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Important Notice!

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*(between Ramsey Road and Sundler Road
on the road to Coeur d'Alene Airport)*

Our meeting dates will change to the third Thursday of
the month from 7pm to 9pm with our board meeting
from 6pm to 7pm.

The Rathdrum Community Center has had several
changes in management besides changing from a Senior
Center to a Community Center. Some changes has
made it difficult to continue our relationship with them.

Pricing & scheduling are just a couple of them. We will
have our January meeting at the Community Center,
but future meetings will be held at the Hayden Eagles.

All that is required, yet to do, is to sign the contract.

Their board has said we can also order from their bar
and if you are so inclined, we are encouraged to do so.

Please let our board know if you are a member of the
Eagles.

KIMBALL WEBSTER'S STORY

We left Oregon City on or about June 9th. We made
up two parties. Mr. Elder managed one party and I
the other. In my party were Henry S. Gile, from Al-
fred, Maine, a very intelligent man, who acted as one
of my chainmen; James M. Fudge from Sangamon
county, Illinois, also a very fine young man (he was
killed by the explosion of a steamboat boiler a short
distance above the falls at Oregon City, in the spring
of 1854); Andrew Murphy, an intelligent Irish-
American citizen from St. Louis, Mo.; and James
O'Connor, as compass man. The last named was an
inhabitant of Oregon, a young man. At this time I do
not remember the names of Mr. Elder's party with
the exception of Matthew Murphy, a brother to An-
drew, and who assisted Mr. Elder in the management
of the compass before the contract was completed.

We had good working forces on this contract and
consequently had a very pleasant time. I made con-
siderably more than half of the surveys with my par-
ty.

We were engaged on this contract about four
months, or until about the 8th of October, when we
went to Oregon City and made up our field notes and
plats, and returned them to the surveyor general's
office. Mr. Elder paid me something more than \$100
a month for my work.

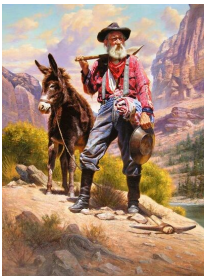
My health had continued good all through the sum-
mer, until just previous to the time of finishing of the
contract, when I was taken ill but managed to lead

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Please note the above information regarding future meetings!

The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the
Rathdrum Community Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID

Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the
monthly meeting with a potluck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be
announced by the President and posted in the newsletter.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



Yesterday's News

**"BILLY" HAWKINS
DIED IN PORT-
LAND LAST WEEK
TRIBUTE TO HON-
ORED PIONEER BY
ONE WHO KNEW**

HIM INTIMATELY

(By Adam Albach, Murray, Idaho)
William John Hawkins, better known locally as "Billy" Hawkins, died in Portland, Oregon last week after a short illness. He was born March 29, 1857, at Washoe, State of Nevada, and had the distinction of being the first white child born in the Silver State. He went to Portland in 1880 and built a portion of the Northern Pacific railroad between Portland and Puget Sound under contract. After this work was completed, in company with Captain J.C. Ainsworth and L.L. Hawkins, he established the Ainsworth bank. He retired from this early in 1883, and in the late fall struck out for the Coeur d'Alene's, arriving at "Eagle City" with the toboggan crowd that crossed the Bitter Roots from Rathdrum. With characteristic energy he opened "a bank," the pioneer institution of the new Eldorado, and prospered unmolested under a canvas roof and a tin box for several months, cashing checks and making change without losing a single dollar. Conditions were changing too rapidly, however and the outlook for Eagle was not altogether promising, as the new town of Murray appeared to draw on the population by hundreds. This induced him to sell the "bank" to a new arrival, who proved to be Warren Hussey, who promptly followed the rush to Murray, and who made banking history not only in the Coeur d'Alene's, but also in Spokane. Even up to the present time many uninformed later arrivals have held, and still hold, that Mr. Hussey came to Eagle with the tin box and started the first bank, and that he brought a bulldog with him to guard his "safe" and person. The facts are as here stated. Mr. Hussey secured the bulldog about a year later in Murray. He was the genuine brute, and

was as much of a menace to those in the bank as to those on the outside trying to get in without permission. He was finally taken to the woods and shot.

Mr. Hawkins also came to Murray, and as there was no sluggish blood in his veins he promptly entered the mining game with all of his energy. He purchased a section of the old wash channel on Dream Gulch, a mile below Murray high and dry at that period, and picked other interests on the channel, although his friends twitted him unmercifully for trying to get up to the moon to placer mine. He took everything good naturedly, however, and turned the tables, so to speak, against the bunch with whom he was associated, mainly members of the bar (legal not spiritual), such as W.B. Heyburn, Colonel Singleton, Alex Mayhew and others, for just about that time three California miners came to the camp, each with a limited wad, and commenced to dig a ditch four miles east of Murray toward the old channel wash, which they proposed to supply with water for hydraulic purposes. They called the enterprise the California Ditch company. Locally the project was condemned as too low, but the Californians kept at work and actually completed the ditch and has water running through it to Dry Gulch, half a mile from the intake.

Their resources were eaten up and they considered themselves down and out. As they had the end of the ditch a little over half a mile from the Hawkins ground on Dream Gulch, Mr. Hawkins promptly came to the aid of the Californians, put a surveyor on the job, located the line, found that he could utilize the ditch water on his ground with several hundred feet of tunnel work, and completed the enterprise. Mr. Hawkins worked out his main claim, which proved to be the richest ever worked on the old channel. The chief clean-up yielded \$25,000, and the entire output in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The completion of the ditch cost him \$5000. He returned to Portland, married and settled down. He is survived by his widow and four children. He was a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite branch. His honored name is on memory's tablet of every living 1884 pioneer of the Coeur d'Alene's.

Coeur d'Alene Placer

Big Company Controls 2800 Acres on

the North Side - Plans for 1909

The mining company on the North Side controlling the largest area is the Coeur d'Alene Mining Company, which has title to 2800 acres of patented ground on Prichard Creek and other creeks. The ground was bought outright from the individual owners and cost the company nearly \$500,000. When the right-of-way for the Idaho Northern was surveyed, it was found to be for 11 miles upon the property of the mining company. Condemnation proceedings were brought, but the case was settled out of court after a decision in the matter had been rendered by the supreme court of the state. The reason the company raised objection to the railroad passing through its ground was that it would traverse the bank of the creek where the richest ground was located.

This company worked in one pit in the

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my party and do my work until the survey was completed.

After we went to Oregon City I did not improve. I procured some medicine once or twice from an English physician. Mr. Elder said I was afflicted with a fever of some kind, and I thought later that probably he was right. Be that as it may, I was quite sick for three or four weeks, although I was out more or less every day during the whole time. Finally, I began to improve, and about the first of December I had nearly recovered my usual good health.

Up to this time I had had no contract on my own account, but it was understood that I should receive a contract of subdivisions for winter. This was under President Filmore's administration and of course Mr. Preston, the surveyor-general was a Whig, politically, as was Mr. Elder.

One day when I was in the surveyor-general's office, Mr. Preston called me into his private office and inquired in regard to my politics. This surprised me as I had supposed he knew, and I could not help wondering how much bearing my reply would have in awarding me a contract. I immediately said I was a Democrat, and asked if that would make any difference about awarding me a contract.

He said it would not with him, but with surveyor-generals generally a distinction was made, and contracts were only awarded to deputies of their own political faith.

Mr. Preston was a fine man, and had always been very kind to me. I never knew the object of his making the inquiry, but I afterwards supposed he did it to test my honesty, and to see if I would equivocate in any way in relation to my political principles. If I had pursued such a course it is possible I might not have fared as well as I did. He said that a majority of his deputies were Democrats. Mr. Freeman, William Ives, and his brother, Butler Ives, and Joseph Hunt were all of that party.

He awarded me a contract, No. 27, dated December 1, 1852, for the subdivisions of township No. 14 south, ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 west, estimated at 315 miles, at \$10 per mile.

I made up my party and left Oregon City about a week later, going up the River Willamette on a steamer to Salem, where I had arranged to have the "pack horses" meet us, and where we camped

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near the river. A storm began soon after we arrived at Salem, and it continued for two or three days, so it was impracticable to attempt to move up the valley until the rain should cease. Our work was about 50 miles southerly from Salem.

After three or four days the weather became fair and pleasant, and we packed up our camp and moved southerly up the valley of the Willamette.

The river, with all the streams, was very much swollen from the recent rains, and we were obliged to do considerable wading, some of which was quite deep. As I had but a short time previously recovered from quite a severe illness, and had not been so exposed for several weeks, I took cold.

I felt the cold quite severely on the first night out from Salem. On the second evening I had, as I believe, as severe a cold as I ever experienced in my whole life. After the other men had turned in for the night I inquired if any one of them had anything that would cure a cold. One of them replied that he had some cayenne pepper in his valise and told me where I could find it, and he told me that a teaspoonful in hot water was a proper dose. After heating some water I put in a tablespoonful of the cayenne, stirred it thoroughly, and drank dregs and all. I am now convinced it was the warmest dose I ever drank, but I immediately laid down for the night, and when I arose the next morning, my cold had nearly disappeared. It troubled me very little afterward. This, I believe, was the only serious cold I experienced while in Oregon.

We were about three days in making the trip from Salem and we began work December 17, in township No. 14 south, range 3, west. The Willamette River ran through township 14, range 4 and 5, west. The Callapooza, a small river, also passed through some of the townships.

There was much rainy weather through the last part of December, and also during January, 1853, all the streams and swales being full of water.

I don't recollect the names of the men who made up my party, with the exception of one, whose name was McDonald. Whenever we got into a hard place, he was always complaining, and would say that he should quit work. He was not the sort of a man I desired, but I did not wish to have him leave, as he had a sympathizer in the party who would be pretty sure to leave if he did, and that would break up my gang. It

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would probably trouble me to supply their places at that time. We finished one township on January 3, and commenced upon the one next west in range 4. The Willamette River intersected the western boundary of this township, which it crossed four times, and also crossed its south boundary. We had completed about two-thirds of the easterly part of this township when one day it became necessary to cross the Willamette River and bring out a line before we could make any farther progress.

I made some inquiries of some of the settlers in relation to a boat, and learned of a man nearby who owned a "dugout," but upon seeing him he declared it would be impossible to cross the river in its swollen condition. We went to the river where the boat was located and the situation for crossing did really look to be somewhat dangerous to be undertaken at that time with such a craft. I had many times used similar boats to cross streams.

A "dugout" is a boat made from a log, being dug out, as its name implies, and many of them are not very steady on the water, overturning very easily. This was one of the unsteady kind, and the river at the point where the boat lay at that time was very rapid. A short distance below was the upper end of an island, against which a large quantity of drift timber had lodged and against which the current was lashing itself with great force. After considering the situation for a few moments I concluded that I could make the crossing, as I was obliged to do, or await the fall of the river. The boat was so small and frail that it was not safe for us all to undertake to cross at one time. I said to the men of the party that I could take them safely over, as I believed, provided they would do just as I should command them, and not become frightened. I said also that we must cross the river or lie still until the freshet should subside, which might be several days; that I would leave it to them to decide whether to go or not, as it was, as I knew, attended with some danger to make the attempt to cross.

Possibly we might meet with some accident, and if so, we probably would fare hard. They concluded to make the attempt. I took two men into the boat with me, together with the instru-

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ments. The men sat on the bottom of the boat to steady it, and after giving them their instructions, I pulled the boat into the current. Though the passage was difficult we went safely across to the other side of the river. But our troubles had only begun. The lowlands along the river were overflowed to a depth of several feet; in places it was so deep that it was impossible to wade it, so that it was necessary to make triangulations. The country was timbered, and brushy, and the lines crossed the island.

We were wading in the water nearly all day. I believe now, considering the water, brush and all the conditions there present, it was the most difficult line of equal length that I encountered on all the surveys I made while in Oregon.

It crossed the river at a little more than one-half mile from the corner at which we began, and we worked in the water nearly the entire day, but got the line across before night.

At the time when we were wading in the deep cold water, Mr. McDonald began to complain as usual, and said he would quit the job. I was feeling a little out of patience myself, and I said to him that he had been saying about the same thing whenever we got into a hard place, and that I had become tired of hearing it. I advised him either to stop such talk or quit at once. He replied that he would quit after that day. I said, "all right." The next morning when we prepared to start for our work, he said

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You are welcome to come and prospect and / or camp at other times. The fees are \$20 per family per day, \$30 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$100 per family per week and \$300 per family per month.
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To get to Eagle City Park take I-90 to Kingston (Exit 43), then take the Coeur d'Alene River Road to Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (Mile Post 23), take Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (2.6 miles) to Eagle Creek Road, take Eagle Creek Road (1/2 mile) to **439 Eagle Creek Road**, the Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. **GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W**

to me that he supposed I understood he was to quit work. I remarked that I had heard him say as much when we were in the water the day previous, but that I had concluded that probably he had changed his mind in the meantime. He went to work again and continued for several days, when he concluded to quit, and his companion went with him.

This broke up our party, when it was near the first of February. My contract at that date was less than one-half completed. As I was getting short of supplies that were impossible to procure from the settlers, I sent the camp-man with the horses to Albany, it being about twenty-five miles northerly, down the Willamette valley, and gave him orders to procure such supplies as were needed, and to hire two good men. I remained alone in an unfinished log house while he was absent, about one week, and was engaged in copying my field notes. He returned with provisions and brought along with him two men that proved themselves to be very good help. After this time we had much better weather, and also an improved party. I finished the contract about the 25th of March, and went to Oregon City with my returns.

Before my return to Oregon City, Mr. Elder had arranged for a double contract in the Umpqua valley, and had the name of Harry S. Gile associated with his own in a similar way that he had my name used in the contract a year previous.

As at that time I could have no contract of my own until later, Mr. Elder suggested that I go with him to the Umqua valley. As Mr. Gile had had but little experience as a compass-man I could help him survey the township lines, and return in season to get a contract of my own, which would probably be available later. I at once agreed to his proposition.

The location of the contract was about 150 miles south of Oregon City on an air line, and included the best part of the Umqua valley. It consisted of eight or ten townships, both the exterior and interior lines, or between 700 and 800 miles of surveys.

We left Oregon City for Umqua about the middle of April, 1853. It was a good country to survey, and Mr. Elder made it well. I remained until the contract was completed, some time near September 1st, or between four and five months.

I surveyed the larger part of the township lines and considerably more than one-half of the subdivision. Mr. Gile worked one party, and I the other, while Mr. Elder copied the field notes and drew the maps.

A short time previous to the completion of the 215 contract. Mr. Elder proposed to me that if I would remain and complete the work, he would go to the surveyor-general's office at Oregon City and get a large contract in the Rouge River valley, the same to be a company contract for Mr. Elder and myself.

The Rouge River valley was about seventy-five miles southeasterly from the place where we were then at work, and the understanding was to move our parties over there from the Umqua country, and thus save the breaking up of the parties. I at once consented to the proposition, and Mr. Elder was to start for Oregon City at once, both of us feeling certain he would be able to procure the contract.

Before he had started, however, we received information

that an Indian war had broken out at the Rouge River valley. That put a stop to our proposed contract. Of course, we could do no surveying during an Indian war. The war continued during the succeeding three or four months.

General Joe Lane was then in Oregon, and with the United States regular army that was stationed there, together with volunteers, he secured peace. But a large number of the white inhabitants lost their lives during the outbreak. It happened very fortunate for our surveying party that it did not occur a month later, when we should probably have been surveying in that valley, and probably some of us would have lost our scalps.

The war was said to have been caused by the abuse of the daughter of the chief by some gold miners who were at work on Rouge River, and as the perpetrators of the foul deed immediately left the place, so that the chief could not punish the guilty parties, he made preparations to exterminate all the white people then in the valley. Nothing was known in relation to his intentions by the whites until his arrangements were completed.

One day when all was in readiness, as he supposed, the Indians commenced shooting down the whites indiscriminately in Jacksonville, the principal village of the Rouge River settlement. In this instance, as in one or two other Indian outbreaks that I knew something about while I was in the Indian country, the trouble was caused by ill treatment of the Indians by the whites, and I firmly believe the same, or similar causes, have produced similar results in the great majority of Indian wars and massacres since the discovery of America by Columbus. It is my opinion that the poor Indian—naturally a noble race of men—have been most shamefully and wickedly abused and mistreated.

I will give just one instance that came under my observation, as an illustration. In Oregon City I became acquainted with a man by the name of Angel. About the time the Rouge River gold mines were discovered and began to be worked, Mr. Angel concluded to remove there. Previous to his removal, as I was talking with him in relation to the matter, he said he was the owner of a good rifle, and that Indians were quite plentiful in the Rouge River country. He said he intended to shoot the first Rouge River Indian that he should see after his arrival at that place.

I had some argument with him in regard to the justice or propriety of committing such an act, but he persisted that his mind was fully settled, and he would certainly do that deed, provided he should have an opportunity. When I was fully convinced that he was truly in earnest, or appeared to be so, I said to him, that should he do as he said he would do, and murder an innocent, unoffensive Indian in cold blood, it was my wish that he would also be shot by an Indian.

Mr. Angel removed to Rouge River, and I later learned that he shot three or four Indians at different times, while he was standing in his own doorway, and that he made a boast of it, but that he was killed during the Rouge River Indian outbreak. Provided I had the truth of the matter, I certainly believe he received his just deserts. Poor Mr. Angel!

We had a pleasant time while engaged upon the Umqua contract, and after it was completed we returned to Oregon City. Mr. Elder paid me \$185 a month for the time I was employed, nearly five months.

One incident that I failed to relate in its proper place I will insert here. When writing in relation to the work on the contract

Treasurers Report December 2022

Balance Forward	\$12,156.41
Income	
Interest:	\$0.10
Square Deposit: Gold Show	\$75.00
Deposit: Gold Show	\$319.50
Interest:	\$0.10
Total income	\$394.70
Disbursements	
Rathdrum Community Center: Christmas Party Rent	\$300.00
Deposit Slip Order:	\$87.25
Kootenai County Fair: 2023 Gold Show Payment	\$634.30
Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill	\$18.71
Mike Ferry: Christmas Party Expenses	\$90.83
Clyde Hargens: Christmas Party Expenses	\$31.12
Bill Izzard: Christmas Party Expenses	\$149.25
Northwest Offset Printing: December Newsletter	\$294.87
Huckleberry Press: Gold Show Advertising	\$16.00
Square: Credit Card Charges	\$2.48
Mary Lowe: Christmas Party Expenses	\$91.76
Total Disbursements:	\$1,716.57
Balance Summary	
Balance Forward: November 30, 2022	\$12,156.41
Total December, 2022 Income:	\$394.70
Total December, 2022 Disbursements:	\$1,716.57
Ending Balance: December 31, 2022	\$10,834.54

By Mark Cook

AKAU Trip to Nome Alaska July 14th thru 20th, 2023

If you are interested, contact **Vicki Walborn @ (406)253-6227 or spizeytamale@gmail.com**. She is with the NW Montana Gold Prospectors and has been there before with the group. If you want an adventure, don't miss this one. Details to follow.

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bed of the creek this year, this year, but owing to the fact that the bed rock is uneven and the rocks were too heavy for the 8-inch elevator to handle, it was not entirely successful, much value being lost. Heavier machinery will be installed next year. Several experts have examined the ground for the company and it will be the result of their investigation that will finally decide the most economical method of handling the ground.

Last year the company worked 12 men, using a hydraulic, 1200 inches of water with a 200 foot fall. A good clean-up was made

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Important!

If you have any digital photos of any prospecting / mining activities, outings, meetings, wildlife, etc., that you would be willing to share, please email or send copies of them to me to be included in a digital photo slideshow.

Also, I would be interested in getting future photos covering the same topics as above. Slideshows are a great draw at meetings and gold shows. Also, I can use them in the Nugget News.

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in the winter of 1852-3, I wrote that I sent the camp-man to Albany, where he hired two men.

One of these men had had very sore eyes, from which he had not fully recovered. He said it was his opinion the disease was contagious, as he believed he had contracted it from another person. A short time previous to the finishing of that contract, one of my eyes felt as though some foreign substance was in it. I endeavored to remove it, but with no good results. The eye soon became inflamed and troubled me badly. Within two or three days later the other eye was affected in a similar manner as the first. They were in bad condition and troubled me much. After I had completed the contract and went to Oregon City my eyes did not improve, but steadily grew worse. I could not bear the light without pain, and many times in the evening after the hotel was lighted, it caused me such suffering I would go outside and walk the dark streets. In the morning my eyes would be fairly glued together, and it would be impossible for me to open them until I had removed the sticky substance and open them with my fingers.

I applied to the English physician I have previously mentioned, and he gave me some salve, which he directed me to apply at night. I applied it as directed. It seemed almost like putting fire into my eyes. After I had applied it for two or three nights, my eyes instead of improving, as I had reason to suppose they would do, became worse, and in the morning after I had succeeded in getting my eyes open I threw the box of salve into the street. From that time my eyes began to improve. I wore colored glasses for a time to protect them.

When I left Oregon City for the Umqua with Mr. Elder, although my eyes had improved some, they were very sensitive to light. They continued to improve, but when I commenced work they troubled me greatly. I could see double—that is, I could see two objects where there was only one. Suppose I was looking at a man some distance away, I would seem to see two men, instead of one.

However, my eyes continued to improve slowly but steadily, and at length regained their normal condition, so far as my sight was concerned. Still it was a long time before they became strong, so as to bear any excessive light without causing me pain, and it is my opinion they were never quite so strong after that time as they had been previously.

At the presidential election that took place in November, 1852, Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire was elected president of the United States. This caused a change in the na-

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Pans * Sluices * Dredges * Etc.

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and the ground would have been used this year, but water was scarce.

On the high rim of the gulch the ground is very rich and this part has been worked more or less for many years. This is accounted for by geologists who say that in past ages an immense river flowed there, much higher than Prichard Creek. Though Prichard Creek may be the same river, it is much smaller now and its course is changed. There are immense boulders that have been moved by the prehistoric river and show plainly that they have been washed and polished by a large body of water flowing over them.

It is probable that machinery will be installed on Prichard Creek to handle the ground stacking the rocks on the side hill and permitting the bedrock, which is very hard quartzite and slate, to be hand cleaned.

The company is stocked for \$1,000,000. President Eams lives at the home office in Boston and R.L. Agassiz, grandson of the noted naturalist, is Secretary-treasurer of the company.

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**The difference between a master
and a beginner is that the master
has failed more times than
the beginner has ever tried!**

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Internet Website: Bill Izzard

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Note: If you would like to become an officer of the Association or a member of any of our committees, please contact one of the board members above. A club or association is only as good as those who volunteer their talent and time!

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tional administration from Whig to Democratic. After I arrived at Oregon City from the Umqua valley, Mr. Preston said to me that he supposed that Mr. Pierce would send a man there to take his place as surveyor-general, and that he would be removed from the office. He also said that as I had been crowded out of a contract in the previous spring, which I was really entitled to, he would give me my first choice of a contract from any of the lands at that time available to be surveyed.

After we had examined the plans, I selected for a contract the country west of the Willamette River, including the Long Tom valley. The contract was dated September 19, 1853, and included the survey of the 4th standard parallel south of range 5 and 6 west, the township lines of townships No. 16, 17 and 18, south of range No. 5 west, and 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, south of range No. 6 west, or so much of these as was suitable for settlement, estimated at 369 miles, at \$12 per mile. The west line of some of these townships ran into the coast range of mountains, and included some lands that were unfit for cultivation. This was the largest single contract, as I believe, that had been awarded to any deputy in Oregon. It proved to be a good contract, notwithstanding I had some very difficult township lines to survey in the mountains. Instead of the surveys amounting to 396 miles, there were 486 miles of surveys. In making the surveys of the public lands the deputy contracts to do the work at a certain price per mile; employ and pay his own help, and also pay all expenses. We paid help at that time each by the day and paid for the time only that we were able to work, on account of good or bad weather.

As soon as practicable after the contract was signed, I made up my party and left Oregon City, September 23, 1853. My party consisted of A. M. Addington and Granville Blake, chainmen, and John E. Boyd and Joseph Hawkins. All were from the western states.

I began work on the survey September 28. The weather was fair for the most part until the 13th of

October, and it was not very stormy and bad through November.

The west line of the west tier of townships for nearly its entire length, or thirty miles, was in the coast range of mountains. It was very difficult to survey. The spurs and ravines made it up or down nearly the whole distance. Much of the way it was very steep. The mountains were heavily timbered. To survey these lines it was necessary to pack some provisions and take along. When night came we would build a fire, and after partaking of such eatables as we had managed to carry with us, lie down to sleep. To survey the two lines of a township in this broken country usually kept us in the mountains three or four days at a time, and we would carry with us provisions sufficient to last that length of time. Each one would carry his own pack.

To be continued.....



VENDORS WANTED:

24th Annual Gold Prospecting & Treasure Show March 11 & 12, 2023
at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene. Hosted by the Northwest Gold Prospectors Association. \$75 per booth. Vendors marketing or displaying anything related to gold prospecting, mining, gold and /or silver jewelry, rockhounding, camping or items associated with outdoors are invited to call Mark at 208-755-8853 or visit www.nwgpagoldshow.com for details.

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Many in Murray claim that the Coeur d'Alene Mining Company is responsible for dull times over there as it is now working any men. They hold that before the company bought up the ground along Prichard Creek, many miners were out working little placer claims and could come into town at intervals and spend their dust and put money into circulation and now there is none of this. Manager Murphy says that the town was in about the same condition when the property was bought up and that all of the miners and owners were glad to sell as all of the rich streaks which could be worked profitable by hand had been worked out.

2023 Club Calendar (tentative till contract is signed with the Eagles)

January 12th	Meeting
February 16th	Meeting
March 16th	Meeting
March 11th & 12th	NWGPA Gold & Treasure Show—Cda, ID
April 20th	Meeting
April 15th & 16th	NCWP Gold Show—Cashmere, WA
May 18th	Meeting
May 20th	Outing—Claims Tour / Eagle City Park Opens
June 15th	Meeting
June 17th	Outing
July 20th	Meeting
July 22nd	Outing
August 17th	Meeting
August 19th	Outing
September 9th	Eagle City Park's Annual Pig Roast Potluck
September 9th & 10th	Civil War Reenactment @ Eagle City Park
September 21st	Meeting
September 23rd	Outing/ Chili Potluck
September 24th	Eagle City Park Close for Season at EOD
October 19th	Meeting
November 16th	Meeting
December 21st	Meeting
December ?	Annual Christmas Potluck (Tentative)

All dates are subject to change & other events will be added when dates are known. Check back often.

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Reminders

Refreshments and goodies for the meetings are always a big hit. Please signup at the next couple of meetings for your turn to volunteer to bring items in. We would like at least three people to commit to some month during the year to cover the bases.

Looking for volunteers who would like to participate in the operation of the NWGPA to contact one of the current board members. We could sure use some fresh ideas and leadership help. There are couple of us who have been participating since the Club began 26 years ago. Please step up and volunteer! The Club needs you!

Please cut out & post the "Calendar of Events" just in case I am unable to publish the Nugget News in a timely manner. Sometimes, "Life Happens".

Speaking of volunteers, please check out the following link:
https://www.clubexpress.com/dldocs/Building_Strong_Clubs_Dan_Ehrmann.pdf and read about building and maintaining a strong club.

Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages. Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it into me.

Tell us about your experiences, plans or ideas. Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes (clean, of course), car-toons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, email, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

A newsletter is only as good as the article and content submitted.

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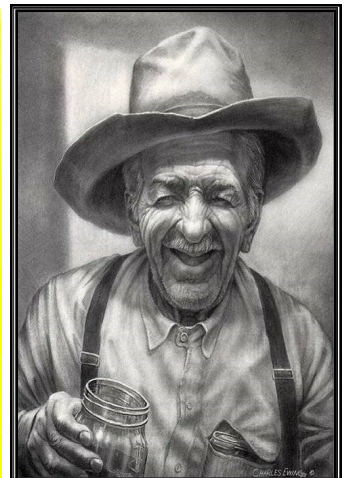


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Recipe(s) of the Month

Quick and Easy

1 loaf sourdough bread, sliced
Deli roast beef or turkey, thinly sliced
1 small can refried beans
Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 green pepper, sliced thin

Preheat oven to 375. Lay bread slices on a cookie sheet and spread some refried beans on each slice. Layer the meat on top and place the green pepper slices on top of the meat. Cover each slice with the shredded cheese. Bake until the cheese melts and is a little bubbly on top. Makes a great meal with a side salad!

Slow Cooker Spicy Chicken

3 skinless, boneless chicken breast
1 cup medium salsa
1/4 cup tomato sauce
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 small red onion, chopped
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
Salt and pepper to taste

Arrange the chicken in the bottom of a slow cooker. Mix up the remaining ingredients together in a bowl and pour over the chicken. Set the cooker to low and cook until the chicken is tender 4-6 hours.

Shred the chicken in the slow cooker/crockpot and serve alone with salad or wrapped in tortillas with some shredded cheese, sour cream, black olives, shredded lettuce or refried beans.

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

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