Port Orford Deep Water Harbor = The KEY to the Development of the Vast Natural Wealth of the Mid-Pacific Coast Empire

# PORT ORFORD NEWS

VOL. III. Port Orford, Oregon, Tuesday, June 25, 1929. No. 33.

## Curry Gold Strike Causes Excitement; Galice Active

The recent reports of rich gold strikes made in the Mule creek district east of Port Orford in Curry county by Damon and Lawis have caused considerable excitement in mining circles in the coast counties as well as in the mining sections around Grants Pass, and many have gone to the scene of the new Eldorado to seek their fortune. In fact there is an old time gold rush on to the new discovery, and southwestern Oregon is witnessing a revival of the early mining days when a new strike was the signal to drop everything and leave for the new diggings.

There is said to be no doubt that prospectors who have been working in that district for the past year or two have uncovered a great body of ore. Values shown by reports of assays range from a few dollars a ton to nearly $5000.

Much of the ore which has been unearthed carries free gold near the sruface, but at deeper levels the values are found mostly in sulphides.

The ore body appears to be an immense dyke, overcapped with decomposed porphyry. It is in this decomposed rock that the free gold predominates. The find is located on the west fork of Mule creek, a district into which the only communication is by rough mountain trail. There is a mere handful of prospectors in the district, but everyone of them, including two women, have staked all the claims they can handle and they say there is plenty of good pay rock for others. It takes two days to get into the district from Gold Beach and an equal length of time from Grants Pass.

**GALICE DISTRICT ACTIVE**

Galice, Ore., June 18.—(Special)—That the famous old Galice district, which has produced its quota of the millions of dollars in gold from the placer mines, is staging a come back through the development of her lode mines, is evidenced by the progress being made in development and operation of many well known properties here.

**Snow Flower Mine.**

Development work on the Snow Flower group of claims, situated on Peavine mountain five miles from Galice, has been in progress for the past six months. The property is owned by Portland and Galice mining men who recently incorporated the Snow Flower Mining company—a closed corporation. The company has installed an Ellis ball mill and concentrating table, and has been milling ore for the past 30 days. It plans on enlarging its milling plant as soon as the ore bodies are developed to justify such increased capacity.

The ore now being mined is from a number of small parallel fissure veins which interest and cut a gold bearing dike of greenstone diorite several hundred feet in width. Present development indicates that this whole dike may be handled profitably by large scale operations.

Free gold and concentrates are being recovered in the mill. A sample of concentrates are being recovered in the mill. A sample of concentrate sent to the Tacoma smelter gave assay returns of 101 ounces of gold and 15 ounces of silver per ton.

The officers of the company are Frank Cantril, Galice, president; H. E. Baker, Oregon City, treasurer; F. C. Baker, Portland, secretary, and Joseph T. Sugars, Galice, manager.

**Famous Robertson Mine.**

The new 10-stamp Straub mill recently installed by the Robertson Mining company, of which K. Dean Butler, Grants Pass, is manager, is now in operation. The first trial run was very satisfactory, so much so in fact that the mill will be put in steady operation and production from this fabulously rich property resumed.

**Blue Jay Mine.**

Lyman Shipley of Galice and Nelson brothers of Roseburg, owners of the Blue Jay mine on Rum creek, have purchased an Independence Ellis ball mill, rock crusher, Wilfley concentrator, and Fairbanks Morse engine, and are now transporting the machinery from Galice to the property over the Seven-Thirty trail. High grade free milling gold ore in a vein 10 inches to two feet wide is being mined from a tunnel which crosscuts the vein at a depth of 100 feet, and considerable tonnage has already been mined and blocked out ready for milling.

**Western Metals.**

The Western Metals Mines company has a crew of seven men repairing the road from Galice to the company's property and an extensive development program is planned for the near future. J. E. Jones of Galice is in charge of the work. The company owns several groups of claims, the Seven-Thirty, the Sugar Pine, the Black Jack and the Copper Ealge being the principal ones.

**Mule Creek Strike Excites.**

Considerable interest is being taken by local mining men and also those of Grants Pass in the new Mule creek district in Curry county, which, from reports, offers good opportunity for the mining man and the prospector. The opening up of a good mining district in that region would hasten the day when cheap transportation from Jackson and Josephine counties to tide water at Port Orford will be available.

### Life Preserver Found

The life preserver of the U. S. S. Nitro, found by W. P. Young on the Port Orford beach last week, apparently was lost by the steamer while engaged in rescue work in connection with the wreck of the Laurel off the Columbia river bar June 15. Inasmuch as the preserver was picked up the following Monday morning, June 17, some idea of the currents along the Pacific coast may be gained, the distance travelled being approximately 250 miles.

### Former Curry Lad Honored by Scouts

A former Curry county lad, Billy Gauntlett, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gauntlett, now of Chattanooga, Tenn., and grandson of Mrs. Wm. Gauntlett of Bandon, is one of the highest ranking Boy Scouts of the country and has been selected as one to attend the world scout jamboree in England that is to attract some 6000 scouts from all parts of the world. Billy is one of three from Chattanooga and is a member of Troop 1, sponsored by the First Baptist church of that city. Billy Gauntlett was born at Pistol river.

The American contingent of the scout invasion of England will total 1500 and they have been instructed to make plans to sail July 20. A number of European countries will be visited by the scouts. —Western World.

### Ban Billboards

Detroit, June 19.—The board of directors of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce at its meeting here in May last, unanimously adopted the following resolution anent the movement to rid the highways of the United States from the commercial sign and billboard nuisance:

Advertising billboards erected in large number along and adjacent to the highways unnecessarily mar the appearance of the countryside and detract from the pleasure of motoring.

Such signs are in many cases erected at points, such as curves, and railroad and highway intersections, where they are a positive menace to the safety of operators and users of motor vehicles. By distracting the attention of drivers they may be a contributing cause to accidents.

The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce endorses civic efforts to improve this situation in the public interest and specifically and emphatically disapproves of any and all advertising along our rural highways which may imperil life, limb or property.

### Oregon Editorial Association Meets

Albany, June 20.—The Oregon State Editorial association will hold its annual meeting here Friday, June 28, and on June 29 and 30 the quill slingers will trek to Newport to enjoy the ocean breezes.

### Autoist Drowns in Brushes Creek

Thursday, about 11 a. m., E. C. Tubbs of Washington, while driving south on the Roosevelt highway near the J. C. White home, south of Port Orford, drove off the grade into Brushes creek, the car turning over in such manner that Mr. Tubbs, who weighed approximately 250 pounds, was held under water until he drowned. Bernal Forty, highway maintenance employee, saw the car leave the road and take the plunge, and immediately hastened to the scene, where he attempted to extricate Mr. Tubbs, but, owing to the man's size which held him firmly wedged under the steering wheel, he was unable to do so, and, realizing that his efforts could not avail, went for assistance. Upon his return the man was dead. Dr. Leep of Bandon was called, and Coroner Wheeler of Gold Beach hastened to the scene. It is understood that Tubbs was driving at a fair rate of speed and that the ridge of gravel thrown up in the center of the highway by the grader caused the machine to become unmanageable with the result that it took the plunge into the stream.

The body was taken to Bandon to await advice from relatives as to disposal.

### Dedicate New Bridge

Crescent City, Cal., June 22.—Marking the completion of the Redwood highway, the Hiouchi bridge, spanning the Smith river near here, was dedicated to public use today by Governor Young of California and Governor Patterson of Oregon.

The ceremony was made notable by the presence of two delegations of newspaper men, one from the European countries and the other from the counties of the Redwood Empire, together with groups of highway officials from California, Oregon and Washington.

The bridge was officially christened by Mrs. Bernice Bull, wife of Ralph Bull, Eureka publisher and president of the state highway commission. Hiouchi is the Indian name for "blue waters."

The bridge is a through cantilever steel truss structure, with a main span of 380 feet, and two anchor spans of 114 feet each, making a total length of 608 feet. The roadway is 24 feet wide.

### Rep. Knapp Speaks

At the regular meeting of the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday, Representative Louis L. Knapp gave a clear and concise statement of the workings of the new Oregon forestation and reforestation of lands (chapter 138, laws 1929). Mr. Knapp said that the law provides for the classification of lands as to whether adapted to growing timber or not, and for the owner to contract with the state for a long term of years for the growing of timber or such lands as are classified as valuable for timber growth, such contracts providing for the elimination of the present taxes and the straight provision for the state to receive a 12 1-2 per cent interest in the timber upon the expiration of the contract, or when same is harvested.

### Northern Pacific Arranges Display

Portland, June 18.—Through the courtesy of the Northern Pacific railroad, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has arranged to display Oregon made and grown products in the exposition building at St. Paul. Pictures, or products of Oregon mills or farms sent to the state chamber at Portland will be forwarded to St. Paul for this display.

### Port Orford Cedar Shipped for Arrows

C. C. Ponting and sons are shipping a consignment of Port Orford cedar in squares 3-8 by 32 inches in length to Lyons, Oregon, to be used for arrow stock. These squares are cut from the choicest portion of the log and each one must be a perfect specimen. The timber is cut and sawed at the Ponting mill on Elk river, where the concern is also sawing battery stock.

### White Family Arrives

Mrs. E. L. White and children arrived Monday from Oakland, Calif., to spend the summer with Mr. White and their son, Carlos.

### Macleay Named On Fish Board

To help conclude, if that may be done, "the unending contention between commercial and sport fishermen in this state" which is at the root of the "grave danger that the supply of fish in this state for both commercial and sport purposes will be depleted to an extent that would be injurious to the public," Ralph S. Hamilton, speaker of the 1929 house of representatives, has made public his appointees to settle the tangle. The house members are Charles Childs of Albany, Homer D. Angell of Portland, Earl Snell of Arlington; of the Oregon State Game protective association, A. W. Schaupp of Klamath Falls; of the commercial fishing interests of district No. 2, Roderick L. Macleay, of Wedderburn.

The appointments have been made in accordance with house joint resolution No. 20, which provides that the speaker shall appoint three members of the house, one representative of the game protective association and one representative of district No. 2. The president of the senate shall appoint two senators, one member of the game association and one representative of commercial fishing district No. 1. The joint commission is to study the fishing situation and report soothing legislation to the 1931 legislative session.—Western World.

### Body Goes North

Bandon, June 22.—C. G. Stewart, Tacoma, Wn., arrived here yesterday to take charge of the remains of E. C. Tubbs, who was drowned in Brushes creek Thursday when his car overturned.

Mr. Tubbs was salesmanager for the Nanheim Manufacturing and Belting company with headquarters at Nanheim, Penn. He had charge of the western territory in the United States, Alaska and the Orient. He was about 65 years of age and unmarried. Dr. Webb of Mt. Angel, Ore., who is a cousin of the late Mr. Tubbs, accompanied Mr. Stewart to take charge of the body on the trip to Tacoma where interment will take place.

### Purchase Curry County Timber

H. B. Smith of the upper Floras creek section has sold to the Conrad Timber company of Marshfield 800,000 feet of Port Orford cedar located on the Smith sheep ranch, and the purchaser proposes to log same this season. A crew of about 20 men will be employed and the logs will be trucked to Bandon. George Gothro, Marshfield, cruised the timber for the purchaser.

### Cox Will Recover

Ike Cox, who was badly slashed about the abdomen at the Mather camp on Sixes river by Sam McFarland, watchman, is gradually gaining ground in his fight for life at Leep hospital in Bandon, and reports are to the effect that unless complications develop he will recover. No arrests have been made in the case as yet.

### Resume Hauling Cedar

Weather conditions having returned to normal, the hauling of Port Orford cedar logs from the Cary tract 15 miles south of Port Orford by Marsh brothers has been resumed. The logs are shipped over the port dock to Marshfield for export and manufacture.

### Car Thieves Arrested

Coquille, Ore., June 22.—Ray Ball and Elmer Cooper, each 12 years old, whose homes are in Powers, have been arrested in Gold Beach for the theft of a Chevrolet touring car in Powers Friday, the car belonging to J. D. Smith of North Bend, who was there on business at the time. The boys are being held by the sheriff of Curry county, and Deputy Sheriff George Bohrer will leave this evening to take them into custody and return them to Coos county for a hearing in juvenile court.

### Zumwalt Elected Director

At the Tuesday election for director of the union high school district No. 2, Clarence Zumwalt of Sixes was elected to succeed Mrs. Mabel Gillings, whose term has expired. A light vote was cast, the results being: Clarence Zumwalt, 39; Mrs. Mabel Gillings, 6.... Ada Capps, 2; F. B. Tichenor, 2; George Sutton, 1; M. T. Wright, 1.

### Rogue River to be Spanned by Bridge

Marshfield, June 21.—At the luncheon tendered Governor Patterson and party here today Governor Patterson made the announcement that the state highway commission had decided to construct the proposed bridge across Rogue river on the Roosevelt highway, and that the preliminary work of preparing plans and specifications would be started promptly.

The proposed bridge is to be of concrete and will require the major portion of three years to complete, with an estimated cost of $650,000. It will be a free bridge, and will span the turbulent Rogue from Hume rock at Wedderburn on the north shore to Indian rock on the south shore just east of Gold Beach.

The highway department at present maintains ferry service across the Rogue, but, owing to the popularity of the scenic Roosevelt highway, this service is entirely inadequate to handle the traffic expeditiously and economically, and the announcement of the governor met a warm reception all over southwestern Oregon.

### Inman Hit in Answer

Another chapter in the suit of C. C. Inman and the Inman Mines company against the Port Orford Harbor & Development company was written into the circuit court records Tuesday with the filing by the defendants of their answer to the complaint.

The answer is a general denial to allegations made by Inman in his complaint of loose methods and of failure to account for funds. The defendants strike right back at Inman with counter allegations of failure to account for funds belonging to the company which came into his hands, of efforts to wreck the corporation and of manipulations to further his own interests.

The defendants ask an accounting of funds received by Inman which the defendants claim should have been placed in the treasury of the $3,000,000 corporation.

The answer of the defendants is as sensational as the complaint filed two weeks ago, and the suit, when it is tried, gives promise of revealing some startling information of the financing of the Port Orford concern.

S. A. Laurance and J. B. Bedingfield are attorneys for the plaintiff and L. A. Liljeqvist and C. R. Wade represent the defendants. The case will be tried before Judge Brand, probably in Coquille.—Curry County Reporter.

### Ponting Cruises Timber for County

C. C. Ponting, of Port Orford, who with cruisers Ismert and Gardner, has been engaged in cruising timber lands in Curry county for Assessor Fred S. Moore as a basis for an equitable adjustment, has returned home. Assessor Moore states that he has fixed 60 cents per thousand board feet for fir which is reasonably accessible, and 40 cents per thousand for fir in more remote sections, with $4 per thousand for Port Orford cedar and $4 a cord for oak bark for tanning purposes. The assessor further says:

"I am having the cruise made to equalize the tax as between the owners of timber," said the county owners of timber. Some of the timber land was not assessed sufficiently high and other was assessed too high. We had no record of the tracts and to determine the value of the various tracts, we are making the cruise."

### Touring the Continent

Mrs. Hattie Beach of Los Angeles, accompanied by her traveling companion, Mrs. Edwards, and driver who are motoring across the continent to New York, stopped in Port Orford last week, for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Soranson. Mrs. Beach is an aunt of J. M. Beach, president of the Port Orford Harbor & Development corporation.

### Donates Books

Mrs. Chas. Zeeburyth of Portland has kindly donated the following books to the Port Orford library: Two Years Before the Mast, Dana; Through the Looking Glass, Carroll; The Prairie, by Cooper; A World of Girls, Meade.

## Governor's Party Stops; View Ocean Panorama

The governor's party arrived in Port Orford about six o'clock Friday evening en route to Crescent City to attend the dedication of the new bridge across Smith river on the Redwood highway about eight miles east of Crescent City.

The party stopped about 15 minutes on the open space fronting historic Battle rock to obtain a view of the wonderful ocean panorama from that vantage point, and to meet the citizens of Port Orford generally. The party was entertained at Gold Beach Friday night with a banquet, and left Saturday morning for the dedication exercises on Smith river, which occurred at 11 o'clock. Friday noon the Coos County Chamber of Commerce entertained the party at luncheon at Marshfield, at which time Governor Patterson made the announcement that the long wished for Rogue river bridge would be constructed, and that the matter of preparing plans and specifications would be taken up at the next meeting of the state highway commission.

While here members of the party expressed their appreciation of the work done by the citizens of the county in maintaining the scenic Roosevelt highway in its natural state free from the unsightly commercial signs and billboards, and their pleasure in making the drive over the 100-mile stretch from Bandon south without having to witness the billboard nuisance.

Governor Patterson and State Highway Commissioners Van Duzer and Sawyer expressed a desire to see the vacant lands fronting Battle rock parked in order that the public generally would be able to enjoy the magnificent view of Battle rock, the shoreline to the southeast, and the broad expanse of the blue Pacific for all time to come, as well as the recreational advantages of Port Orford beach, and pledged their support to the movement to acquire those lands.

Those members of the party who partook of the bountiful spread at Agate Beach park two years ago, including Governor and Mrs. Patterson, the members of the state highway commission, B. F. Irvine, and others, recalled the event with pleasure.

The personnel of the party was:

Governor and Mrs. I. L. Patterson.

Mrs. C. S. Jackson.

H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the state highway commission.

Robert W. Sawyer, state highway commissioner.

C. E. Gates, state highway commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Irvine, Oregon Journal.

J. C. Ainsworth.

E. E. Brodie, former minister to Siam.

Claude Ingalls.

Frank Jenkins.

Walter Brockhaver, Portland Telegram.

John Kelly, Oregonian.

Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the state motor association.

A. L. Peck, Oregon State college.

James Stewart, state land board.

W. H. Lynch, U. S. bureau of public roads.

J. M. Dever, state highway department.

Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer.

W. G. Chandler, district highway engineer.

J. S. Sawyer, engineer.

### Leaves for Portland

Mrs. Ella Knapp left Sunday with Mrs. Lloyd Knapp for Reedsport where she will visit for a few days before going on to Portland for medical treatment.

### Woman's Club Notes

The Woman's club is planning a covered dish supper for Thursday evening. Cards will be the diversion of the evening. This will be the last regular meeting of the club until fall.

**NOTICE TO PAY DUES**

During my absence please pay dues of Neighbors of Woodcraft to Mrs. Syneva Lindberg, and oblige.

MRS. ELLA KNAPP.

### Proposed Changes In Mineral Tariff

Few important changes in mineral duties are provided in the tariff readjustment bill (H. R. 2,667) introduced and reported by Representative Hawley (Rep. Ore.) from the house ways and means committee. In the case of pig iron and fluorspar the present duties, plus the increases provided under reports of the tariff commission and approved by the president, are recommended. The present duty on manganese is continued, and coal and petroleum are continued on the free list. Semi-anthracite and semi-bituminous coals are added to the free list. Calcium arsenate is also put on the free list. Because of increased competition from the imported material, chromic acid, an industrial chemical, has been transferred from the free to the dutiable list. Vanadic acid and compounds are given a duty of 40 per cent advalorem. They are used in the production of sulphuric acid in place of platinum, and give a higher yield. Phosphoric acid of less than 80 per cent content is given a duty of 2 cents per pound and of greater content 3 1-2 cents. The duty on caustic calcined gamnesite is increased from five eighths to fifteen-sixteenths of 1 cent per pound. The present mica duties are retained except that the classification is included to cover mica "by whatever name known and to whatever use applied and whether or not named, described or provided for elsewhere in this act." Waste and scrap mica are given a new duty of 20 per cent. The duty on ground, washed, powdered or pulverized talc is increased from 25 to 30 per cent.

The duty on crystalline, lump, chip, or dust graphite is increased from 20 to 25 per cent while that on crystalline flake is increased from 1 1-2 to 1 1-8 cents per pound. The duty on metallurgical and other utensils is increased from 65 to 85 per cent. Those wholly or in chief value of fused quartz or silica are given a new duty of 50 per cent. A duty of 25 cents per cubic foot is provided for travertine stone in manufactured, or not dressed, hewn or polished.

**Lead and Zinc.**

The lead schedule is amended to include flue dust at 1 1-2 cents per pound on the lead content. It is provided, however, that the duty shall not apply to lead contained in copper, gold, or silver ores or copper mattes unless actually recovered. In the zinc schedule it is provided that the duties, which are not changed, shall not be applied to the zinc contained in lead or copper ores unless actually recovered. A new duty of 50 per cent is provided for drills. A new duty of 1 1-2 cents per pound is provided for zinc dross and skimmings.

Crude feldspar is given a new duty of $1.50 per ton. The present law authorizes its free entry.—Mining Truth.

### Grade School Elects Directors

At the school election for the grade school last week George Sutton was elected director to succeed Mrs. Alta Larson and Mrs. Syneva Lindberg was re-elected school clerk.

### Spoerl Relative Arrives

Stephen H. Perkins of Seattle, a cousin of S. J. Spoerl, of Chinquapin ridge, accompanied by a friend arrived Saturday to spend a couple of weeks at the home of Mrs. E. J. Baker.

### Timber Worker Injured

Claude Wylan, employed by Mr. McCracken in his logging operations on Hubbards creek, was injured Monday by being hit on the head with a hook. The injury was not considered serious and Wylan is up and around.

### Meet Governor's Party

Representative Louis L. Knapp and George W. Soranson met the governor's party at Bandon Friday and accompanied it to Port Orford.