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THE STEEL PLANT TO BE DISMANTLED AND SOLD

A Ten Ton Hammer Was Shipped Out the Past Week—Mr. Moore of Spokane Here Last Week.

A Leavenworth business man familiar with the Washington Steel & Iron Co.'s venture in this town, past week met Mr. O. C. Moore, of Spokane, secretary of the company, who last week superintended the removal of some of the machinery, and in conversation with him learned that the entire plant would be sold for what it would bring. He recites very briefly in the following the history of the affair:

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee." This was the finding in the observations of the poet, Robert Burns, in his day. The strength of this saying fittingly applicable as it was then, can today be applied to the failure of many well planned projects that are to be met with on every hand.

Some ten years ago Mr. E. H. Rothert drifted quietly into Leavenworth and made known a discovery. He informed the people of Leavenworth that the mountains around Blewett contained an inexhaustible amount of magnetite iron ore; which, however, could not be smelted or put on the market in the shape of a manufactured product, inasmuch as when brought to the melting point a froth or scum was formed which adhered to the sides of the crucibles to such an extent that the vessel was rendered useless for further smelting. Mr. Rothert's discovery was a flux, which when mixed with the crushed ore and put into the smelter, did away entirely with the frothing of the molten metal. A meeting was called to discuss the matter, and when it was hinted that the plant might be erected in Leavenworth, business men saw looming up in the dim distance the name and fame of their beloved town appearing on the map like a star of the first magnitude, instead of an infinitesimal fly speck, and then and there fortified themselves with liberal blocks of stock. A corporation was formed headed by Mr. Rothert and a board of directors, composed of business men of good reputation.

As the years rolled on the plant assumed something of the appearance of a factory. A track was built connecting the plant with the Great Northern main line. Tons of machinery, rock crushers, hammers weighing many tons, and smelters were installed. Some steel was made, the quality of which if turned out on a commercial basis at a lower cost than the imported article, would have revolutionized the tool steel industry of the world. Experiments had to be made; all of which appeared to be abortive of the results aimed at.

The stockholders and directors got uneasy and would not allow time for further experiment, demanding the secret process—the details of which had been put in escrow, whereby Rothert claimed to be able to make the steel. This Rothert refused. Litigation followed with the result that Mr. Rothert turned over all his holdings in the company to the directors and withdrew his secret process from escrow.

After allowing the plant to lie dormant for the past year, it is now stated that the machinery is to be dismantled and moved away, and the buildings disposed of at what they will bring. A ten ton hammer was moved away about a week ago. Thus has one of Leavenworth's dream of greatness been dissipated, a dream which cost the stockholders seventy-seven thousand dollars. Approximately thirteen thousand dollars of this amount was subscribed in Leavenworth and the greater part of the balance in Spokane.

Mr. Rothert has formed another company and is still confident of his ability to make the metal by his process.

Some critical smokers have discovered that we keep our cigars in the best possible condition and walk blocks to buy them from us.

35* Koerner's Drug Store.

Dr. Wiley is for Hughes

Hartford City (Ind) Times Gazette: Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, who stumped Indiana for Woodrow Wilson in the last presidential campaign, has announced that he is against the re-election of Wilson and is for Charles E. Hughes for president. Mr. Wiley says: "I campaigned for President Wilson without expecting any reward except in seeing vigorous action on the part of the government in protecting the people from impure food. I paid all my own expenses in the campaign. The Wilson administration has been disappointing in its lack of vigor in the pure food movement. I am for Mr. Hughes because he has shown by his acts and legal opinions that he is for the enforcement of the pure food laws."

G. N. RAILROAD TO BE ELECTRIFIED TO COAST

Indications Point to That Conclusion—An Investigation Under Way With That End in View.

No one about the offices of this terminal point will take the responsibility of answering the interrogatory in the affirmative, and yet there is a rumor afloat that will not down, to the effect that men are here making an investigation to determine the feasibility of such an undertaking, but they will not talk for publication. It is a well known fact that at the time the electric power plant up the canyon that furnishes the power for operating trains thru the tunnel was built, four years ago, there was a blue print plan of a duplicate power plant on the Wenatchee river just to the right where the railroad enters the canyon, a half mile west of the town limits. It is also known that the Great Northern company acquired by purchase and condemnation the power rights to the Chelan river near the foot of the lake of that name, where the power that is capable of being developed is enormous. There is also the possibility of developing between fifty and a hundred thousand horse power at Rock Island rapids, on the Columbia river, east of Wenatchee.

With the Milwaukee road about ready to operate some 400 miles of its line by electricity in Idaho and Montana it appears not improbable that the Great Northern will soon embark on an enterprise of the same character.

Bear Killed Within Half Mile of Town.

Last Sunday Nick Kincherf and John Brender were up on the hill side near the forestry station north of town, and to protect themselves against the numerous bear that infest the mountain they each took one of those effective rifles known as Kragg. Before they had proceeded far on their Sunday ramble they ran across a bear, or the bear ran across them, and after them, and what could a lawabiding, God fearing and bear fearing man do," says Nick, "but protect himself," and he shot the bear just as it was in the act of jumping on both of them at one and the same time. "Bear hunting on Sunday," says some one. "No, indeed," says Nick, "the bear was hunting us, else why should he come so close to town."

Packing School at Cashmere

Under the direction of the North Central Washington Growers League a fruit packing school will open Monday, Sept. 4, and close Saturday, Sept. 9. The school will be under the direction of competent instructors at the old Union warehouse. Day and night sessions will be held. A nominal fee of 75 cents will be charged for the weeks course. If interested communicate with District Inspector Brown, Phone 1244, Cashmere.

Butter Wrappers at The Echo office.

THOMAS-CULROSS MINE WILL EARN DIVIDEND

This Statement Made by the Manager—A Limited Amount of Stock to Be Sold for Operating Funds

The Thomas-Culross mining property, consisting of six claims, located on Culross island, Port Wells district, Prince William sound, southern Alaska, 70 miles southwest of Valdes, in the most rapidly developing quartz mining section of the land of gold. About 45 miles from the Elamar gold and copper mines, turning out \$50,000 worth of gold and copper every thirty days. The Granite mine, producing \$40,000 in gold per month is only 12 miles distant. The Cliff property produced \$1,600,000 in two years. See government report.

The Thomas-Culross property was located by G. M. Thomas who made his home in Leavenworth from 1898 to 1908, when he located the six claims above referred to, since which he has spent most of his time in Alaska in an endeavor to so far develop his property as to determine its value. This was fully established in the six shipments of ore treated by the Tacoma smelter as shown below.

TACOMA SMELTING COMPANY, TO THOMAS-CULROSS MINING CO.			
Extract of Report from			
of Shipments Made.			
Weight in tons (gross)	Net Price gold and silver per ton	Net Price per ton	Total Amount
37	1,199	2.21	\$ 45.63
34	1,796	2.20	38.25
144	7,923	2.19	68.66
16	723	4.00	297.11
32	1,251	4.55	53.92
23	977	3.67	70.05
		4.10	82.23
		4.03	80.34

The Tacoma Smelting Company paid for these shipments on the basis indicated above. The original of these reports may be seen at the offices of the Empire Securities Company.

With the machinery on the ground and paid for, consisting of a Lane rolling mill of fifty tons capacity, track and ore cars, dock and storage bins, a 100 horse power Pelton turbine water wheel with an abundance of water for power purposes, lumber for an office and store buildings, bunk houses, etc., and machinists and mechanics on the ground and at work erecting the buildings and setting up the machinery, all of which will be ready for operation

not later than Nov. 1st, the Thomas Culross property will soon be in the producing class. The end for which Mr. Thomas has worked so long and with so much faith is about to be realized. All the machinery and lumber has been paid for and there is enough money on hand to pay for the erection of the buildings and machinery. To provide the working capital necessary to get out the ore and operate the machinery a limited amount of stock will be sold. With the purpose of giving the old stockholders the first opportunity to take up the amount of stock to be sold to provide a working capital this last offer is made in this week's Echo.

The character of the Thomas family, father and sons, is well known in this community. Mr. Thomas and his son, Don M., are on the way to Alaska in a twenty ton power schooner, recently purchased by the company, to comply with the laws of Alaska which require that every company operating a mining property must either have a resident physician and surgeon at the plant or have a fully equipped power boat ready to call aid in the event of sickness or accidents. They will arrive there the last of this week and remain there while the erection of the machinery and buildings goes on. It is confidently believed that everything will be in readiness to begin operation by Nov. 1.

According to returns made by the Tacoma smelter on six shipments of ore, the average value per ton was \$56.25 per ton in gold and silver. The capacity of the Lane mill is 40 to 50 tons for every 24 hour run. Take the lower estimate of 40 tons, then cut the average ore value from \$56.25 per ton to even \$25 per ton and the daily yield of precious metal per day would be \$1,000, or approximately \$25,000 per month for the 26 working days. The operating cost of the property is probably the lowest of any mining venture in the country. The mill and camp is located immediately on tide water. The ore is only a few hundred feet from the mill and the water is conveyed from the head to the power wheel in 350 foot of pipe and will develop 100 horse power, enough to operate the machinery and develop electric light for the whole camp.

A number of practical mining men have visited the property and pronounced it one of the most promising mining ventures in the northwest possession of the United States.

For State Treasurer

Mr. Calvin J. Carr, of Tacoma, a native son of Washington, four years treasurer of Pierce county, candidate for State treasurer on the republican primary ticket will be here the last of this week, he advises this paper. Mr. Carr is a fine young man who has won the confidence and respect of the people of his home county.

TRANSPORTATION LINES PROPERTY OF PUBLIC

This is the Ground Taken by the Governor of Oregon in a Telegram to President Wilson

Gov. Withycombe sent the following telegram to President Wilson on the railroad strike situation, in which he takes an entirely new position that the service of the railroads belongs to the people: "While the railroads are the property of the stockholders, transportation service is the property of the public. Land grants and franchises were given with that implied understanding. The American people are committed to and believe in the principle of arbitration and the public welfare demands that this principle be preserved. Where differences between the railroad employees and the managers involve so serious an issue as transportation service to the public, and cannot be mutually adjusted, the public will and does insist on both sides submitting to arbitration."

Transportation service is the property of the public." Those are brave words by the Governor of Oregon.

The sawmills and the mines, the farm products and the fruit industry, the milk trains and dairy supplies for the millions in the cities, would all be cut off, and millions would suffer and children would die by thousands.

Industrial welfare, the use of force, violence, threats and intimidation are as much out of place in this day and age of the world as is domination of the world with navies or intimidation of weaker nations by armies.

Do you believe in arbitration, in settlement of differences by intelligence and reason, according to law and order, or do you in your headlines and in your news columns encourage the idea of the right to tie up the industries of the nation.

HIRAM JOHNSON WINS IN CALIFORNIA BY 20,000

Over the Old Standpat Candidate Booth—Foresadows Poindexter's Election in this State

The standpat republicans received a rude shock in California last Tuesday. Returns from the primary election indicated a majority of over twenty thousand for that Veteran Progressive republican, Hiram Johnson.

The friends of Senator Poindexter confidently believe the same spirit of opposition to party bosses prevails in this state. Congressman Humphrey's hope of election is based on the support of the republican state central committee which is composed of all the old standpat bunch that has controlled, or rather attempted to control state politics. Congressman Humphrey can point with pride to his voting record. He voted for everything with a republican label, good, bad and indifferent and voted against everything proposed by a democrat. Just shut his eyes and voted "No." If you have kept up with the voting record in the Senate you must have noted that such men as Lodge, of Massachusetts, and others of the same mental caliber frequently voted with the democrats when they proposed a meritorious measure. Humphrey is of the kind that would rather vote for a bad measure proposed by a republican than a good measure proposed by a democrat. Benighted following of party right or wrong has lost much of its force.

W. F. Bickel Has a Birthday

Mrs. Bickel, with the aid of some of Mr. Bickel's friends, gave her husband quite a surprise last Sunday when she prepared a dinner and invited a number of his unmarried friends to meet at the Bickel home. Those present were Harry Matson, Henry Sauer, Dan and A. P. Nicholson. After the dinner, which lasted from two to four o'clock, the young men administered a reminder of his years in a vigorous manner.

Democrats Coming Round

Says a democrat editor, "If, as is urged in the senate, a child-labor law is unconstitutional, we would better abolish the constitution." But the only senators who were arguing that a child labor law is unconstitutional were democrats. For more than 60 years democrats have been arguing that a protective tariff is unconstitutional. They have made a similar argument as to a tariff commission. Yet they finally came around to the support of a protective tariff on dyestuffs, and on sugar, and now favor a tariff commission. Moreover, several who argued that a child labor law is unconstitutional are now supporting it, on the eve of election. All you need in order to educate a democrat on the constitution is to put him up against a popular election.

VERY GRATIFYING INCREASE IN USE OF NATIONAL FORESTS

Fast Becoming Play Ground of the People—The Grazing of Cattle is Taking Place of Sheep.

Figures just compiled in the office of the District Forester, George H. Cecil, Portland, Oregon, show that 157,689 cattle and horses, and 996,771 sheep and goats, belonging to 3,454 permittees, were admitted to the National forest ranges of Oregon and Washington during the period July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1916.

These figures give an increase of 20,834 cattle and horses, and a decrease of 11,669 sheep and goats, compared with the number submitted during the preceding year. The decrease in sheep is accounted for by the fact that many sheep men have gone into the cattle business. The figures as a whole show a big increase in the number of stock on the forests of the district. Since four sheew are considered equal to one cow on a range basis, after deducting the 11,669 decrease in sheep, the figures show an increase equivalent to 71,667 sheep.

The returns also show that during the 1915 season the stock grazed belonged to 2,952 owners, but this year 3,454 owners are represented, indicating clearly that the forest service is steadily carrying out its policy of making the widest distribution among the small ranchers adjoining the forest. Six years ago there were 1,683 grazing permittees using the National forest ranges of the two states.

Violette Wins in \$3,000 Insurance Suit

In a fire loss sustained by J. B. Violette last December a year ago when the Overland block burned, the Insurance Company of Pennsylvania refused to pay a three thousand dollar policy on the ground that the policy was written by C. E. Hamilton when his wife, M. F. Hamilton was their accredited agent. In the Superior court of Chelan county, Judge Grimshaw presiding, verdict for the company was rendered. The supreme court reversed the finding of the lower court. Hughes, Sumner & Adams represented Violette.

Leavenworth Tourists Coming In

Whether the impending railroad strike or some other cause is responsible we do not undertake to say, but the fact remains after all probable causes have been subtracted, that for the past few days Leavenworth tourists have been coming back at the rate of from two to half a dozen every day. The prospect of a tie up after Monday, no doubt had to do with the return of those who used the railroads. The opening of school August the 8th was a good excuse for those who had children within the scholastic age, while those who were away on an auto tour had no excuse other than the possible shortage of gasoline or the fact that their outing had come to an end. Any way, by the last of this week nearly everybody will be at home to all callers.

Heigh-ho! I Should Worry



Mr. J. B. Adams, candidate for joint senator from Chelan and Kittitas counties is without opposition in his own or the opposing party, and in contrast with the race for congress in this district, with only eight or nine striving for the nomination, he will have an uneventful race.