, together with such information about these fields as I could find room for. Lest your paper should, by any accident, miss you, I enclose the article in question, which, I think, will give you all the information you require. The paper will be sent to you every post until I hear from you again. The annual subscription is 24 shillings here, to which must be added 5d per paper postage, which is what we have to pay here—an enormous charge. This would bring the sum up to £2:5s:8d.

The climate of the fields is healthy. In the present season there is little or no rain, until about September. The mornings and evenings are pleasantly cool, the days warm. This, the dry season, is the favorite time for prospecting. The wet months, September to the end of April, are the best for working.

Living is cheap here. In his own tent a digger can keep himself well on about £1 per week. Labor (Kafir) is 15 shillings to £1 per month. It is plentiful now, but a few months ago was very scarce.

You will see by the article enclosed that the diggers have but little taxation to bear. You will be able, I trust, to judge from that article, whether this country would be likely to suit you better than the one you are now in. I would not like to say to you directly, "come" or "do not come." Judge for yourself from the bare facts.

Delagoa Bay, the nearest seaport to these Fields, is unhealthy during the months from the end of September to the end of May, but is healthy during the rest of the year. Diggers coming via that port would have, probably, to walk up to the Fields; a distance of 120 miles. Natal is the route most generally adopted, but it is more expensive than Delagoa.

If there are any specific matters on which you would like information, put the questions direct to me and I will answer them as far as I can.

Yours faithfully, W. N. PHELAN, Editor G. F. M.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, writing from the Black Hills, declares that the Indian Ring will fight hard against any arrangement for opening that region to civilized occupancy, as such a policy would destroy their best plunder-fields.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Postoffice at Idaho City, on the 26th day of August which, if not called for within thirty days will be sent to the dead letter office. Boyd Bob, Chase Nelson, Fitzsimmons Mrs. Frances, Ketchum David, Rowe E. P. Persons calling for any of the above letters will say "advertised" and give date of list. S. C. SILBERT, P. M.

THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS ON CURRENT Expense Fund will be paid on presentation: No. 177. A. Brown, registered July 22, 1876, \$4 00 " 18 Stewart & McClintock January 8, 1874, 6 00 " 91 George Young registered March 14 " 11 40 JOHN BRODBECK, Treasurer. Idaho City, Aug. 17, 1876.

A CARD

To all who are suffering from errors and indications of youth nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c. I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City.

Assignee's Sale.

THE ASSIGNEE'S OF ECKHART & Judge will sell the "Beaver Creek Property" at public auction on Saturday, August 21st, at 3 o'clock, p. m., in front of Kingsley's store. Terms—Cash. For particulars enquire of E. E. Elkin, G. T. Keys or C. S. Kingsley. Idaho City, Aug. 13, 1876. Sw.

Safe Forbidden.

THEY DESCRIPTION OF THE MINING CLAIMS of John Strong offered at Sheriff's sale having been made out so as to include ground below and above Willis & Driscoll's water ditch, I hereby forbid the selling of the same to a greater distance than within fifty feet below the ditch, as my mining property extends above and to a line that far below said ditch. I also give notice to all parties that when I sold an interest in said mining ground now offered at Sheriff's sale to John Strong I reserved a dumping privilege on the same, which I still reserve and claim according to law. I make public these facts so that no future trouble may arise. August 10, 1876. GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.

FOR SALE CHEAP AT WEILER AND SMITH'S, PLACERVILLE, one 50 Gallon Cast Iron FARMER'S BOILER.

RACES! RACES! RACES!

Star Ranch Course, August 26, 1876.

FIRST DAY—1st. race, single dash of one mile, free for all horses, purse..... \$100 2d. Race—Single dash one-half mile, free for all horses, purse..... \$100 SECOND DAY—1st. race for two year olds, free for all, one-half mile, purse..... \$100 2d. race, for middle horses, one mile, free for all, purse..... \$100 THIRD DAY—1st. race, for second class horses, one-half mile, purse..... \$100 2d. race, free for all horses, one mile heats, 2 heat in 3, purse..... \$100 (10 per cent. entry, extra, to be added to the last above named race.) FOURTH DAY—Monday—1st. race, single dash of one mile, free for all three year olds, purse..... \$100 On all the above races, 10 per cent. entrance to go to the track. 3 horses to enter and 2 to start. The above racing to rule and be under the control of the Boise County Jockey Club. JEFF HOWELL, Secy. July 27, 1876.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION ENDED OUT of the Probate Court of Boise county, Idaho Territory, upon a judgment rendered in said Court on July 12th, 1875, in a cause wherein Thomas Murray was plaintiff and John Strong was defendant, the following described property, to-wit: All right, title and interest of said defendant, John Strong, of, in and to those certain placer mining claims in More Creek Mining District, No. 4, below and above Willis & Driscoll's Ditch, and about two miles from Idaho City in a northerly direction being the Summit Flat trail, being five claims of two hundred feet each; also all right and interest of defendant in and to two hundred (200) feet of placer mining ground on the flat at the head of Sullivan's Gulch, near the old Illinois Quartz Mill; also an undivided one third interest of, in and to the Homestead Bond Quartz lode or ledge, bounded on the west by the claims of O'Neil & Co.; all in Boise county, Idaho Territory—public notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 19th day of August, A. D. 1876, at twelve o'clock, P. M., I will sell in front of the Court House door in Idaho City, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the above described property, to satisfy said execution and all accruing costs. SAM'L STEWART, Sheriff. By D. McClintock, Under Sheriff. Idaho City, July 19th, 1876.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION ENDED OUT of the District Court in and for the Second Judicial District for Boise county, Idaho Territory, upon a judgment rendered in said Court in favor of plaintiff in the case wherein G. W. Crafts was plaintiff and Sing Sing Bar Company were defendants for the sum of One Thousand and Sixty-six and 10/100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum from July 26, 1875, and costs of \$25.00, duly taxed on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1875. I have levied upon, seized and taken in execution the following described property, to-wit: All that certain placer mining ground on Sing Sing Bar at the west side of Grimes Creek, Boise county, Idaho Territory, comprising the whole of Sing Sing Bar being about two miles below Butte, together with two water ditches and the water right belonging thereto, said ditches being each about one mile long, and carrying the waters of Supercreek to said Sing Sing Bar, and one reservoir at the head of said ditches. Public notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1876, at 12 o'clock, P. M., I will sell in front of the Court House door in Idaho City, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the above described property, to satisfy said execution and all accruing costs. SAM'L STEWART, Sheriff. Idaho City, July 27-76.

Notice to Lien Holders.

A. G. Church and B. F. Channel vs. John Foster. ALL PERSONS HOLDING OR CLAIMING LIENS or encumbrances under the provisions of "Act for securing liens to mechanics and others" upon that certain frame building known as Foster's Hotel, situate in Quartzburg, in Boise county, Idaho Territory, immediately opposite Hannan's building house, and next to Tatro & Luce's stable on the north, being 30x40 feet more or less, on the east and north sides, with additions on the east and north sides about twelve feet wide, and a flag 16x16 feet square, with the same dimensions and appurtenances appertaining thereto, and the land under and adjacent to the same, as may be necessary for the convenient use of the same, are hereby notified to be and appear in the District Court, Second Judicial District, of Idaho Territory, at Idaho City, on the 20th day of September, 1876, and there exhibit the proof of said liens or encumbrances, or they shall be deemed to be waived in favor of those so exhibited. JONAS W. BROWN, Attorney for Plaintiff. Idaho City, June 17, 1876. Sw.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Alfred D. Sannters, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, Administratrix and Administratrix of said the above-named estate, to the creditors of said deceased, to persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit the same, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months from the first publication of this notice to the undersigned, at the office of Jonas W. Brown, in Idaho City, Boise county, Idaho Territory. MARGARET SAUNTERS, Administratrix. JONAS W. BROWN, Attorney. Idaho City, June 24th, 1876. Sw.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Beverly Willis and Con Driscoll, in water ditches, mining and Lumber business, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Beverly Willis having purchased the entire interest of Con Driscoll in said Water Rights, Ditches, Mining Ground, Saw Mill, machinery, and Lumber owned by the said Driscoll. Beverly Willis will pay all demands and claims against the late firm of Willis & Driscoll, and will collect all bills due the said firm. BEVERLY WILLIS, CON DRISCOLL. Sw. Idaho City, August 10, 1876.

Notice AND ALL

TO C. COMSTOCK. You are hereby notified that I, J. Tonken, have done work to the amount of \$300, on each claim, for the years 1873-4 and 1875, on the William Tell lode or ledge, situated on the Eagle of the Light Gulch, Alturas Mining District, Alturas county, T. T., and unless the amount expended on the William Tell, for the benefit of the parties interested, shall be paid to the undersigned, in full, from time to time, interest in said mine or ledge will be forfeited to me by operation of law. J. TONKEN. ROCKY BAR, July 16, 1876.

S. W. WULFF, Licensed Auctioneer, Wall street, Idaho City. Auction every Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M.