

It snows one day and rains the next.

John Strange was in from Weippe last Monday.

John T. Malloy, of Weippe, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. John Lane is visiting with friends in Lewiston.

The left handed brigade is about to become right again.

Frank Alvord was in from his placer property Saturday.

J. C. Jansen left Sunday on a business trip to the lower country.

Elmer DeVoign, of Moscow, was attending to business in Pierce this week.

The 17th of Ireland passed off very quietly in Pierce City this year.

The shelving for the new drug store is about ready to receive its goods.

Robert Gaffney was in from his ranch, this week, looking after his business.

Duck Lee, one of Pierce's popular merchant, returned Friday, from a business trip on the outside.

I. Kleek's saw mill is kept busy these days preparing material for that which the summer will bring forth.

E. B. McElwain, lately of Orofino, has opened up a barber shop here. Give him a call and you will not regret it.

Quite a large number of miners were in from French creek this week. They report about four feet of snow in their section.

Ed Duffy, of Orofino, spent a few days in town this week. Ed was on his way to his placer property on the East Fork of French creek.

John L. Dunn and M. A. Ellis were in from the Wild Rose last Friday. They report the ore to be improving as depth is gained.

Simon P. Fitzgerald, of Moscow, arrived in the city Wednesday. Mr. Fitzgerald is timber cruising for the Wisconsin Log and Lumber Company.

No matter what the weather is, Charlie makes his regular trips to town. He says that it is done in order to get a square meal at the Pioneer, but the boys think that there is another attraction.

The "Baker Family" is going to start a solo class. Full instruc-

tions given about frogs, solo and solo best. Special attention given to widows. Class of three 40 cents and class of four 50 cents.

The St. Louis will commence building in a few days now. This property was discovered last summer, and for the work done on it it is said to show up very promising.

Samson Snyder made a trip out to his ranch this week and brought back with him a good supply of hen fruit. This is a very scarce article on the Pierce market at the present time.

Sidney Byram, lately of Arizona, arrived in Pierce last week. It is Mr. Byram's intention to locate here, but as yet he has not made up his mind as to what line of business he will pursue.

E. F. Staples and W. C. Jackson were in from the St. Louis Saturday. Mr. Staples brought in some fine looking ore taken from the face of their tunnel as the result of the last shot on Friday evening.

The Dewey is preparing for a mill test of its ore. The owners of this property have kept a crew of men at work upon it all winter, and are now taking out ore from different portions of the works preparatory to making a thorough average test. They have already forty tons out for this purpose. The Dewey is located in the vicinity of the Wild Rose and those acquainted with the property claim the ore to be of the same character as of the Wild Rose, and assays from it show that it carries ore that is equally as rich.

Recent Decisions Affecting Mining Industry.

From the E. & M. Journal.

Where a valid location of a mining claim has been made, and work done thereon in good faith, possession maintained, and no intention to abandon is shown, the law should be liberally construed to prevent a forfeiture. And where a local regulation required a notice of a mining claim to be posted at each end of same, and notice was posted only at one end, all other regulations being complied with, the failure to post at both ends will not work a forfeiture, in the absence of a rule so providing.—Supreme Court of California.

Where an upper and subsequent appropriator of water for mining purposes on a stream makes use of the natural channel to carry off his mining debris to the damage of the lower and prior appropriator, such

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appropriator may enjoin the continuance of such wrong, though the work of the upper miner be conducted carefully, and in the only feasible way of conducting mining business by him. In such suit there is no merit in the contention that all the damage to the complainant was caused by the construction of their own dam across the stream, which prevented the mining debris from above going down through their claim to another creek, since it ignores the right of the complainant by appropriation prior thereto to divert all the water of the stream.—Supreme Court of Oregon.

The location of a lode mining claim having the right to lay any of his lines within or across the surface of a valid prior location, in the absence of objection by its owner, for the purpose of securing to himself underground or extralateral rights not in conflict with the rights of the senior location, where a junior claim overlaps, having one of its parallel end lines within or across a senior location, the owner acquires all the rights, both surface and extralateral, as against the government and subsequent locators, that he could have if the prior location had not been made; and he may follow the vein in its downward course between the planes of his own end lines in all respects as though there were no prior location, except where it would conflict with the rights of the owner of such prior location.—United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Under the laws of the United States (Revised Statutes United States, Section 2319), providing that all valuable mineral deposits in lands belonging to the United States are free, and the Civil Code of California, Section 1006, that occupancy for any period confers a

title sufficient as against all except the State and those having title, one finding and taking possession of gold on public land may recover it from any one taking it away from him. But where such party was grading on public land for a mill site, but had not complied with any of the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, section 2337, for acquiring title to same, he was not occupant of any land beyond the level space graded for a mill site, and had no right to gold found by others beyond the limits of such space. Under Revised Statutes of the United States, section 2319, title to mineral lands can not be acquired by occupancy unless the occupancy is for the purpose of mining or excavating and extracting the minerals.—Supreme Court of California.

COST OF MEERSCHAUM.

The Expense Is Not in the Raw Material But in the Making of the Pipes.

A fire in a pipe-maker's shop the other day spoiled the proprietor's stock of meerschaum, and incidentally disposed of the idea, common in most smokers' minds, that this commodity is very expensive. Meerschaum itself is not expensive. That used by the manufacturers in this country is imported as raw material from Austria, but most of it is obtained in Asia Minor. Usually there are three or four different grades, running from the rough and mixed to the pure and finely grained article. There is no duty upon it. The chunks, not unlike Cannel coal in shape, are packed in oblong boxes, about two feet and a half long, a foot wide, and a foot high. The raw material is quite brittle and has to be soaked in water before it is used for modeling.

Meerschaum pipes are expensive, says the New York Post, because much of the material from which the bowls are made has to be thrown away before a piece is found that has no flaws in it. The shavings, however, are never wasted. They are used to make a cheaper grade of pipes, which are known as chip meerschaums.