

Chromium Found In Oregon's Sands

Beach Area From Marshfield
Southward Contains War
Mineral Needed by U. S.

(Associated Press Science Editor)
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SEATTLE, June 18.—Two dis-
coveries about chromium, an es-
sential war material which the
United States lacks, were reported
to the American Association for
the Advancement of Science here
today.

A new source of chromium has
been found in the black sands of
Oregon and a new scientific meth-
od of locating chromium promises
to turn up more American de-
posits.

Chromium makes stainless steel.
It comes from chromite, a mineral
usually appearing in the form of
heavy black rocks. The country
now imports half a million tons a
year, and all the present known
American deposits, if worked to ex-
haustion, would not supply chromi-
um needs for more than two or
three years.

The chromium reports were
made by John Elliot Allen of Port-
land, state geologist of Oregon.
Oregon's black sands are deposits
where the ocean once roiled in six
miles farther than the present
beaches, from Coos bay and Marsh-
field, southward. The black sands
lie in lens-shaped formations.

More important is the new pros-
pecting technique. This is based
on discovery that the earth, in
forming its crust, has laid down
the semi-prismatic black rocks in
regular formations. These may be
traced by following the lines of
formation, or by following the lines
of the beach, or by following the
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Most of these deposits are small,
where they appear at the surface.
But with the knowledge of pre-his-
tory formation, a geologist can
take a known outcrop as his refer-
ence, and with a compass point to
the places where other deposits
will likely lie. Deposits have been
traced in this way for five miles.

Mr. Allen said that in Oregon
229 chromium bodies have been
found, 42 of them big enough to
yield more than 10 tons each and
one probably 100,000 tons.

California and California have the
other principal known home de-
posits of chromite.

Around the County

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN, June 15.—Mr.
and Mrs. H. E. Fennell and Mary
Ann Fennell, daughter of C. C.
Fennell, of Ashwood, Ore., visited
over the weekend with Mrs. E. C.
Fennell. Anna Fennell returned
to Ashwood with them to spend a
few weeks.

Mary Lou Williams of Portland
has arrived to spend the summer
months with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar
Keith. Miss Williams is a niece
of Mrs. Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dufour and
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keith at-
tended to business in Cottage Grove
Wednesday.

Ruby Scorbrough of
Oreana Lake is visiting her grand-
parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W.
Snook.

Mrs. Jerry Kohler of Eugene is
spending a few days with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Duer.
The highway crew which has
been stationed here the past few
weeks left Friday morning for Eu-
gene.

E. C. Fennell of Primeville is vis-
iting his wife and son, Steve, at
their home north of town.

Notices have been posted for
the annual school election which
is to be held June 24 at the city
hall. There are three vacancies
to be filled at this time, one clerk
and two directors, as Art Hansen
one of the members has resigned
and John Musgrove's term has ex-
pired.

One of the Roseburg Lumber
company's trucks was completely
demolished Thursday when the
loading tongs gave way while load-
ing a log, allowing the log to drop
15 feet onto the truck. The loss
is covered by insurance.

Miss Elvira Wofford returned to
her home here Thursday night
from Sacramento, Calif., where
she has been attending Sacramen-
to Junior college.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stowe and

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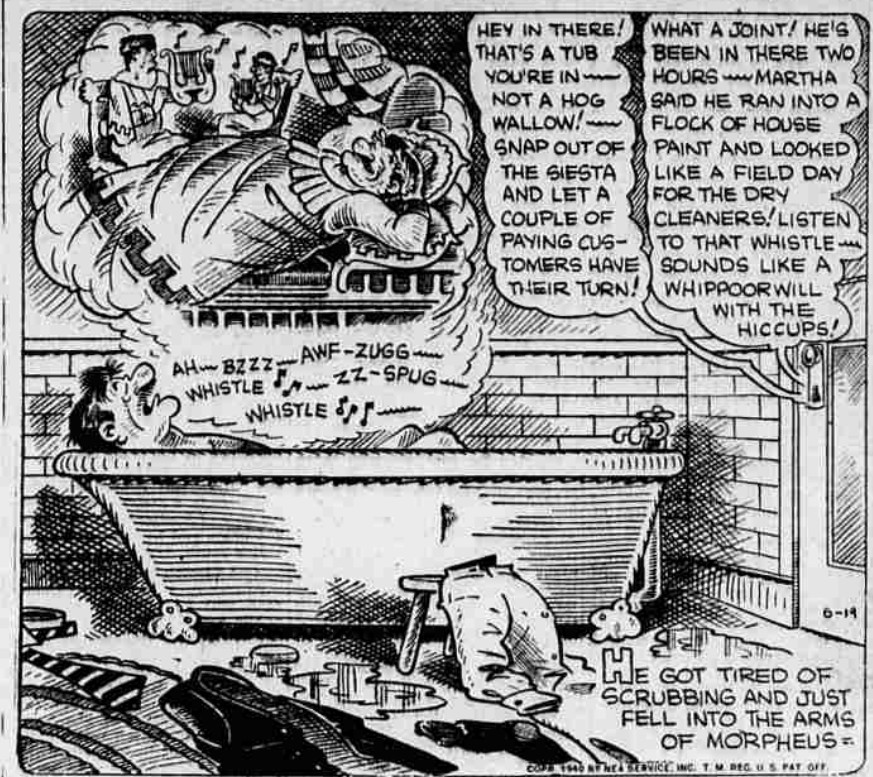
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son, Walter, left the first of the
week for The Dalles Ore., where
they will pick cherries.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Bogard and
sons, Don and Keith, Mrs. L. D.
Bogard and daughters, Barbara
and Nancy of Bremerton, Wash.,
are visiting for two weeks with
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fraser and
Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Davis. V. A.
Bogard is a brother of Mrs. Frase-
r and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. L. D.
Bogard is the wife of Loyal, who is
also a brother of the ladies and
who is now in Alaska. Mrs. Bo-
gard expects to join him there soon.

Charles Ellis underwent a ma-
jor operation at Eugene hospital
last Friday. Mr. Ellis is some-
what improved but still seriously
ill.

The home economics commit-
tee of the Nonpareil grange is
meeting at the Fair Oaks club
house Wednesday, June 19, and
they invite anyone outside the
club who are interested in sewing
for the Red Cross to be present at
this meeting.

Miss Anna Mooney, of Sonoma,
Calif., is visiting at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Woods.
Miss Mooney is a sister of Mrs.
Woods who is en route to Colum-
bia university at New York City.
On her way she will visit Jasper
National park and other Canadian
points, returning later through
the southern route where she will
again teach at Sonoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wheeler
of Camas Valley called at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. William C.
Woods to see Miss Anna Mooney.
Miss Mooney formerly taught the
primary grades at Camas Valley.
Mrs. Alice McCormack and
Mrs. Jack Carriger visited the Car-
rigger homestead on the Callahan
Trail last Wednesday.

Riddle

RIDDLE, June 15.—Mr. and
Mrs. Ernest Pruner are attending
the state game at Salem this
week and will visit relatives in the
northern part of the state before
returning home.

Mrs. C. E. Logsdon returned to
her home here Wednesday evening
after visiting relatives at Jasper
for several weeks.

Miss Gail Francis of Portland at-
tended the graduating exercises of
her cousin, Betty Cornutt, here
last week, returning to her home
Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riddle and
son, Don, who have been at Le-
banon the past few months, where
Mr. Riddle was employed, return-
ed to their home here last week.

Mrs. Courtney Towne returned
to her home at Eugene Sunday af-
ter spending a week here at the

home of her father, J. M. Cornutt.
She was accompanied home by her
sister, Betty Cornutt, and Edna
Riggs, who will visit in Eugene
for several weeks.

Mrs. Kenneth Dunham and chil-
dren of Roseburg attended the
commencement exercises here
Thursday evening and visited with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will
Mellor.

Miss Willametta Logsdon is en-
joying a vacation at her home here
before entering summer school.
Miss Dorothy Moore, a student
at Linfield college, arrived home
Saturday for the summer vacation
and is taking charge of the local
central telephone office while her
brother, John Moore, is visit-
ing relatives at Modesto and other
points in California. Mrs. Moore
also expects to attend the San
Francisco exposition before re-
turning home.

Mrs. A. P. Johnson and Lillian
Logsdon attended a luncheon party
at Myrtle Creek Thursday.

Mrs. C. A. Campbell and son,
Paul, motored to Yoncalla Thurs-
day where they looked after prop-
erty interests.

Eugene Mellor and Myrna Prun-
er, students at the University of
Oregon, have returned to their
homes here for the summer vaca-
tion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Riddle is spending
a few weeks in Portland where she
is receiving medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Hart and son
of New York state visited here this
week at the home of Mr. Hart's
brother, Ed Hart, and family. They
have been touring Canada and the
west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Boyd and
family, who have been residing
here the past year, expect to leave
the first of the week for Washing-
ton to make their home.

Jack Moore, who recently enlist-
ed in the U. S. navy, motored up
from San Diego where he is sta-
tioned and visited with home folks
last week. He was accompanied
by his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen
Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Belden, who
are spending some time at Eugene,
returned to their home here for a
few days this week.

Mrs. Alfred Howard, Mrs. Jack
Smith and L. S. Howard attended
the funeral of their relative, Mr.
Neff, Sunday.

Willis Sargeant and Mrs. L. S.
Howard motored to Yoncalla Sun-
day and spent the day visiting at
the home of his sister, Mrs. Esther
Turpin.

Mrs. Cora Cloud, who has been
raising broilers by the battery
method for the past year has dis-
posed of most of her stock and
batteries and will continue the
business on a smaller scale. Mr.
Ford of Ford camp near Canyon-

ville, bought 800 broilers and part
of the batteries.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Lawson motored
to Corvallis Friday where
Mrs. Lawson, the local postmas-
tress, is attending the postmasters
convention. Mrs. Stille Nichols
is assisting in the post office dur-
ing her absence.

G. E. Atkins is spending a few
weeks at his ranch at Leona. He
was joined Sunday by Mrs. Atkins
and his daughter, Melba, who will
remain there for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cloud and
son, Jackie, and Mr. and Mrs.
Rayne of Seattle, visited over last
weekend with Mr. Cloud's mother,
Mrs. Cora Cloud.

Mrs. Clay Ulam, Mrs. Lawrence
Michael and Mrs. Jack Ulam and
baby of Milo were shopping and
visiting in Riddle Friday afternoon.

The Saturday Bridge club met at
the home of Mrs. Sarah Phillips
last week. A luncheon was served
at one o'clock. Mrs. A. P. John-
son won high score. Mrs. Cora
Cloud will be the next hostess.

George Wilhelm of Junction
City, who has been a guest at the
C. E. Logsdon home, returned to
his home Monday.

Harve Snawver has returned
from his mine on Ask creek and is
employed at the Roseburg Pack-
ing plant.

Richard and Patricia Ritzman,
children of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy
Ritzman, are visiting their aunt,
Mrs. Gikenson, in Roseburg.

Miss Willametta and Miss Lillian
Logsdon were shopping in Rose-
burg Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Ledgerwood
and Richard Weekly of Myrtle
Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P.
Johnson, Jimmie Johnson and Don
Liddle enjoyed a picnic on the
South Umpqua near Tiller Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Frater and daughter,
Frances, of Sacramento, are ex-
pected here Monday and will visit
at the C. F. Stauffer home.

School District Reorganization Plan Discussed

Views Offered on Legislative
Proposal as Particularly
Applicable to Douglas
County Situation.

(Editor's Note.—A tentative plan,
authorized by the legislature, for
reorganization of Douglas county
school districts, has been submit-
ted to the state board of education
for approval. The proposed reor-
ganization would become effective
where accepted by a vote of the
people where districts did not ap-
prove. In order that there may be
an understanding of the conditions
upon which the proposal
proceeds, the News-Review
views are requested. The views of
Douglas county are being collected
by the reorganization board to collect
the data necessary for the reor-
ganization study and the statistics
presented in the series of arti-
cles appearing in the News-Review
are presented for the purpose
of informing the public of the
program. Any conclusions or opin-
ions expressed are those of the
writer.)

By LEE BYERS
(No. 3 in a series of articles ex-
planatory of the proposed school
reorganization plan for Douglas
county.)

The people of Douglas county
appear to show increasing inter-
est toward school reorganization.
Many improvements already have
been made and there has been
much inquiry concerning possi-
bilities for the future.

It is a mistake to consider the
subject as one for today only.
There must be some thought of
the future. The way is being pre-
pared by planning for many years
in advance. Consequently, it is
time to think of what tax valua-
tion adjustments are possible
when timber lands are reduced in
value and when lands, together
with improvements, carry the tax
load. With the proper distribution
of taxable assets among the sev-
eral school districts, rates may
be more equitable than they are
under the present set-up.

There is not always a clear un-
derstanding as to what consti-
tutes a school tax. Some taxpay-
ers consider only the special dis-
trict levy. There are several oth-
ers, such as the county school
levy, the elementary state levy,
the union high levy and the non-
high school district levy. Of
course, not all levies are paid in
all districts but at least three of
these taxes are paid each year in
every school district in the coun-
ty. It is a fact that some rural
school districts are paying a high

er county school tax than many of
the larger units.

It costs at least \$1200 per year
to operate a rural school and
when one is found operating at
less cost it generally shows some-
neglect. Often buildings are un-
fit for habitation by children, san-
itary facilities are lacking or in-
adequate, equipment is poor and
the teacher has little encourage-
ment. The best teachers will not
remain in such situations and
move to other schools where con-
ditions contribute to teaching ef-
ficiency. Fifteen schools in Dou-
glas county expended less than \$1-
000 during the year 1939. Ten
schools operated at costs from
\$1,000 to \$1,200. Fifteen districts
provided transportation to other
districts.

There are 95 separate school
taxing units in Douglas county at
the present time, including dis-
trict schools and union high
schools. The suggested reorgani-
zation plan would call for from 11
to 16 districts or units. Each of
these units would be controlled
and operated by a local board
whose power would be derived
from the voters of that unit. As
previously mentioned, these peo-
ple would decide what schools
should be operated. In some in-
stances there could be some com-
bining for efficiency as well as
for purposes of economy. The
unit might operate one central
school, or might maintain several
schools, just as the city of Rose-
burg operates several schools un-
der the supervision of one board
of directors. It would not be
necessary to have a separate dis-
trict and a separate board for
each school, nor would it be nec-
essary to have the present number
of rural tax units.

The reorganization plan pro-
poses to equalize assessed valua-
tions between districts on a basis
of school attendance. At the
present time there is an extreme-
ly wide spread, ranging from \$2-
50 per pupil on one district to
\$81,000 in another.

The following tabulation shows
the five districts in the county
having the highest ratio of as-
sessed valuation per pupil to aver-
age daily attendance, in comparison
with the five districts having the
lowest per pupil ratio to assessed
valuation:

High Ratio Districts	Valuation per Pupil
District 38	\$81,000
35 *Long Prairie	48,700
51 Kellogg	48,700
98 Five Mile	36,720
34 Winchester	27,450

73 Schofield	\$4,460
*District 38 now has been con- solidated with No. 34.	
Low Ratio Districts	
117 Deans Creek	\$2,870
8 Canyonville	3,100
105 Reedsport	3,200
30 Scotts Valley	3,330
22 Drain	3,660

Surplus Loganberries to
Be Purchased by Govt.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—
(AP)—The federal surplus com-
modities corporation today author-
ized purchase of up to 1,500 tons
of fresh loganberries from Oregon
and Washington growers.

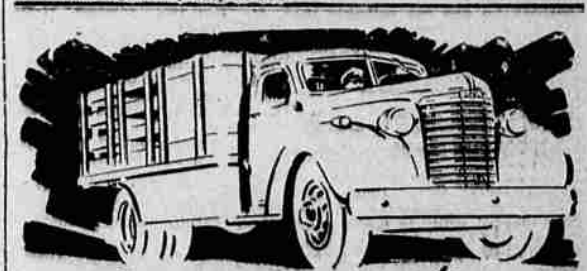
The berries will be canned by
processors under contract with
the FSCC and will be donated for
use in free school lunches for un-
dernourished children.
Corporation officials said 43 per
cent of the loganberry crop in Ore-

gon and Washington is normally
exported, but that because of war
conditions and the probability that
little of this canned fruit will be
exported, the surplus purchase
program was arranged as an out-
let for fruit that otherwise might
not be harvested.

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