

## PICTURESQUE

### JORDAN VALLEY

The Land of a Prosperous  
People and of Many  
Happy Homes

### RICH IN MANY PURSUITS

The Three Days Racing Program Last Week a Decided  
Success in Every Way--Visitors  
Hospitably Entertained

A trip from Silver City to Jordan Valley at this time of the year is truly a pleasure and an enjoyable event. To the stranger making the trip for the first time it is replete with many scenes of wild picturesqueness and incidents that appeal strongly to the vivid panoramic vision of the imagination and draws forth the full resplendent views of nature's handiwork.

Leaving Silver City on the John Hore stage, Friday noon last, a representative of the Nugget started on his first visit to Jordan Valley to take in the dance and racing events, and incidentally to see the country and to meet the enterprising and hospitable people of that prosperous section. The other passengers on the stage were Miss Maggie Cavaney, county treasurer, also enroute to the valley, and Frank Fueling the DeLamar merchant. On down the Jordan Creek canyon we roll, past the quaint little mining town of Dewey, where is located the famous Trade Dollar mine and the immense milling plant of the company; on past other properties that are but undergoing development, we arrive at DeLamar in time for lunch. Here is located the famous DeLamar mine, and mill which is equipped with the most modern machinery and processes, known to the ingenuity of man, for treating the ore. DeLamar is a typical western mining town, and the old saying that "A rough exterior more oftentimes contains a kind heart" is fully exemplified here. Hospitality and true friendship is the slogan of these people, for in DeLamar the latch string always hangs on the outside.

After lunch we boarded the Jordan Valley stage, Mrs. Minnie Weston being a passenger from DeLamar to the valley with her millinery goods, as were also another lady and gentleman whose names we did not learn. Rolling off down the canyon behind a good team, and with everyone aboard in good spirits, we soon passed through the old historical (now deserted) placer mining camp of Wagon Town and began the long ascent of the divide. Arriving at the top we were richly rewarded with one of the grandest and most magnificent panoramic views of nature's handiwork. Several thousand feet below us there was spread out to the eye a beautiful valley of green verdure, dotted with substantial dwellings and pleasant surroundings which bespoke many happy homes; the prolific grain fields awaiting the harvest; the fat and sleek herds of livestock grazing on the succulent grasses of the rich meadow and pasture lands; the towering mountains of alfalfa and wild hay already in stack for winter feeding; the orchards; the gardens; all told the story, far better than words can depict, of the wondrous wealth of this fertile valley that is truly prosperous in its solitude, and which is at present so little known or thought of outside of its own immediate sphere. But Jordan Valley will not be lonesome long, nor little known to the outside world, for its people are progressive and they now have the promise of a railroad on which construction work is to begin in the very near future. Again they are showing their enterprise in the reclamation of some 50,000 acres of choice arid lands lying adjacent to the valley on the west, for which they have ample water and natural reservoir sites. A newspaper, up-to-date in every way, and other enterprises will also soon be started in the valley town. With such enterprising and progressive business men

at the head of affairs, and in working for the promotion of the best interests of the community in general, as Fred J. Palmer, George S. Parks, J. A. Schas, Dr. Douglas, T. T. Kahout, J. A. Wroten and others insure the future of Jordan Valley as the coming metropolis of Southeastern Oregon and that any enterprise undertaken by them will be fully and successfully carried to completion.

Arriving in town our stage drew up in front of the Jordan Valley hotel where the party were received and made to feel at home by the genial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schas. A large gathering of people were assembled, and in all the town presented quite a gala day appearance in honor of the dance and racing events to come off. Friday night the spacious ball room of the Jordan Valley hotel was brilliantly lighted and thrown open for the merry dancers. The floor had been waxed and placed in good condition, and the music for the occasion, by E. J. Burroughs and Miss Lottie Gardner, was excellent and all that could be desired by those who tripped the light fantastic in the merry tarpaichorean whirl. At 12 o'clock the dancers repaired to the dining room of the hotel where an elegant ball supper was served. The tables were spread with all the dainties and delicacies of the season, to which ample justice was done amid pleasant laughter and social converse. Dancing was continued until the wee sma' hours of morning and everybody enjoyed the dance to the fullest extent. That the good people of Jordan Valley always enter into the spirit of a holiday occasion for a good time was evidenced by the continuation of the merry dancing until 12 o'clock Saturday night, stopping then only at the near approach of the Sabbath.

#### THE RACES.

Saturday morning all interest was centered in the racing events to take place that day, for which good purses had been hung. The weather was ideal for the occasion, and the mile circular track had been placed in excellent condition. Some of the best horses in the country were entered to compete for the purses, and it can be truthfully said that every race was run for blood. There was no evidence of jobbery and in every instance the best horse won. It was notable that in every purse race the field horse came under the wire in the lead.

The first race of the day was a quarter mile dash for saddle horses; purse \$30. The entries were Punch, by Ed Beers; Coyote, by Burtchy; Jack Dempsey, by Lon Mills. Punch sold favorite in the pools. The horses got off in good shape at the score and came under the wire with Jack Dempsey, a field horse, an easy winner.

One of the prettiest and most exciting events of the day was the 150 yard stake race, turn three stakes and return; purse \$30. The entries were Ribbon, by Tim Mills; Pinto, by Lon Mills; Bummer, by Hubbel; Croppy, by Skinner. Ribbon sold first choice in the pools. The horses got a good start and came back under the wire in a bunch, with Croppy in the lead, Ribbon second, Bummer third and Pinto last.

The next race was a free for all quarter mile dash; purse \$150; first horse \$100, second \$30, third \$15. The entries were Bogus Bally, by George W. McClelland; Greyhound, by Neil Shea; Slim, by Tim Mills; Spot, by Burtchy. Greyhound sold first choice and quite a large amount of money was wagered on the side placing Bogus Bally better than last in the race. The horses all got off in good shape with the exception of Spot, who acted badly and got away from the score about twenty feet behind. It was an exciting race, Bogus Bally coming under the wire ahead of Greyhound winner by only a nose, with Slim in third place a neck behind. Greyhound, and Spot bringing up the rear.

A match race between Bogus Bally and Spot for \$75 aside furnished considerable excitement, and a good many even money pools were sold on the result. The horses got off in good shape, Bogus Bally coming under the wire winner by a neck.

A match race for \$250 aside, one-half mile dash, was made between Bogus Bally and Greyhound, to take place on the Jordan Valley track Monday, October 18, at which time there will be another grand ball at the Jordan Valley hotel and a three days racing program. Suitable purses will be hung for horses in attendance.

## MINING

### IN OWYHEE COUNTY

We expect much interest to be shown by the delegates to the Mining Congress which meets at Goldfield, Nevada, next week. For some time the prominent business men of this country, and especially those engaged in transportation and in trade with the Orient, have awakened to the fact that the value of silver must be put at some staple price, and that the silver using nations will not trade to any great extent with this country under our present single gold standard. Silver as a money metal should have a fixed value, and when that is accomplished and the price per ounce is raised to something near what it should be, this and all other mining camps would show renewed activity. It is to be hoped that some decisive action will be taken on the silver question at this session of the Mining Congress.

#### FLINT DISTRICT

Marcus White and R. M. Lewis were over from Twilight Gulch, near Flint, the first of this week and informed us that considerable work in mining and milling was being done in their locality. At the Bonnell property ten stamps are dropping on rich ore and only a shortage of water prevents the mill from being run to its full capacity. The new concentrating tables that have been installed in this mill are proving a perfect success and are making a close saving. The successful saving of the values of the Flint ore by this process will at once bring this camp to the front, as the veins of ore are of good size and carry large deposits of rich ore, and there is now nothing but the low price of silver to retard the booming of this locality.

#### BOULDER.

Recent development has shown that the veins of ore on the "Big 4" group to be much larger and richer than heretofore supposed. On the Sunset claim a cross cut of the ledge is being made which at last reports had penetrated the vein for 28 feet from the foot-wall and the hanging-wall not yet encountered, and the crosscut in good ore for its entire length through the vein. On the Deming the work being done shows some very rich ore from which free gold can be panned. This vein is over 12 feet in width and carries good values throughout its entire width. This group of claims includes veins that contain enough of ore that is now exposed and ready for extraction to keep a mill of many stamps running steadily for years. It is conservatively estimated that over 1,000,000 tons of ore is in sight on this group. Several other claims in the same locality show good strong ledges carrying good values.

J. W. Shore has opened a very rich deposit of ore on his property on a branch of East Creek about one mile east of Twilight Gulch which shows values in gold and very rich in silver. We expect to visit the Flint district in a few days and will give a more minute account of that locality.

### THE LOCAL NEWS.

House paints at Philipp's.

Special bargains at Philipp's.

A one burner Gasoline Stove for sale, cheap, at Philipp's.

The DeLamar hotel is being repainted and renovated throughout.

Don't forget that every buy is a bargain at Philipp's hardware store.

Mrs. J. R. Brown is reported as improving at the hospital in Boise.

The merchants of Jordan Valley are all prosperous and doing a good business.

Dr. Farrer of DeLamar is kept quite busy these days attending to his practice.

Ollive Hicks returned last Friday from a visit to friends and relatives at Caldwell.

Fred J. Palmer of Jordan Valley was expected home Monday last from his Alaska trip.

Mrs. Will Lewis returned last Saturday from Boise where she accompanied her mother to the hospital.

Dick Percival and Otto Pettit are doing the bachelor act and report having the best boarding place in town.

Ed. Stauffer, Frank Stauffer and Mr. Swisher, of the Circle Bar ranch stopped in town for a few hours yesterday on their way back from Murphy from where they shipped several car loads of cattle to market. Ed. and Frank are the same jolly, good hearted boys that we had the pleasure of knowing twenty odd years ago in the Harney Valley country. And two better men don't wear shoe leather.

Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, parents of A. A. Getchell, Silver City's popular postmaster and druggist, came in the first of the week on a visit to their son and family. Their home is in the good old state of Maine, but they have been visiting in the west for about a year with relatives and friends, and this summer enjoyed the sights at the Seattle fair. They will visit in Silver several weeks.

The public's attention is called to the fact, that Theo. H. Philipp is closing out his hardware business and that goods will be sold at cost for cash; and more especially heating and cook stoves will go very low for this month only, as he intends to leave by the first of October.

This Friday morning at 7:20 the spirit of Grandma Beaton passed peacefully away to the realms above. The funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon. An extended notice will appear in the next issue of the Nugget.

Mrs. Spencer called at this office a few days ago and left a sample of delicious candy made from Cacti. The candy was sent to Mrs. Spencer as a birthday present by her daughter, Mrs. Bingham, of Ray, Arizona.

County Treasurer Miss Maggie Cavaney, E. J. Burroughs, Loraine and Lottie Gardner and mother returned Saturday night from Jordan Valley. They all report a most enjoyable time.

Robison Broe & Rapp, the enterprising blacksmiths of Jordan Valley, will erect a new building this fall and put in a stock of hardware and machine extras.

Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Dickens remained over in Jordan Valley Monday to eat wild duck, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schas.

J. A. Schas, mine host of the Jordan Valley hotel, has his arrangements made for the immediate erection of a new livery and feed stable.

Mrs. Spencer went to Wagontown last Friday after her sister, Mrs. Simpson who has been stopping with Mrs. Townsend for several weeks.

Mrs. Ed Catlow and her two bright little girls came in this week to spend the winter in Silver City, where the children will attend school.

Mr. J. A. Wroten, the popular hotel man of Jordan Valley, gave us a nice order for stationery.

Theo. H. Philipp would like to call the public's attention, and more especially the attention of the property owners of this place and vicinity, to the safety of their stoves for the approaching winter, as he expects to leave here as soon as possible this fall and would like to feel that everybody is prepared in this respect.

The little child of Mrs. Thomas of DeLamar, who was badly burned some time ago, died last Saturday morning. He never recovered from the effects of his injuries and his little body was tenderly laid away in its last resting place by loving friends.

Mrs. Minnie Weston returned from Jordan Valley on Monday's stage. The lady reports good success with her millinery goods.

Mrs. Brooks came in last Friday from Caldwell, and will spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. John Grete, Sr.

R. H. Hawes received a shipment of delicious fresh salmon yesterday. The Nugget acknowledges some nice steaks.

A party of capitalists are expected in Jordan Valley this week to investigate irrigation and railroad matters.

W. E. Cooper and mother are in De Lamar from the east visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Honey.

The next issue of the Owyhee Nugget will be a 6-column, 4-page, all home print paper. Look for it.

#### ENTERPRISE.

[Correspondence.]

School opened last Monday morning with an attendance of fifteen pupils.

Seneca Walker has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker at the ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell are selling their horse hold goods and intend moving to Murphy, Idaho.

Mable Young and Wellyn Griffith have been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mr. Adam Blackstock has finished putting up his third cutting of alfalfa.

Mrs. J. P. Moon and daughter Miss Ethel are spending their vacation on the homestead near Squaw Creek.

Mr. Earl Young filed a desert entry near the Teddy Bell claim last week.

Grandma Shirley is still able to be around, she visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McNelly and family of Maple Grove visited last week with friends at Enterprise.

The Boise-Owyhee Engineers have been surveying through the Opaline district but as yet nothing definite has been decided on.

People in this vicinity as a rule are greatly disappointed at the result of the Ada county election. Parents more and more realize that the boys and girls of our country must be saved from the curse of the rum traffic and white slave trade, and this can be done only through the votes of the land rising up in agitation and demanding that the vicious and selfish be curbed in their work and the better side of human nature allowed to develop.

## Jordan Valley Hotel

J. A. SCHAS, Proprietor

Particular attention given to table service. Rates \$2 per day.

Livery and Feed Stable in Connection  
Jordan Valley, Oregon.

## Grand Ball

AND

## Three Days Racing

AT

## Jordan Valley, Oregon

### October 18, 19, 20.

MATCH RACE for \$250.00 aside between BOGUS BALLY and GREY HOUND. Purses will be hung suitable for other horses in attendance.

Everybody Come

GOOD MUSIC AND A GOOD TIME PROMISED.