

## BIG ALMEDA MINE WILL BE OPERATED

JOHN ROSS, MINING ENGINEER, SUPERINTENDENT.

## AUTO TRUCKS TO HAUL ORE

Receiver Burley Advises Stockholders to Retain Stock and Makes Development Plans.

Under the management of Thos. S. Burley receiver for the Almeda mining property located in this county, the big mine will see activity and development that will leave its mark upon the commercial life of the community, and that will put the Almeda in the list of the great producers of the west.

### John Ross for Superintendent.

An earnest of what can be expected from Mr. Burley was the appointment of John Ross, of Sutter Creek, California, as superintendent of the property, and Mr. Ross arrived in the city Tuesday night and Wednesday morning went out to the mine to assume active control over the operations on the ground. Mr. Ross is one of the foremost mining engineers in the United States, and his connection with the Almeda means that it will have the best expert management available. Before Mr. Burley accepted the receivership of the property Mr. Ross spent two weeks in making a complete investigation of the ore body and value, and it was upon that report that Mr. Burley decided to make the extensive developments he has now planned. Mr. Chambers has also arrived from Portland, and has assumed management of the smelting operations. Sixty men are now being employed for work in the mine, the number to be increased as fast as developments will permit. Mr. Ross brought a few expert rock men who had worked with him in California, but every available local man of experience in the work will also be put on the job. Mr. Burley authorized the Courier to state that such men reporting at the mine would be given employment.

### On Business Basis.

Mr. Burley says that ample funds are at hand to carry out his plans, and that all claims for labor and supplies will be promptly met. The old claims against the company will be cared for in due time, and the Almeda will be made to return the values that have remained so long locked up in the mountain side.

Shipment of the matte will commence at once, a car load now at Merlin to be forwarded to the smelter at once. One five-ton White auto truck will be on the ground Monday morning to commence hauling ore from the mine to the shipping station, and returning to the Almeda with loads of coke. Other trucks of like capacity are to be added as development warrants. Mr. Burley states that the operation of this line of trucks will work a great saving in freight from the mine to the railroad, the 19-mile haul with teams having cost \$7 per ton where the contract with the trucks will place the matte at the railroad at \$2 per ton.

### Improvement of Roads.

The operation of this truck line has been made possible through road improvement, says Mr. Burley, but he is desirous of seeing further improvement of the road, especially in the way of widening the highway on the Taylor creek and the Hell Gate grades, and that this can be accomplished the Almeda will co-operate with the county in the work.

To obtain power for the operation of the mine, the California-Oregon company has been asked to run its line down to Galice, and it is thought probable that this will be done.

### Investigate Company Books.

The receiver has turned the books of the company over to the state corporation commission for a thorough investigation, and a report upon the

## \$800,000 LOANED OREGON BY UNCLE SAM

Washington, Aug. 26.—The secretary of the treasury this afternoon allotted a portion of the \$50,000,000 fund to be provided by the government to assist in the movement of crops. Among the allotments were the following:

California \$3,000,000 to San Francisco and Los Angeles. The name of the custodian is not given.

Washington, \$1,150,000, to Spokane and Seattle, with Daniel Drum-beler as custodian.

Oregon, \$800,000, to Portland, with Henry Tell as custodian.

## ASSOCIATION IS MAKING DAILY FRUIT SHIPMENT

A car of fruit per day is now leaving the side track at the packing house of the Josephine County Growers association, and the pockets of the orchardists are being filled with the coin of the realm in return. Tonight a car of Bartlett's will be started off for Omaha, another will go Tuesday, and Wednesday another car of peaches will be shipped. This fruit is all sold f. o. b. here, and the cash available when the car is loaded out. A great amount of fruit is coming to the packing house today, and the force of packers will undoubtedly have to be added to care for the rush.

At the cannery the tomatoes and pears are piling up, and some difficulty is being experienced in getting enough of the proper kind of help to keep it out of the way. The cannery is advertising for women to assist in preparing for fruit for the cans. This shortage of help is especially noticeable this week as the hop yards are demanding in the neighborhood of 2,000 people, all the yards having commenced the harvest Monday morning. Hop picking will not be over for about a month, and none of the yards have started out with enough pickers.

## McLOUGHLIN RETAINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Newport, R. I., Aug. 26.—Maurice E. McLoughlin of San Francisco retained his title as national tennis champion here today by defeating R. Norris Williams of Philadelphia in three out of four sets. The first set was stubbornly fought, McLoughlin winning 6-4. Williams played the San Francisco man off his feet in the second set, winning it 7-5. Williams' efforts in this set seemed to tire him, for he lost his snap in the third set, which went to McLoughlin 6-3. The Californian took the last set easily, winning 6-1.

operation and condition of the company will be made at some later date. This will show just what has been accomplished under the old management and where the funds have been expended. Mr. Burley, however, was emphatic in his advice to stockholders to retain their stock.

"There are 4,900,000 tons of ore blocked out and ready to mine, and the mountain has not been so much as scratched yet," said Mr. Burley. "I consider this one of the greatest mines of the Pacific northwest, and I am going to make it possible to prove the statement. This great body of ore assays better than \$6 per ton near the surface, and at the 300 foot level assays of \$112 per ton are returned. A mine of this kind is good enough to hold stock in."

### Move Company Offices.

The head offices of the company have been in Portland in the past, but the receiver has applied to the judge for permission to change headquarters to this point, he believing in concentrating the operations as much as possible, and that by having the offices on the ground at all times there will be greater efficiency. Mr. Burley has instructed the purchase of supplies in this locality as largely as possible, and shows a spirit of wanting to co-operate thoroughly with the people of the community.

Receiver Burley says that he wants to keep the stockholders in the Almeda fully advised regarding the operation and business management of the mine, and that any inquiries they make to him will be promptly and fully answered.

## LET MEXICAN FACTIONS FIGHT TO FINISH IS PRES. WILSON'S POLICY

President, Tired of Waiting Longer for Huerta to Agree to American Mediation, Sends Message to Congress.

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Wilson played his trump card in the Mexican situation today when he appeared at 1:01 o'clock in the house of representatives and read to a joint session of congress a special message on the situation growing out of the assassination of President Madero and the assumption of power by Victoriano Huerta. The president's message advised:

"We can neither be partisans nor constitute ourselves the virtual umpire of the contest. The whole world desires Mexico's peace and progress. Central America is about to be touched by the great trade routes. The future has much in store for Mexico as well as Central America but the best gifts will not come unless Mexico is ready to receive and enjoy them honorably. Both North and South America await Mexico's development which cannot be sound and lasting unless it is the product of genuine freedom just as ordered government is the foundation of law.

"Mexico has a great and enviable future if it chooses to attain the paths of honest constitutional government.

"No Foundation for Peace.

"Present circumstances in Mexico do not seem to promise even a foundation for peace. We have waited months full of peril and anxiety for improvement. But there is no improvement. The situation has grown worse. The territory held partly by the provisional authorities at Mexico City has grown smaller and the prospect of pacifying the country, even by arms, has grown more remote.

"Increasing difficulties entangle the claimants to the presidency. They have not made their claims good. Their successes in the field have been temporary. War, disorder, devastation and confusion seem to threaten to become the settled fortune of the distracted country. As friends we could wait no longer for a solution of the troubles. It was our duty to at least offer our good offices. I accordingly took the liberty of sending John Lind as my personal spokesman and representative. His instructions were:

"Immediate cessation of fighting and a definite armistice, scrupulously observed; security for an early and free election; Huerta's pledge that he would not be a candidate for president at the next election; agreement by all Mexican factions to abide by the result of that election and to co-operate in organizing and supporting the new administration. Mr. Lind was told to say that the nations of the world expected the United States to be Mexico's nearest friend.

"Mr. Lind executed his mission with tact, firmness and judgment. He made clear not only his visit's purpose, but its spirit, but his proposals were rejected in a note, the full text of which I lay before you. I am led to believe they were rejected partly because the Mexican authorities were grossly misinformed and misled on two points. They did not realize the friendliness of Americans nor the determination that a solution would be found for Mexican difficulties.

"They did not believe that the administration spoke through Mr. Lind for the masses of the American people. The effect of this misunderstanding leaves them isolated and without friends who are able to effectually aid them.

"So long as this misunderstanding continues we must await their awakening to the truth. We can not thrust our good offices on them. The situation must have time to work itself out. I believe only a little while will be necessary and the actual situation of the Mexico City authorities will presently be revealed.

"Several great governments have urged the Mexican provisional authorities to accept our offers."

The president proceeded to explain at length that Lind's instructions emphasized the disinterestedness of the United States, this country's anxiety to preserve Mexican independence and the entire absence of influence by any personal, property or political interest.

Huerta's Reply to Lind.

The president then set forth that Huerta's reply, through Foreign

## TAKE CARGO OF FRUIT DOWN ROGUE RIVER

A. Aubery and H. W. Elliott left Tuesday morning for Gold Beach, where they will fish for salmon for the cannery during the fall, the open season there commencing again on the first of September. They go down the Rogue by boat, having built a new fishing craft in which to make the voyage. They are taking with them fifty boxes of peaches to sell to the people at Gold Beach and Wedderburn, that fruit being a luxury there, and commanding prices that make oranges look cheap in comparison. A part of the fruit was taken aboard at the steel bridge here, and the balance at Angel's orchard down the river.

## S. P. SURVEYING CREW CAUSES SPECULATION

From Myrtle Point comes the report that a Southern Pacific surveying crew has taken the field there, and that considerable significance attaches to its operations. A dispatch from Myrtle Point dated the 26th inst., read as follows:

"A Southern Pacific surveying party has been started south from the terminal of the Smith-Powers logging road, which is being constructed out of here, and rumor has it that the line will be made a link either in the Southern Pacific coast road or a new line to the present Southern Pacific road near Grants Pass.

"The Smith-Powers logging road will be about 23 miles long and of standard railroad construction as to grades and curves, and is being laid with 90-pound steel. Some time ago the Southern Pacific closed a contract whereby the road is to operate the line with the exception of the logging train business."

## DIAMONDS VALUED AT \$25,000 ARE STOLEN

Chicago, Aug. 28.—The police are combing the city today for two sample cases containing unset diamonds valued at \$25,000 stolen from the jewelry establishment here of C. D. Peacock.

## ASK GOVERNORS TO MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 28.—Lieutenant Governor Wallace of California today invited the governors' conference to meet in San Francisco in 1915. He also asked the governors to boost the Panama-Pacific exposition by encouraging state buildings.

Minister Gamboa, said the dictator realized that the American proposals were intended to be friendly otherwise they would have been immediately rejected on account of their humiliating character. Huerta refused to promise that he would not be a candidate for the presidency, asserted that pacification of the country was progressing and refused the proposal for an armistice on the ground that he must punish outlaws now in the field.

Gamboa's note, the president said, urged American neutrality, recognition of Huerta as president and, deploring the tension with America, denied that Mexico was responsible therefor. Gamboa also recalled the recognition of Huerta by Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson. It concluded thus:

"When the situation reaches a happy conclusion no mention will be made of causes which might carry us, if the present tension persists, to nobody knows what extremities for two people under obligation to continue friendly, provided that friendship is based on mutual respect."

Huerta dispatched his latest note to Lind by courier instead of by telegraph and hence the president read his message not knowing his contents. The reading of the message was most impressive. Prolonged applause greeted the president's appearance in the house and his departure therefrom. Otherwise, although the chamber was packed, he was heard in dead silence. Mrs. Wilson and her daughter occupied the executive gallery during the reading of the message which consumed twenty-seven minutes.

## COUNTY FAIR WILL BE SEPT. 24-5-6

DIRECTORS MAY ARRANGE FOR FLYING MACHINE.

## BABY SHOW TO BE FEATURE

H. M. Gorham Resigns From the Board of Directors and F. M. South Has Been Appointed.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 24th, 25th and 26th, are the dates that have been definitely decided upon by the board of directors of the Josephine County Fair for the coming show, and the members of the board are now putting in full time to make the exposition the biggest in the history of the county.

H. M. Gorham, who served most creditably upon the board last season, has resigned his membership because of the press of his duties on the farm would not permit him time to act this year, and Frank South has been appointed to the vacancy. The appointment of Mr. South is a happy one, his executive ability having been demonstrated by the success that attended the two day's Fourth of July celebration here last month, he having been chairman of the general committee that arranged the big jubilee.

Aside from the usual features of a county fair, it is proposed to have a number of attractions upon each of the three days that will interest and entertain the public. The board of directors is now negotiating with an aviator who can really fly to come and appease the curiosity that was aroused by John Riddell on the Fourth. The deal with the birdman is not definitely closed yet, but it is expected that it will be in a few days.

Another feature will be the baby show conducted along eugenic lines, there being classes for babies of various ages, and the highest scoring girl and boy, of any age, to receive in addition to the regular premiums round trip tickets to the state fair at Salem.

## TALKING MOVIES WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK

The Edison Talking pictures, the realization of the fondest dream of the great inventor, under the management of the Schuberts, will be presented at the Grants Pass opera house Wednesday and Thursday nights, Sept. 3 and 4.

The novelty is guaranteed and carries ten mechanics to arrange and install the machinery.

The program includes a variety of subjects, including the dramatic production of "Faust," Edison's minstrels, scenes from musical comedies, and farces and wild west pictures. In them actors talk, sing and laugh, the novelty being one of the wonders of the age.

Colonel D. P. Stoner, manager-in-advance, has been in Grants Pass two days arranging the preliminary details. Two shows will be given nightly at 8 and 9:30 o'clock. An entirely different bill will be offered each night. The admission will be 25 cents down stairs, 15 cents up stairs, and children 10 cents any part of the house.

## STRICKEN ROSEBURG ATTORNEY IS FOUND

Roseburg, Aug. 28.—H. W. Evans, an attorney, who disappeared from his home yesterday while believed to have been mentally unbalanced through worry, was found today wandering aimlessly about the street. It is believed he will soon recover. His disappearance caused much concern.

## LOUISIANA AGROUND AT VERA CRUZ, MEX.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Admiral Fletcher this afternoon cabled the navy department that the battleship Louisiana is aground at Vera Cruz, Mex. Details were lacking.