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ANTIMONY MINE BONDED.

It is reported that the antimony mine, located at the foot of that conspicuous isolated heavy headed landmark, Whitestone mountain, has been bonded for a large sum to extent capitalists, who intend to install a treatment plant and extract the ore in earnest. The news of the transfer does not reach this office through the principal owner, Will Ingham, but from such a source that there is every reason to believe that the deal has been consummated and that active work is to be inaugurated at once. If true, it means that another remarkable natural resource of northern Okanogan county is to be developed and made a source of profit. Moreover, the extraction of ore at this antimony mine and the marketing of the metal will attract attention to Okanogan mining possibilities and prove a factor in stimulating that industry.

The accidental discovery of this antimony deposit has been mentioned in this paper before, but is worth repeating at this time, when, after many years, the prospect has become a prominent feature in the mining industry of the country. A dozen or more years ago W. H. Ingham located a homestead at the foot of the straggling foothills west of and under the shadow of Whitestone mountain. Coming direct from the city to a crude, new country, far from the railroad, with few neighbors and none of the conveniences he was used to, and trying to wrestle a subsistence out of virgin ground, he found the mining game a hard one to luck. But that has nothing to do with the story, further than to let the reader know how Mr. Ingham happened to be in this part of the country. One day Mr. Ingham started over the hills to a neighbors to assist in repairing a fence. He carried a hammer in his hand. Walking over the knobs of lichen and moss covered rocks that strewn the ground thickly he slipped, and in falling he struck his knee against one of the protruding dominicks. In a moment of irritation, accompanied by language tabooed in Sunday school circles, Mr. Ingham struck the rock a vicious blow. A chunk flew off exposing a dark solid ore. His curiosity was at once aroused. He barked the other boulders and found more ore. He kept his find secret, but staked out his claims under the name of the Lucky Knock. Samples of the ore were sent to prominent assayers and Mr. Ingham was delighted when the returns came back showing that the ore carried a large per cent of antimony. Even with the ruling prices of those days antimony was rated as a valuable mineral, and the price has very materially advanced since the beginning of the European war. Mr. Ingham carried on exploration so far as his means and the wishes of relatives would permit. When he visited the claim shortly after discovery there was only a small hole in the ground, but the ore was present and lots of it, deposited in large kidneys, the main deposit not having been reached at that time. From time to time Mr. Ingham has had deals on for the property, but from various causes the deals fell through without the owner realizing anything. During the early days of ownership Mr. Ingham bulid beautiful castles in the air and talked only in six figures when money was mentioned, but years slipped by with realization of hope continually being deferred. It was heart breaking to nurse prospective deals almost up to the moment of consummation, and then have them fall down. Three or four years ago Chicago parties put up a furnace on the ground and attempted to reduce the ore, but from some reason that experiment failed after the expenditure of a large sum of money. This last deal promises to result in a final transfer, which will mean that after many years Mr. Ingham will at last realize something from his long wait.

native land and soon after disposing of his mining property he turned his face toward dear old Belgium. That was some two years ago, and nothing was ever heard of him after his departure until he bobbed up serenely Friday last, looking ten years younger than when he left Oroville. He comes for he has been in the very midst of Europe a vast gray yard and turning so many homes into houses of mourning. He was in the thick of that 20th century crime, the raping and ruining of Belgium, and was witness of an anguish that the civilized world has never before seen, and may God spare humanity from another such an exhibition during the existence of the inhabited globe. He was at Liege a year ago last August when the German hordes, like a devastating pestilence, swept over Belgium, and the reverberations of the great guns rumbled over the land. John tells no connected story of his experiences, but gives glimpses of the horror side of "griva visaged war." He at last managed to reach Rotterdam, Holland, and from that city sailed for New York in July. After a short visit here Mr. Maquoy will go to California to spend the winter.

PRACTICE GAME.

The first real practice game of football took place on the high school grounds Saturday afternoon, when the high school team faced a picked eleven. The game resulted in a tie, 7 to 7, after a pretty lively encounter, covering ten minutes of the game. It was expected that several of the surveying crew would appear in the ranks of the picked eleven but it was made up principally of residents who have had no experience of late years in the game. However, there was beef aplenty in the picked eleven, including such old time players and heavy weights as A. E. Williams, P. Z. Davis, Charlie Sigrist and Herold McCammon. When the lighter school boys collided with such timber, biff, and the dust, although before the end of the session the youthful terriers would down their beefy opponents before they could make any yardage. As a scientific exhibition of the royal sport the game was nothing to boast of. The high school youngsters made a corking good showing and there was some clever playing, but they have much to learn before they are in a class with seasoned veterans. The boys look light on the field, but they have tenacity, activity, enthusiasm and there is a complete absence of any sign of the yellow at crucial moments. They never hesitated at bucking the line, and took punishment without batting an eyelid. The stuff is in them out of which football players are made, and there is every reason to believe that they will give a creditable account of themselves when they are put to the real test. Moreover, they are a clean, manly, lot of players and the teams that go against them will receive fair treatment. There will be no questionable tactics on the field, and if they win it will be on pure merit, the only way winning games is worth while. Coach Sigrist is putting the boys through their paces, and practice is severe and continual. This practice is giving the kids muscle, confidence and wind and they will be in fine fettle for the first game played.

WHEAT BUYING.

In the past, regrettable to say, Oroville has never presented a market to the farmers where they could deliver and receive the top ruling price for their wheat, and although a down hill pull to the railroad from adjacent wheat growing districts very little grain has ever been delivered in Oroville. This absence of a market has been corrected this year, as Charles Powell, of the Oroville Commercial company, is in the ring as a wheat buyer, and is taking all of the merchantable wheat that is offered, paying the ruling price in cash on delivery. Mr. Powell has already purchased and shipped considerable wheat during the short time that he has been engaged in buying, and expects to handle much more this fall. A local cash market will be a great convenience to neighboring farmers, and at the same time it will prove of great advantage to the town, being an inducement to farmers to deliver at this place, and do their trading here. When it becomes generally known that wheat can be sold on a cash basis in Oroville more grain will be steadily diverted in this direction, and in the course of time this should be one of the chief wheat markets in the county. The town would reach that position more readily if a flour mill of large capacity could be established, and it would seem, considering superior transportation facilities, that this would be most excellent point for such an industry.

Few people have any idea of the enormous amount of wheat harvested this year in the hill country to the east of Oroville. It is estimated that the total yield will run as high as a million and a half bushels. If the price of wheat will average only 75 cents a bushel this will turn loose a flood of money in a section of the country that needs ready money. Considering the extent of land under cultivation the total yield is simply wonderful.

The attraction at the Orpheum Saturday and Sunday nights will be a picture of the song class "Always in the Way." A local singer will sing the solo during the evening. This is a strong offering that has attracted great crowds in the larger cities and is especially pathetic from its depicting child life. Everybody should see this great five reel attraction.



A GREAT TROUPE.

The California Jubilee All Star Quartet, billed to appear in the Orpheum theatre this Friday evening, is undoubtedly the best group of musical entertainers that has ever appeared in Oroville. This statement is based upon the flattering press notices and testimonials from ministers, professors and presidents of civic organizations all over the country where the quartet has appeared. It is so seldom that the people of a small place have an opportunity to hear a meritorious musical performance that the announcement of the coming of this troupe should have the effect of drawing out every lover of good music in the community. And lovers of good music should include every member of the population, for the person who cannot enjoy sweet melody is so rare a curiosity that it would be difficult to find one of the species even in a very large collection of people.

Aside from receiving the worth of the price of admittance many fold in the way of solid enjoyment, it should be remembered that the concert is given under the auspices and for the benefit of the high school athletic association. This should be an additional incentive for the people to turn out this evening and crowd the house until standing room is at a premium.

Among the many excellent press notices at hand, the following is taken from the Marysville (Cal.) Ap-

pear. "The high school auditorium was filled almost to its capacity last night to hear the jubilee singers. The entertainment was one of the best that has come to Marysville this year and everybody in the large audience went away well pleased with the performance. The program included plantation melodies, jubilee songs, sacred selections, popular airs and classical selections.

The double voiced singer, Payne, scored a hit with his rendition of "My Hero," from "The Chocolate Soldier," and "What Withholds My Angry Fury" from "Lucia." His impersonation of Black Patti brought down the house, and his rendition was perfect, his fine soprano voice being impossible to distinguish from that of a woman. His voice is a wonder and he is entitled to all the praise he has received at the hands of the press from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The troupe appeared at Okanogan this week and H. H. Boone sends us the following endorsement: To whom it may concern:—

The California Jubilee Quartet gave an entertainment here tonight that was a success in every way. The show was clear throughout and every member of the quartet was a star. This was the second appearance in this city of the quartet and the crowd was better last night than before, which speaks for itself.

H. H. BOONE.

FLOURISHING SCHOOLS.

The Oroville schools have never made a better showing so early in a term as they are doing this year. This is no reflection upon administrations of the past, because Oroville generally has been fortunate in its corps of teachers. But this year there is a much larger attendance, the schools are better equipped, and a course of discipline inaugurated never before introduced. It is commencing right that makes for order and more general efficiency. The increase in attendance is indicative of the steady growth of the town. At the close of school Friday last there were an even 200 pupils in the grades and 47 in the high school. Moreover, there are other scholars that are yet to enter. This does not include the attendance at the school in the district at Cordell. Every department shows an increase in attendance, and unusual zeal is being manifested by the scholars. The domestic science department has more applicants than can very well be accommodated, and if the demand for entry continues Miss Davis will have to work her class double shift. Arrangements were made by the board to accommodate 17 pupils in the domestic science room, and already there are some 20 young ladies desirous of taking the course.

This growth in attendance, and the admirable manner in which the enlarged number is being handled, is a matter of congratulation for the residents of the district. The board will make shift to get through the term without further increase in the force of teachers, but from every indication it is apparent that provision must be made next summer for increased school facilities. That is a problem that must be worked out in the spring, and a natural contingency to be met as the town grows. It is a part of the price that must be paid for an increased population, an increase that everybody is desirous of seeing take place. Every community must pay well for educating the young, it is one of the heaviest expenses to be met. Still, this is money well spent, as this is the day and age, when a young man or a young woman who fails to secure at least a high school education is sadly handicapped in the battle of life. We hope to live to see the day when the flat upon which Oroville is built will be dotted with school houses similar to or even larger than the present high school building, and those school houses, thickly surrounded with homes. And that is what the future holds out for Oroville, as surely as the years roll around.

Manager Cronin is not laying off any men at the salts lake, neither are any of the men at work on the lake looking on the job. That is a natural resource that Mr. Cronin, in his capacity as general manager is working to the limit, not to the limit of the deposit, for that would require an army of men and special trains to carry away the output, but to the limit of the orders to be filled, and the orders are not small, even if they are not forty carloads at a crack. The average citizen will be surprised at the consumption of Epsom salts in the United States. One would naturally think a single car load would keep the population pretty active, yet the Stewart-Calvert company, handling the local salts lake, has shipped a dozen car loads during the short time engaged in extraction, and are getting out the material at the rate of three cars a week. Another car load—another of the string of car loads going before—was shipped Saturday and still another car load went out Tuesday. And more are to follow right along. Yet, notwithstanding the enormous quantity already shipped there is no perceptible decrease in the amount of salts in sight at the lake. The original deposit was immense calculated in tons, and the springs in the lake go on renewing the process of deposit as the surface is robbed of the glittering white coating. The Okanogan salts has made a place in the chief marts of the country where that ingredient is handled wholesale. Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and other large centers of population, and its quality is such that a demand has been created that promises to continue. If the European

SAN FRANCISCO EXCURSION.

That Okanogan county San Francisco exposition booster excursion is an assured fact and from the evidence at hand we feel justified in saying that a large number of residents of the county will take advantage of the opportunity to see the great exposition in a body. The train that is to carry the excursionists leaves Oroville at 8 o'clock a. m., on Monday, October 25, arriving in Portland at 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The train leaves Portland at 9 a. m., arrives at Flavel at 12:30 p. m., where the steamer is taken for San Francisco at 3:30 p. m. Arriving in San Francisco at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, thus making an ideal trip by rail and water, especially as the

steamers are the finest in commission on the Pacific coast. The fare for the round trip is \$53.15 from Molson; \$52 from Oroville; \$51.25 from Tonasket; \$50.60 from Riverside; \$50.15 from Omak; \$50 from Okanogan; \$48.70 from Brewster; \$48.50 from Pateros.

Here is the best and most attractive opportunity there has been or will be presented to the people of Okanogan county to visit the exposition, and at the most favorable season of the year. It will be a very enjoyable trip from a social point of view, for the excursion will be made up of friends, acquaintances and neighbors, and the crowd like one large family. It will also be a great advertisement for the Okanogan country, especially if the crowd is a large one and care is taken to carry along a number of exhibits. It is not improbable, if there is a large representation that the exposition officials will set aside an "Okanogan Day," which would greatly add to the publicity feature. There should be at least 200 people go from this county, and a large number if possible. Accommodations in the way of transportation will be provided for all who decide to make the trip, even should the number reach 1000. It should be remembered that stop-over privileges go with the ticket, and the ticket is good for 30 days. Any one desiring to make the trip as a member of the excursion should announce their intention at once and secure reservations. This can be done by applying to any of the local railroad agents, or to Geo. J. Hurley, at Loomis, Frank Putnam at Tonasket, H. J. Kerr at Okanogan, A. R. Dodd at Pateros, Phil Pinkston at Conconully, or Frank M. Dallam at Oroville.

HEAVY SALTS SHIPMENTS.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching services at 11 o'clock a. m. Brother Spencer preaching. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Subject for Sunday evening sermon: "The One Thing Lacking." Everybody welcome. "The homelike church and the stranger's friend."

W. W. STRITE,
Pastor.

war continues, that demand will continue, for the chief supply was formerly drawn from Germany, at a price that will pay for extracting the Oroville salts and the long freight haul necessary to get to the large purchasers. Should the war end and the imported article threaten to paralyze the home industry, congress may be induced to place a sufficient tariff on the imported article to permit of the local industry continuing on indefinitely. Now that the town and country has felt the benefit growing out of the extraction and marketing of an ingredient that has been prepared for man by the mysterious action of nature the people will demand sufficient protection to enable operators to continue the work of extraction and marketing at a fair profit. The utilization of this wonderful resource is but the beginning of the utilization of other natural resources that the north part of Okanogan county is so rich in, and which have remained dormant and undeveloped for so many years.

RURAL MAIL ROUTES.

Arrangements are being made to establish a rural free delivery mail route running out of Oroville as far south as the Ellis-Forde orchard tracts. Mails will be carried down the west side of the Okanogan river to the orchard tracts, crossing the river at that point and returning on the east side of the river. A special post office inspector was in town last week and this plan approved by him. A route of this nature would accommodate and prove a great convenience to a large number of people. Messrs. Ellis and Forde have agreed to provide free ferry crossing for the mail carrier until such a time as a bridge is provided which, in the natural order of things, must come about in the early future to meet a growing demand for a crossing at that point.

Another much needed mail route under consideration is into the Ellemeham country. It was ascertained by measurement that the route as petitioned for by residents of the district is longer than the distance allowed under the postal regulations. It is believed that this route can be so modified as to come within the requirements of the postal department. A mail service into the hill country to the west is one sorely needed. At one time the Wehsville office, and afterwards the Wanicut office, accommodated that well populated section, but both offices were discontinued on account of the difficulty in securing a postmaster. No doubt a route covering that part of the country contiguous to Oroville will be soon established.

STATE WIDE TIRE LAW.

Okanogan, Wash., Sept. 25, 1915. In connection with the order of the commissioners directing the supervisors, foremen and other county officials connected with road work, to enforce the state wide tire law this office has compiled the following table of maximum loads as defined by the act. Figures are for entire load bearing on four wheels; load assumed to be evenly distributed and includes the weight of the vehicle:

Diameter of wheel up to 3 feet—4 feet.	Two inch tire	3200 lbs	3600 lbs.
Three inch tire	5000 lbs	5600 lbs.	
Four inch tire	6800 lbs	7600 lbs.	
Five inch tire	11000 lbs	12000 lbs.	
Six inch tire	13480 lbs	15680 lbs.	

Respectfully,
HORACE E. SMITH,
County Engineer.

Acting as deputy sheriff R. L. Blackstone sold a job lot of junk at public auction Saturday for delinquent taxes. Among the articles disposed of was the mill and all the machinery belonging to the old Owasco mine. The lot was knocked down to C. W. Smith for \$400. Originally, the property cost over \$6,000, and considerable of Mr. Smith's good money went into the original investment. The sale of the Owasco machinery for delinquent taxes is a sad commentary upon mining, as mining is conducted in this upper country. Here is a mining property of real value. The values, and good paying values, are in the ore, and there is a world of the ore in sight. All that is needed is a proper treatment plant to make the mine pay, and that would not require very great capital. Yet the eastern owners have stalled, and hung back, refused a splendid offer for less than a half interest, and today have nothing but a hole in the ground to show for the money spent mining and equipping the mine. Such mining will never make a mine in any district, and this case and others of a similar nature has been a curse to the country. It is deplorable that such a property should be permitted to remain idle and undeveloped.

A SLIGHT FIRE.

For the first time in two or three years an alarm of fire started the population Tuesday afternoon about 4:30. A fire was located in a small residence adjoining the laundry, in the south part of town, owned by Jas. Bitts and occupied by the family of Golden Bitts. Many people streamed down to the scene. The curtains were run down, but owing to the distance and time lost in reaching the ground and coupling to a hydrant, the building was almost entirely consumed before water was turned on. The water system made short work of the blaze when a stream once got action. When discovered the fire was breaking out in the roof. The flames were first seen in the west side of the Similkameen river. All of the furniture was removed so that the loss was confined to the building. The loss is placed at about \$250, with no insurance. The cause of the fire is not known, as Mrs. Bitts was away from home at the time. It ignited either from the kitchen stove or from a spark from the laundry. This is the first fire that has occurred since the installation of the water works, and from the manner in which it was drenched with a single stream it is evident that the town is well protected from any ordinary fire, taken in time.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(Rev. G. H. Severance, M. A. Vicar.)
Sunday school at 12. We are making our school an up-to-date school for religious training. We are using the graded system with manual methods. Why not send your child next Sunday. Being the second Sunday of the month there will be no service on next Sunday. Services will be held on every first, third and fourth Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend any service.

TUNGSTEN MINE SOLD.

Word has been received here that Herbert Curtis, of Loomis, has sold his tungsten property, located in the fastness of the mountains, some distance west of Loomis, to Seattle investors. No authentic word has been received as to the consideration in the transfer, but it is hoped that Mr. Curtis has received sufficient to make him comfortable for life, as he has fairly earned a substantial reward for the hardships he has undergone in carrying on the work over a long period of years in a country where summer lasts only about three months in the year, and the winters are something fierce, especially in the amount of snow fall, as the mine is situated at a great altitude. Mr. Curtis has made trips to and from the claim at all seasons of the year, and put in many lonesome days during the long silence of the winter while working on the ledge and uncovering the ore.

During the years that Mr. Curtis has held the claims he has gradually exposed much ore. Tungsten is used for hardening purposes in the manufacture of armor plates; it enters largely into electric devices and is used for many other mechanical purposes. It has always been rated as a valuable ore and has been discovered in only a few places in the United States and nowhere of such high grade as the Okanogan product. Formerly most of the tungsten used was imported from Europe. That source of supply has been cut off and in consequence the price of the metal has advanced very materially. From every indication the promise is held out that under development the Curtis tungsten claims will prove to be one of the largest deposits of this ore in America, and if so, the working of the mine will prove one of the greatest industries ever opened up in the state of Washington. The purchasers of the property did not buy as a speculation. They invested for the purpose of exploration, and the making of a producing mine. Mr. Curtis has already taken to the hills with a force of men and ample supplies to carry on the work through the winter. Shipments of ore, in case the ore is not treated on the ground, may not commence until next spring.

Mr. Curtis discovered float that led to the location of the claims some ten years ago while working for the government party that were engaged in placing monuments marking the international boundary line. He brought samples of the ore to Loomis. Old miners laughed at him, declaring the ore to be "black jack" and of no value whatever. At that time Ed. Beaton was assaying at Loomis, and after a number of tests pronounced the ore to be tungsten. Samples were sent outside for analysis and returns showed that the ore carried a large per cent of tungsten. Billy McDaniel and ye editor contributed to further research and finally a company was organized, but like a good many other mining companies starting with bright prospects and without capital it died aborting.

Mr. Curtis eventually relocated the property and continued the assessment work from year to year and thus the ownership of the claims fairly and justly reverted to the original locator. There have been several deals on for the property in the past half dozen years, but from one cause and another the deals have fallen through, principally owing to the failure of the would-be purchaser to come over with the sinews. It is evident that this last deal is a bona fide transaction and that the purchasers are determined to make a mine if the ore is there. We are pleased to chronicle the transaction, not only because a worthy young man has at last come into a well earned reward, but the operation of the claims will be the utilization of a great natural resource and will stimulate mining in this upper country, an industry that is bound sooner or later to be a very important source of wealth producing in upper Okanogan county.