

OREGON GOLD OUTPUT GIVEN

Past Year Saw 27,511 Ounces of Gold and 47,475 Ounces of Silver Mined in State.

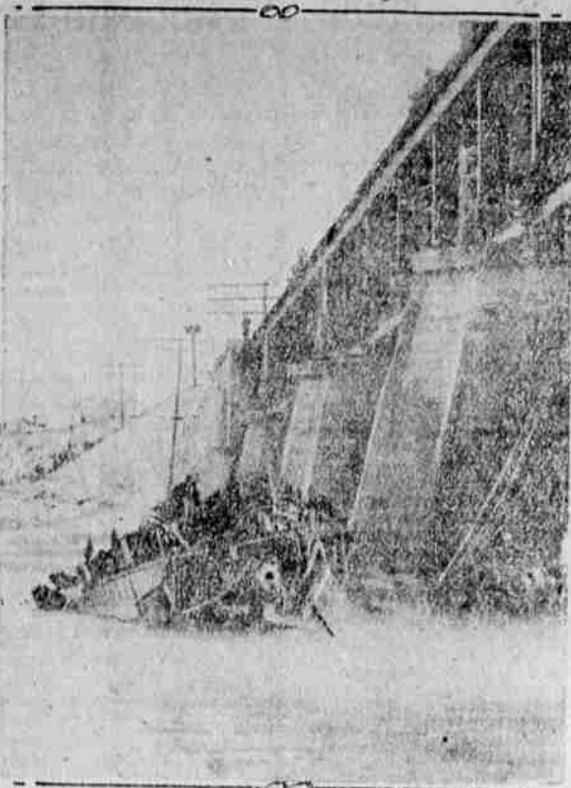
WASHINGTON (AP).—Refinery production of gold in 1924 aggregated 2,511,242 ounces valued at \$21,512,990. It was shown in a preliminary estimate made Friday by the director of the mint. Silver production was 47,475,214 ounces valued at the average New York price of 1.672 an ounce as worth \$45,540,365.

The 1924 gold production exceeded that of 1923 by \$178,000 and was the largest since 1919. The silver output was 8,452,554 ounces less than in 1923, but it was materially greater than the previous four years.

The director of the mint made public a list of gold and silver outputs in principal states as follows:

State	Gold Ounces	Silver Ounces
Alaska	599,907	668,195
Arizona	282,113	6,349,265
California	629,832	2,266,929
Colorado	408,667	2,253,998
Idaho	26,899	9,305,191
Montana	92,943	12,154,917
Nevada	222,159	9,828,546
New Mexico	24,267	752,328
Oregon	27,511	47,475
South Dakota	296,781	59,809
Texas		719,506
Utah	152,376	19,178,763
Washington	12,187	194,317
Wyoming	5	0
Philippines	80,945	35,376

Eight Die as Car Drops in River



Eight persons were killed and seven injured when a combination car and observation car of a Soo Line train plunged into the Chippewa River from a trestle near Chippewa Falls, Minn.

Value Of Irrigation Told By Yakima Paper

The following editorial, reprinted from the Yakima Morning Herald, is interesting in that it is interesting in that the Grande Ronde valley is now engaged in taking the first actual step toward procuring two irrigation units, one on Catherine creek, above Union, and one possibly at Meadowbrook.—Editor's Note.

THE VALUE OF IRRIGATION.

An editorial in last week's Country Gentleman entitled "The Reclamation Tangle" is typical of the modern attitude toward the value of reclamation. The editorial protests against the expenditure of large sums of money by the government for the development of western irrigation projects with which he believes he is little concerned. This is a mistaken idea. And certainly have this mistaken idea because their knowledge of irrigation is based on just such information as this writer has just read. It is a mistake to speak of reclamation as a cost. Reclamation which is not borne out by the facts. Many of his statements are misleading and untrue.

There was no national economic need for government reclamation 22 years ago. There is none today. There was no need for reclamation 22 years ago and there is none today. The opening up of the west was an natural in the development of the middle west. The settlers pushed farther and farther west. They were seeking new lands and new homes. Out here they found vast stretches of arid lands which needed only water to turn them into fertile valleys. Private enterprises could not construct great irrigation works which would bring the water on the land so the government undertook to do it. In order that men settlers could come west, build homes for themselves and their families, the government through irrigation, made it possible to turn lands covered with sage brush into fertile and productive fields which would yield two or three times as much as arid lands.

This movement of people took place in the course of ordinary human progress on this continent. There was no way of stopping it and no need for stopping it. The settlement of the west meant competition of the new world with the old. Yet who will argue that the new world should not have been settled or that the people of this continent should not have pushed the frontier as far west as they could go?

The development of irrigation projects has not resulted in overproduction of agricultural products in this country, the editor of the Country Gentleman notwithstanding. The number of farmers on the government projects and the number of farms is negligible compared with the number of people engaged in that industry in the United States and the number of acres devoted to it. There were six and a half million farmers in the United States in 1920, according to the official census. Of this number, only 24,276 were on government projects. The number of acres under cultivation was nearly 521,000,000, of which slightly more than a million and a half

anyone who has any conception at all of the extent of reclamation would never question its value to the people of the west and to the nation as a whole.

The Yakima project alone is a justification for the government's irrigation undertakings. The gross production on this project during the last ten years has amounted to \$90,000,000, or approximately three-fifths of all the cost of irrigation construction. So one can ride up and down the length and breadth of this valley and not be convinced that irrigating is worth while. No one can view the fertile fields, the hundreds of prosperous homes the thriving communities of this valley without realizing that it is all due to irrigation. The wonderful productivity of the Yakima project is known far and wide. It is the development of projects, such as the Yakima that makes for a higher type of civilization.

CHEERFUL VIENNA RESUMES GAITY DESPITE REVERSE

VIENNA (AP)—At 60 there in his history has entertainment been provided for inhabitants or strangers on so liberal a scale in Vienna as at present, according to Herr Heitner, the financial expert of the Vienna Municipality. He was addressing a deputation of representatives of every class of entertainment and amusements and refreshment purveyors, who were pleading for a reduction of the entertainment and luxury taxes levied by the city.

To justify his unrelenting attitude Herr Heitner said that, although the population of Vienna has decreased by 200,000, there had been added to the establishments existing prior to 1919 seven play houses with 4,762 seats, five concert halls, adding 20 per cent to former seating accommodations, moving picture theaters with their seating capacity of 19,000, and 45 fashionable bars. Moreover, 174 restaurants and 208 cafes had had established 22 new permanent and 224 seasonal wine gardens, while no fewer than 17,000 licenses had been granted by the police in the past ten months for the operation of casual entertainments and festivities in this city.

Holland Will Join New York In Celebrating Bicentenary

THE HAGUE, Holland (AP)—Preparations for Holland's participation in the forthcoming bicentenary celebrations commemorating the founding of New Amsterdam (New York) are already under way, according to a report of the Netherlands-American Foundation, a sister organization of the Netherlands-American Foundation of New York.

The chief aim of the Dutch committee is the promotion of closer intellectual ties between Holland and the United States. The report, reviewing the past year's activities, says the committee has been able to give social and business introductions to many prominent American visitors to this country.

A system of mutual collaboration by arrangement with the Netherlands-American Chamber of Commerce, the Dutch Emigration Bureau and the Tourist Association has given excellent results, the report says.

Prunes Now are Dried by Electricity

An Amsterdam botanist has found prunes in commerce, showing what you can do if you try hard enough.

THRIFT DRIVE ON THE BOOKS

NEW YORK (AP)—The 218th anniversary of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, "Apostle of Thrift," Saturday, Jan. 17, 1925, will be observed throughout the country as the first of seven days of emphasis upon his principles of economy. The general plans were announced here today at National Thrift Week headquarters.

National Thrift Week is fostered by the Y. M. C. A. through a committee which represents 48 well-known national, ethnic, commercial, educational and religious organizations, including the American Bankers Association, American Red Cross, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, Association of Life Insurance Presidents, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire Girls, Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., Council of Y. M. H. & K. Associations, Federal Council of Churches, Girl Scouts, General Federation of Women's Clubs, International Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, National Board of the Y. W. C. A., National Association of Real Estate Boards, National Retail Dry Goods Association, United States Post Office department.

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