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Odd Spelling.

The names of post offices in Butte are often misspelled, and if the various postmasters in the county would prepare a list of the different ways in which Pentz, Paradise, Wyandotte and some others are written it would astonish the reader. Thus Paradise is written Parodice, Paridise, Paridice, Paradies, and various other ways including Palokaies. Wyandotte is written Wyandot, Wyandott, Wiandot, Wyandatt, Wyendote. Pentz is spelled Pence, Pents, Peents, and various other ways including Pintz.

The Standard Gold Mine, at Oregon City, shut down for a few days for repairs.

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The Woodland Company at Oregon City are driving ahead with their work and are taking out some rich quartz. They have leased the Hendricks water right for two years and talk of erecting a ten stamp mill for crushing the ore. They have a pressure of over 200 feet and will have abundant power for the mill.

The Standard Company at Oregon City are steadily reducing the quantity of water in their mine and hope by the latter part of this week to reach the bottom. They have a fine engine and boiler and except for a break in their pump they would have had the mine dry by this time.

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John B. Crawford of Oregon City was badly hurt by a cave in his mine a few days ago. The gentleman is one of the oldest miners in the county.

The Standard mine of Oregon City is pumped dry and the owners will begin sinking the shaft this week. They have a four stamp mill and will put this up on the rock. If the ore proves satisfactory they will erect a large mill this summer.

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J. M. Haskell, superintendent of the Mascot mine at Oregon Gulch, was in town on Tuesday. He is rushing work lively on the new mill.

There is to be a new shaft sunk on the Rainbow mine at Yankee Hill by which the lode will be developed 100 feet deeper than it is at present.

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J. D. Williams of Cherokee, tells us that the olive trees of J. G. Curtis on the Pentz ridge have made the biggest growth of any fruit trees in the county.

D. C. Morgan of Oregon City was in town on Tuesday and said the Standard Company was still sinking and had gone down forty feet since they started up this time. The lode was about two and a half feet wide and still increasing in width. Fourteen men are employed and three shifts are worked. The pumps and hoisting works are run by steam power and three cords of four foot wood are used each twenty-four hours. He says the working of the Standard and the Mascot has made more life and business in that section of the county than for a long time past.

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J. B. Smith of Oregon City was in town on Monday and said that the Standard company of that place had sunk seventy feet in their mine and the lode was constantly widening as it was descended upon. When they reach 100 feet two levels will be run, one at a depth of fifty feet and one at a hundred feet, and if the ledge yields as rich as it now shows, a mill will at once be put up.

Lawrence Lasater of Oregon City was in town on Saturday and said the Mascot mill would close down in a few days owing to the lack of water. During the time that the mill has run it is understood that the ore has paid well.

Louis Slissman of Cherokee went to Tehama on Saturday to resume work for the S. P. company.

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At the Standard mine in Oregon City things look promising. The company lately purchased 400 acres of timber land and this week let a contract for cutting 500 cords of four-foot wood, to be used in running the mill at the mine. The Mascot mill is not running at present, but the mine is being developed by sinking and running tunnels.

Fruit on the Mountains.

E. Tucker, who lately paid a visit to Yankee Hill and Big Bend, said to us this week:

"While away I observed particularly the fruit at the home of Wm. Mullen near Big Bend. The altitude is 1,800 feet, and he has many varieties of fruit under cultivation. His peaches, apricots, plums and apples are doing excellently. He has figs in successful cultivation, while his French prunes are well loaded and are growing finely. His French walnuts, of which he has several varieties, are in bearing.

All his fruit is grown without irrigation. This is an important point, for many think fruit cannot be successfully produced in our hills without the use of water to irrigate the trees. The soil is not so deep as on the Forbestown and Paradise ridges, but has a slate foundation. He grows choice fruit and is setting an example for others to follow."

Mineral Exhibit

The Register is pleased to see its contemporaries take up the suggestion of Butte making a fine mineral exhibit at the mid-winter fair. We have discussed the matter with D. K. Perkins, A. Ekman, Dr. T. W. Serviss, W. E. Duncan, Sr., and others largely interested in the mines, and it is their opinion that Butte can and ought to make a handsome and attractive exhibit. We hope miners in the county will prepare for the display of minerals at this great fair and preserve suitable specimens. Among the things which will be attractive are fossils and petrified wood and Butte has great numbers of these. Let each one who can, send specimens to be shown at their fair. We have many ledges of valuable marble; these marbles are of varying colors and make attractive specimens. Collect samples of the sandstones, granites, clays, greenstones, lavas, etc., as these have much interest for mining men. In brief, let us make a large and appropriate exhibit of all the ores and minerals of the county, the gold-bearing quartz, silver rock, copper and iron, asbestos, and all other minerals that will attract attention.

Extensive Mining Deal.

C. C. Belding, who has been instrumental in bringing a large amount of mining capital into this county this week succeeded in getting a prominent English mining company, through their representative, Mr. Rodda, to examine the Nisbit quartz mine at Oregon City.

Mr. Rodda was so well pleased with the ore and the size of the lode and the facilities for working the quartz, that within three days he obtained a working bond for a year. A force of men will at once be employed in making extensive developments and opening the mine to its full capacity. This is one of the most extensive mining deals that has occurred in the county for many years, and it shows well for the merit of the mine and the ability of Mr. Belding, when we say that in three days from the time Mr. Rodda saw the mine he had taken a bond for working it. This means much to Oroville for the mine is within ten miles of the town and this is really the base of supplies.

Mining Outlook.

The mining outlook in this county is constantly growing brighter as the mines about Bangor, Forbestown and Hurlston, are attracting many men, those in the Gravel Range region are also attracting attention and paying well, the quartz mines at Oregon City are making a fine showing and so on with other localities that might be named.

The quartz deposits of this county are mostly of low or medium grade, but the ledges are extensive and give every indication of permanency. Medium grade rock worked in a cheap and economical manner forms the best mines, as the veins are as a rule, large and a great amount of labor is demanded.

Many valuable mines are being opened in the county and these are pouring forth gold every week that adds to the wealth of the State, while the men employed and the animals at work furnish a market for farm and orchard produce and assist business men in many ways.

Plumas Items.

J. H. Hogan returned a few days ago from a trip up through Plumas and Lassen counties. He says the grain crops are good, the fruit trees are filled and the hay crop is fair. Miners are feeling encouraged and the mining towns in Plumas are improving somewhat. At Susanville many new buildings are being erected to take the place of those destroyed in the late fire. Prattville is well filled and is lively. Many campers have been about Humbug lately, although the season is backward this year. P. R. Welch is erecting a two-story addition to his hotel, the new part being eighty feet in length. On the 23d of this month a large party will leave Humbug for a trip to Hot Spring valley and to ascend Lassen Butte. H. J. Langdon will run two four-horse stages and Claud Mitchum one four-horse one, and there will be two other four-horse teams, so that the party will be composed of thirty or more individuals.

New Mill.

The Standard mine at Oregon City is proving so good that the owners will shortly begin the erection of a new mill to crush the quartz. The shaft is now down 240 feet and the levels being run show excellent rock, so the owners feel justified in putting up a mill. Fifteen men are employed beside the number of men cutting wood. We learn that the money paid for wood alone each month amounts to quite a large sum and this, as well as the wages paid to miners, is benefitting the people of Oregon City.

Oregon City Mines.

The recent development in quartz at Oregon City calls to mind the many mines in that locality which have been worked to some extent, and others which have been merely prospected. The first quartz mill built in this county was erected at Oregon City on a ledge now owned by George Strang. This was in 1853, and it cost \$50 a ton to get out the rock and crush it in the mill. Among the ledges in the district, which extends over a tract about a mile and a half wide by five miles in length, are the following: Louisiana, White & Nutter, Rock River, the latter was sunk upon 200 feet and the former 300 feet, Hitchins, Gold Blossom developed by a 60 foot shaft, Buffalo, Reece, Table Mountain. White & Crawford, Charles Retson's ledge, James Lynch ledge, Little Jewel, Bloomingdale, opened by a 120 foot shaft, and Smith Bros ledge. In addition to these are the Mascot, Standard and Nesbit ledges which are now being worked. Many of the others paid well, and the ledges did not pinch out, but in some there was too much water to work without machinery, and in others there was a lack of capital to fully open and develop the mine. When capital takes hold of these mines Oregon City will become a noted district, and there will be a dozen paying mills at work.

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Stamp and Die.

Reports come from Oregon City of an encouraging nature, though it is said that work on the Spring Valley or Nisbet mine has ceased and it is not known whether it will be resumed or not. The Mascot has however struck excellent rock and the ledge is four feet wide and well defined. It is rich in free gold and contains a large amount in very rich sulphurets. The mill will be started up again as soon as water comes to run the machinery.

The Banner has shut down for a short time, but it is whispered among those who think they know all the ins and outs of this celebrated ledge that excellent ore has been struck on the 500 foot level and that work will be vigorously pushed during the winter.

Laster and Graner are sinking to reach a bed of gravel and think they will soon strike it.

Tony Maack has a tunnel in between 700 and 800 feet and has some of the best paying gravel in the State, so that the Oregon City neighborhood is looking up.

The Standard Co. is greatly encouraged and the prospects are that Oregon City will be a lively mining camp this winter.

There are 61 pupils in the two departments of the Cherokee school.

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Mining Progress.

Butte has made excellent progress in the mining line during the past two years and the future in this line is very bright. Three classes of mines are being extensively worked, the ordinary gravel beds, the cement mines and the quartz lodes.

The cement mines are being worked extensively at Cherokee and at Bangor, and many thousand dollars are taken out each month. At the last shipment from Cherokee over \$13,000 in gold was brought to this town.

The miners at Bangor employ 100 men or over and a large sum is being extracted from them. These mines have only been worked about a year and as they are extensive it is supposed they will continue to pay for the next fifty years.

The outlook for gravel mining is good and several very profitable mines are now being worked. The Jones & Reeca mine at Gravel Range is one of the best paying gravel mines ever opened in California and several others will soon bring forth gold in the same vicinity.

The quartz developments have been rapid and encouraging. There are three quartz mills at Forbestown with 80 stamps running and a fourth mill will be started next month.

Near Hurliton three good mines are being opened and at Oregon City two more. Two mills at the latter place will run this winter and at Hurliton at least one mill will be in operation.

It is thought the Banner mine near this town will be started during the winter. Near Enterprise, at Lumpkin and in other parts of the county a good deal of work is being done in quartz.

D. K. Perkins is just starting a new mill on good rock in the Gravel Range region. The indications all point to much progress in the mines of Butte.

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Mining Developments.

Within the past few years the developments in this county have been marked and extensive. At Forbestown there are now three quartz mills with eight stamps and a fourth mill is being built which will give ten more stamps.

At Oregon City within the past year two mills have been built and one is now in operation and the other will be in a short time.

At Hurlerton a new mill has been built within a year and two other mines have been developed so extensively that mills will be erected.

There has been a new mill built by D.K. Perkins at the summit of the mountains near Gravel Range, while the mining developments about Bangor have been great and one hundred men are now employed where two years ago not ten found work.

A new mill was erected this season at Nimsheew. It is thought that the quartz mill on the Banner mine will soon be started.

There have been more ledges opened and more mines developed in Butte within the past two years than during the six years that preceded 1892. This progress is by many thought only a beginning and the sanguine ones predict that Butte will yet become the banner mining county of California.

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Lawrence Laster was down from Oregon City on Monday and said the Standard mill would start up this week. The engine was being set in place a few days ago, when it tipped over and broke off the governor and a big pulley. This delayed the work, as Mr. Stockton had to go to San Francisco and back to replace the broken parts. It is expected that the mill will begin work to-day. At the Mascot the tunnel is being driven at the rate of from twelve to fifteen feet a week and there is about a hundred feet yet to run before the lode is struck.

On Sunday last L. L. Myers of Cherokee, and A. Ekman of this town, started on a three day's trip through the mines of Butte to gather minerals for the Butte county exhibit at the Mid-Winter Fair.

E. H. Jones of Oregon City, was in town Saturday. He said he had been moving his house over near the home of Smith brothers, and that he expected to remain at the mine-up at Gravel Range during the winter.