

FIVE LODES COUNT AS ONE

Work on One Represents For All.

Providing the Claims are Grouped and the Work is Sufficient—An Important Decision.

A decision of much importance to mining men, and concerning Madison county properties was received at the Helena Land Office recently. Speaking of it the Independent says:

A decision of much importance to mining men was received at the Helena land office yesterday. It lays down the principle that where a number of claims are together in a group, and the assessment work on one of them is shown to be for the benefit of the whole the proof of that work may be sufficient to support an application for patents on the whole.

There were five claims in the group upon which the decision is given. The report of the deputy mineral surveyor showed that more than \$15,000 worth of work had been done on the Easton, while the improvements upon the Apex, Bonanza, Easy Street, and Easton Fraction lodes did not aggregate the \$500 on each lode ordinarily required by law. The department returns the application for a patent for further proof, and in doing so defines the kind of proof it regards as necessary in support of an application of that kind. The communication from the commissioner of the general land office, touching on that point says:

"On file with the case is the affidavit of claimant to the effect that the improvements upon the Easton lode tend to develop all the locations embraced in the entry.

"The evidence that the improvements upon one claim tend to develop other locations must be in the form of a certificate from the United States Surveyor general to that effect, and claimant will, therefore, be required to furnish a certificate from the United States surveyor general of Montana, showing how the improvements upon the Easton lode tend to develop the other claims embraced in this entry.

"The evidence of the use of occupancy of the Apex and Bonanza millsites consists of affidavits to the effect that they are used in connection with the Apex and Bonanza lode claims and that the improvements thereon consist of a house upon each millsite.

"Claimant will be required to furnish additional evidence of the nature and extent of such use and occupancy.

"Notify claimant hereof, and that he will be allowed 60 days from notice within which to furnish said evidence, in default of which, or of appeal, the entry will be cancelled to the extent of the Apex, American, Bonanza, Easy Street and Easton Fraction lodes, and the Apex and Bonanza millsites, without further notice from this office."

The heirs of O. C. Bundy won their case in the contest instituted by O. W. Hunter. The suit was tried three times in the local office, and the heirs were represented by Rev. F. A. Rigin, pastor of the Methodist church at Great Falls, as counsel. Rev. Mr. Rigin was himself one of the heirs. The general land office finds that the plaintiff has not sufficient grounds for a rehearing, and supports the decision of the local office, denying one. The property in dispute is a timber culture entry in Madison county, on the Jefferson river.

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BILLINGS, MONT.

HOME FROM THE GRAND LODGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MINE

Masonic Delegates Have Returned.

They Spent a Very Enjoyable Week in Helena—Officers Elected.

Robert Vickers, Wm. J. Foreman and Lew L. Callaway, representing Virginia Lodge No. 1, and Ed Hart and W. A. Clark, representing Montana Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M. have returned from Helena where the Grand Lodges of the various Masonic bodies were in annual session last week. The week was a most enjoyable one. A banquet was almost a nightly occurrence and Thursday evening a ball and banquet was tendered the visiting delegates. But aside from this much work was done. Virginia was honored by two grand official positions, Robert Vickers being elected Grand High King of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. and Mrs. Flora McNulty elected Grand Associate Conductress of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Chapter R. A. M. officers elected were:

J. J. Hindson, most excellent grand high priest.

R. H. Waring, right excellent deputy high priest.

Robert Vickers, right excellent high king.

S. C. Kenyon, right excellent grand scribe.

John C. Major, right excellent grand treasurer.

Cornelius Hedges, right excellent grand secretary.

James A. Carrier, right excellent grand captain of the host.

George T. Paul, right excellent grand principal sojourner.

John W. Yates, most excellent grand royal arch captain.

J. K. Wood, right excellent grand master of the third veil.

George M. Haynes, right excellent grand master of the second veil.

A. J. Stewart, right excellent grand master of the first veil.

Rev. Job H. Little, right excellent grand chaplain.

Charles Connopp, right excellent grand tyler.

Grand Commandry officials selected were as follows:

G. E. C. Str Knight, E. D. Neil Jr. D. G. C. Str Knight, W. E. Chamberlain, Generalissimo Sir Knight, E. C. Day, G. Captain G. Sir Knight, G. M. Hayes, G. Prelate Sir Knight, Job M. Little, G. S. W. Sir Knight, J. H. Monteith, G. J. W. Sir Knight, H. E. Day, G. Treasurer Sir Knight, H. M. Parthen, G. R. Sir Knight, C. Hedges, G. S. B. Sir Knight, F. C. Jones, G. Standard Bearer Sir Knight, R. H. Wearing, G. Warder Sir Knight, W. L. P. McCaw,

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. officials selected were as follows:

J. H. Mills, worshipful grand master; Charles H. Gould, deputy grand master; H. C. Day, grand senior warden; G. C. Pomeroy, grand junior warden; H. M. Parthen, grand treasurer, Cornelius Hedges, grand secretary; J. H. Crocker, grand chaplain; George T. Slack, grand marshal; John D. Hammer, senior grand deacon; Sidney F. Morse, junior grand deacon; John L. Truscott, grand sword bearer; W. R. C. Stewart, grand standard bearer; E. W. Stevens, senior grand steward; H. J. Rainsford, junior grand steward; John C. Major grand tyler.

Officers elected by the grand chapter of the O. E. S. were:

Grand worthy matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Tracy, grand worthy patron, George T. Slack, grand associate matron, Mrs. Ada Aiken, grand associate patron, William Wood, grand secretary, Mrs. Elva Boardman, grand treasurer, Mrs. Louise Day, grand conductress, Mrs. Lucy Ralshack, grand associate conductress, Mrs. Flora McNulty.

The grand worthy matron appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Grand chaplain, Mrs. W. G. Preultt, grand marshal, Thomas M. Hampton, grand Ada, Mrs. Valltine, grand Ruth, Mrs. Virginia, grand Esther, Mrs. Sarah E. Nye, grand Martha, Mrs. R. A. Allison, grand Electa, Mrs. Olla Donovan, grand warden, Mrs. Emily Frizzell, grand sentinel, F. C. McWilliams, grand organist, Mrs. Mary Cambers.

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Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little intermission and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at C. W. Rank & Co's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and 91.00.

The Water is Out of the Red Bluff.

And Extraction of Ore Will Soon Commence—Troubles of Patrick McCleary.

RED BLUFF, Mont.,—[Special Correspondence.]—They have reached the bottom of the Red Bluff Mine at last. The shaft has been enlarged so as to get a heavy pump in position to handle the water. After the sinking of a sump a cross-cut will be run to cut the lead on the 200 foot level. In the meantime the work of development is being vigorously prosecuted on the upper level with satisfactory results.

Martin Peel has shipped a car load of ore from his mine, which has netted him handsomely. Mr. Peel has developed a large body of high grade ore and intends to operate the mine on an extensive scale, which the present showing amply justifies.

Daniel O'Shea is working on his mines at Willow Creek about two miles and a half from town and the ore body increases in extent and value as the work of development progresses. If the "White Metal" was remonetized Mr. O'Shea could realize a hundred thousand dollars for his splendid property.

Messrs Bluff & Co., are busily engaged in placing the Red Chief on a paying basis. They are taking some good ore out but are not quite ready yet to work the mine profitably, as they have had a great deal of work to do. With patience and perseverance, economical and judicious management the Red Chief will pay well.

The Spalding boys shipped some ore from their mine on Meadow Creek some time ago, which paid very well. These Young Gents are opening up their mine and intend to ship a car load of ore in the near future.

Old Pat McCleary sued John Crowley of the Pay Rock Mine a few days ago for \$300 damages and half the mine. The case was tried before Justice of the Peace at Pony and was decided in favor of the law fiend McCleary. If Mr. Feaster who was one of Crowley's witnesses was as well versed in legal lore as he is in other matters, he could have had McCleary, as the court had no jurisdiction in the case. Mr. Crowley has appealed the case to Virginia City and will undoubtedly win, from the fact that McCleary [whose reputation for square dealing is rather shady,] had abandoned his claim to the mine, until Crowley struck rich ore. The writer is one of the victims of the gallant Captains' duplicity and knows whereof he speaks.

Honor and fame from no condition rise. Act well your part for their all honor lies. POLYHEMUS.

FROM LAURIN.

Merchants Will Close on Sundays—Personal and General.

LAURIN, October 16th.—[Special Correspondence.]—It has been agreed among our merchants that they will close their stores on Sunday, beginning with the coming Sunday, October 20th. This is a step in the right direction as we believe and we are now in line with our good neighbors, Sheridan and Virginia City.

Frank S. Metzger pulled in his threshing machine last Wednesday for the season. Frank says that he has done about the usual amount of work, but grain as a rule is not as good as last year.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McFadden met with what might have been a very serious accident. While at play she fell into a tub of hot soft soap. She has every care that a mother can give and is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Mr. Moore has finished the painting of the new hotel of Mr. Joe Beaufie. This adds greatly to the appearance of our village and Joe is setting as good a table as any house in Southern Montana.

Joe Bachrump has been awarded a contract to put up a mill near Deer Lodge, he left the first of the week to commence the construction. His family will go to join him in a week.

Mr. J. B. Laurin has been confined to his room most of the week, from sickness.

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FROM SHERIDAN.

Death of the Infant Son of J. Z. Clem—Other Matters.

SHERIDAN, Mont., October 16th.—[Special Correspondence.]—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Clem died Sunday afternoon after an illness of three days. Though but three weeks old this bright eyed boy had received many callers and all Sheridan took an interest in him. Mr. and Mrs. Clem have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

The first ball of the season was given Saturday Oct. 12, at I. O. G. T. Hall. It was well attended and all report a delightful time.

Mr. Steve Mullinix has put up a small mill on his Indian Creek mine which is running nicely and the ore is very high grade.

Miss Carey of Adobetown and Miss Cahill of Ruby Valley have been visiting friends in Sheridan the past two weeks.

Mrs. Mary Cronberry left this morning for Butte taking her boys Claude and Earl. They will make the smoky City their home for the winter.

MAGDALEN MATTERS

MAGDALEN, Mont., October 15th.—[Special Correspondence.]—Mrs. J. Sherwood of Lake Idaho is very sick.

Archie Hayden, has gone to Snake River for winter supplies, also Henry Hackett and Ike Marble.

W. N. Culver, Levi Shambow and Ed Blake have just returned from St. Anthony with flour and potatoes.

Sam Burnside is doing a lively business carrying club men from Monida to their summer or autumn resort, the cabin by the lake.

The three Nye Brothers have just returned from Snake River with winter supplies.

Beef cattle are looking well in our valley and there are a good many to be sold before snow flies.

John Marble and son Freeman just returned from Bozeman with supplies for winter.

The month of October is as warm as summer and every day a perfect one for fine weather.

SUMMIT.

Ball at Armory Hall Friday evening.

Administrator's Sale.

IN the District Court, sixth Judicial District, Montana, in and for Sweet Grass county.

In the matter of the estate of John B. Cook, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to an order of the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for Sweet Grass County, made upon the 6th day of August, 1895, in the matter of the estate of John B. Cook, deceased, the undersigned, the administrator of said estate, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, and subject to confirmation by the said district court, on the 16th day of November, 1895, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and sunset of said day at the front door of the court house in the town of Virginia City, County of Madison, State of Montana, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said John B. Cook at the time of his death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of the said John B. Cook, at the time of his death, in and to all that certain real estate lying and being in the said County of Madison, and State of Montana, and described as follows, to-wit:

The southwest quarter of section three (3); the east half (1-2) of the southeast quarter (1-4) of section four (4); the northeast quarter (1-4) of the northeast quarter (1-4) of section nine (9); the north half (1-2) of the northwest quarter (1-4) and the northwest quarter (1-4) of the northeast quarter (1-4) of section ten (10), all in twp. ten (10) south of range one (1) east, containing four hundred (400) acres.

Also that certain water and water right, ditches, dams and reservoirs, used to divert and convey certain of the waters of Wolfe Creek from said Wolfe Creek by means of two ditches tapping said Wolfe Creek and conveying the waters to and upon and over the aforesaid described lands and premises for irrigating purposes.

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MICHAEL WHALAN,
Administrator of the estate of John B. Cook deceased.

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