

**GAS TANK NOW IN USE  
STRUCTURE DOUBLES AVAIL-  
ABLE SUPPLY IN CITY**

The gas tank for the Salem customers of the Portland Electric Power company is practically completed and was used for the first time yesterday since its remodeling, according to the reports made by officials here. With the exception of some minor work,

such as caulking and painting, the job is completed, and gives to Salem a gas tank, double in capacity, in comparison with the old structure.

Work of putting the steel hood around the present structure has been going on during the past several weeks. The increased number of gas-users in Salem made the increase in the tank necessary.

**DEAN OF SCHOOL OF MINES SAYS THE  
INDUSTRY AS BUSINESS IS LAGGING HERE**

He Attributes This to the Low Prices of the Metals We Produce; But Says Mining Is a Basic Industry, Each Year Finds Our Demands for Metals Increasing, and the Industry Must Return to Normal

Editor Statesman.  
The quest for metal or minerals containing metal, and especially gold, has opened up to civilization more parts of the world than probably any other enterprise or undertaking. Following the rush to California of '49, people drifted northward, and gold was soon discovered in southern Oregon, and due to the characteristics of the people undertaking this type of work, some of them soon drifted farther north to the Columbia, and some continued on as far as Puget sound. But our interest at this time is concerned chiefly with the western part of the state of Oregon.

**Early Mining Operations**  
The pioneers found gold bearing materials at the head of the Clackamas river, and reports indicate that fair shipments were made from this district. Also the early operations in the Elkhorn and Santiam districts and a little farther to the south, the Quartzville district, added considerable wealth to the pioneer gold ship-

ments.  
Little attention was given to mining as we go south until we come to what is known as the Blue River district in the neighborhood of the headwaters of the McKenzie, where mining has been carried on from the early days to the present time. As we travel south a short distance we come to what is known as the Bohemia district, that section of the country that lies due east of Cottage Grove. As in the Blue River district, mining has been in operation in this section from the early days until the present time. Travel southward from the Bohemia district brings us to the mining districts of Douglas county, and then that district of considerably greater area, known as the Grants Pass district, which includes many districts of smaller areas, and finally on to the extreme southwestern corner of the state.

**Basic Industry, Activity Ahead**  
In justice to all concerned I think it is only fair to say that mining as a business in western Oregon at this writing is not in a prosperous condition. The depression can be laid probably to the unsatisfactory prices of metals that are produced in this section. These prices are today approximately the same as before the World war, while the cost of labor and commodities used in mining operations are much higher; and, due largely to these conditions, many properties are unable to operate at a profit. Of course, if a property is able to produce at a profit even under adverse price conditions, naturally this property will be active, as some of the properties in the district mentioned are vigorously going ahead.

The leaders in the mining industry of the west have been working hard for a year or more to try to regulate production so that better prices may be obtained, and hence allow inactive mining properties a chance to operate on a limited scale.

Mining is a basic industry. Each year finds our demands for metals increasing. From these basic facts, it can be clearly seen that even though the business is now in a depressed condition, it must return to a normal state. May this condition for the mines of western Oregon be an early reality.

CHARLES E. NEWTON.  
Corvallis, Ore., May 25, 1925.

(In a private letter to the editor, Prof. Newton says:)

"It has been necessary to hustle together the short article enclosed, as work of this nature, because of the existing conditions, has to be done on outside of teaching time.

"The legislature failed to appropriate any funds for carrying on the work of the newly created Oregon Mining and Geological Survey. The faculty of the school are doing what they can outside an already above normal teaching load.

"May I ask, because of these conditions, for future requests for material of this type, that we be allotted more time."

(Prof. Newton is dean of the school of mines, carried on under difficulties by some of the ablest members of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural college; under difficulties, because it must be done as a labor of love, for there is no appropriation for the work. There should be appropriation—not a large one, but enough to provide the expenses of making investigations and reports, and publishing the reports, for the good of the industry and of the state at large. This would have been provided by the last legislature, but for the scarcity of funds even for some of the most necessary activities of the state. By all means, this should have attention at the hands of the legislature at its next session. The Oregon Agricultural college is the place for the school of mines. Its

work can be carried on there much more economically than elsewhere, to say nothing of more efficiently, for reasons that are obvious.—Ed.)

**LEGION WILL TURN OUT  
500 MEMBERS EXPECTED IN  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The American Legion is planning to have 500 members in line on Memorial Day to back up the American Legion Drum corps. The Salem organization is considered one of the best in the state, have been equipped in brand new uniforms.

The Legion men are to meet at the Brown warehouse, at 1:30 o'clock, Saturday, May 30. They are only one organization of several that are planning to enter marching delegates.

Practically every fraternal, patriotic and civic organization of the city will be on hand to start from the Marion square.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at the Marion square at the same time, previous to their entering the parade on that date.

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SEE "The Devil's Cargo"

FRIDAY  
SATURDAY  
SUNDAY  
MONDAY

GRAND

**Silverton**

SILVERTON, Ore., May 27.—(Special.)—Silverton residents have been enjoying the visit of Howard Woolen, a violinist of considerable ability, for the past few weeks. Besides a number of private appearances, Mr. Woolen gave a group of selections at the Christian church Sunday morning. Mr. Woolen also played at the program given at the Woodman

and Neighbors of Woodcraft Monday evening.

A group of young people, most of whom are members of the high school alumni are giving a play at the Eugene Field auditorium Monday evening. The name of the play is "Kempy" and the proceeds of the evening's entertainment is to be used for the benefit of the alumni association.

**MOROCCO STAND DEFENDED**

PARIS, May 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The French parliament showed itself nearly solid behind the government's defensive policy in Morocco today in a five hour debate that the communists turned into a scene of turmoil for a time causing the president of the chamber, M. Herriot, to accuse the communist deputy, Doriot, of "treasonable utterances."

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These month end sales have caused more comment than any sale that has been conducted in Salem for years.

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