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## MEN VIE FOR MINE RIGHTS

### Former Partners in Race to Finance Hazel Mine Near Here

E. Auclair arrived in this city from Los Angeles a few days ago and informs this office that he is prepared to finance the Hazel mine near Gold Hill, owned by Mrs. Eda Hodes.

Mr. Auclair states that he is a former partner of John Swanson, a very prominent mining man, who is now in Portland seeking funds to finance the same mine. According to Auclair the partnership was dissolved recently and since, both men have been seeking to get the necessary funds to develop the Hazel mine. Mr. Auclair was the first to be successful, and Mrs. Hodes has already given him the rights to the claim.

The Hazel mine is located about four miles west of this city the other side of the Maybelle mine, another well known and reputedly rich mine of this region. According to Auclair he has found indications that the Hazel mine can be developed very profitably.

Recent news dispatches tell of Swanson's plans to work the property as follows:

"John Swanson, known in every mining camp in the West, expects to make another fortune in gold mining in Southern Oregon. Swanson is reputed to have made millions in Alaska, Arizona and California.

"Swanson came here recently and has been aiding in the development of the Hazel mine near Gold Hill, owned by Mrs. Eda Hodes. He has gone to Portland, where he expects to finance this mine.

"Swanson has been pictured by all of the news reels; he has been live copy for the newspaper syndicates and served a term with the movie magnates in Hollywood. Probably the episode that gave him the most publicity was in his fight with the corporations seeking to secure mining property adjacent to the San Gabriel dam and in the settlement of which Swanson was reported to have secured \$175,000. He expects to return here from Portland to make a fortune out of Gold Hill claims and in property which he owns near Galice."

### Delegates Return from Grand Lodge; Saw Akron

Mrs. Earl Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson and Ray Thompson returned Thursday evening from Eugene where they attended Grand Lodge as representatives of the local I. O. F. and Rebekah lodges. They spent several days in attendance at the various sessions. During their stay at Eugene the drizzling rain passed over the city and they were awakened by the fire sirens and whistles which announced it. They all say they were surprised at the size of the ship which was almost two blocks long, and they were greatly impressed by the beautiful sight it presented with its rows of blinking lights encircling the vast structure.

### INDIANAPOLIS RACE STORY TO BE SHOWN AT HOLLY

Theatre patrons will be given the opportunity of seeing a real racing story at the Holly Theatre next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday when the show "The Crowd Roars" is shown. Many of the scenes were taken at the Indianapolis speedway and some of the famous auto drivers that took part in this year's Memorial day caissie there will be seen in the picture. Among those are Freddie Frame, who won the race this year and Billy Arnold, last years winner.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

Regular meeting of the school board will be held tonight at the school house at 8 p. m.

### Teachers Settled for Summer Season

The local teachers in both grades and high school are spending their vacations in various ways.

Principal and Mrs. G. E. Meisinger plan to spend the summer at their home on the outskirts of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Angstead have recently purchased a 60-acre pear orchard and a lovely ranch house between Jacksonville and Medford in partnership with Ted Hewitt of San Francisco. They have recently moved to their new home and are busy getting settled. Miss Edith Fenwick, who will teach in Jacksonville next fall is now in Portland visiting her mother, but will return and make her home at the Angstead-Hewitt ranch.

Miss Albertina Hankey left Saturday for her home in Portland and although she has not made definite plans may attend summer school.

Mrs. Maudie Coy Robinson and Mrs. Minnie Sargent will spend the summer at their home in this city and Miss Alice Harper will be at home on the Roze-Alis ranch west of Gold Hill.

Miss Mabel Moore and Mrs. Marjorie Pena will be at their homes in Medford and Mrs. Madeleine Pendleton and children will reside in Ashland.

### 300 Graduate In Joint Exercises At Ashland

Special graduation exercises for eighth grade students in county schools, with the exception of Medford and Ashland, were conducted in Ashland last Friday, approximately 300 boys and girls participating.

The morning program was held in the Chautauqua building, and a picnic lunch was held by the group in the city park at noon. Following the afternoon exercises, swimming was enjoyed at the Twin Plunges by many of the students, no charges being made by the manager.

The list of the eighth grade graduates from Gold Hill as announced by Mrs. Susanne Homes Carter, county school superintendent, are:

Margaret Francis Braden, Doris Violet Johnson, Kendall Dufur, Barbara Louise Skelton, Ralph Biles, Lois Mae Cameron, Evelyn Hamner, Dorothy V. Smith, Laura Arnold, Lulu Frances Davis, Lester Lorne Dusenberry, Frederick George Gustloff, Cecil H. Hayes, Wayne Higginbotham, Frank M. Hanson, Earl Richardson.

### Gold Hill Beats Rogues in Memorial Day Game

In a game played on the Gold Hill diamond Monday afternoon the local ball artists beat Rogue River by a score of 8 to 4. The game was played in a drizzling rain but this failed to dampen the spirits of any one but the Rogue River club.

Shoemaker did the hurling for the Gold Hill outfit with Seth Coy holding down the backstop position. Shoemaker held the River boys in check and received good support from his mates. Pitman started on the mound for Rogue River but was relieved by Beers in the sixth frame, who fared little better.

Spid Merriman was the umpire. Gold Hill has won four out of five games played, losing only to Glendale, which team they also defeated once.

### MISS TURNER HOSTESS TO PAST NOBLE GRANDS

Miss Olive Turner entertained at a delightful lawn party for the members of the Past Noble Grands club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge at their regular meeting last Thursday afternoon, May 26.

Following the business session, the guests were served refreshments on the lawn. All report an enjoyable afternoon.

Guests were Lily Carter, Lola Reed, Olive Turner, Edith Cameron, Lucy Mee, Dora Hammersly, Katherine Lance Elinor Force, Rebecca Ross, Mable Hittle, Etta Carter, Tiny Ham, Madge Dorman, Kate Ross and Belle Smith.

Mrs. Pearl Ferguson will be hostess for the next meeting, June 9.

Extra copies of the News on sale at Jim's Confectionery, each week.

## THREE BIG BALL GAMES SUNDAY

### Triple-Header to Be Played in Memory of John Logan

Three games of baseball, played by teams on which John Logan had played at one time or another during his baseball career, have been scheduled for this Sunday, June 5.

The games which were called on account of rain last Sunday, will be played at the Medford fairgrounds. They are:

Gold Hill vs. Hill 11:30.  
Medford vs. Grants Pass, and Jacksonville vs. Talent, will follow.

An added attraction to the afternoon's program: Tom Shaver of this city will appear in full baseball garb as mascot of the Gold Hill team, and will coach third base. Tom has accepted the proposition on a dare and has put up stakes which he will forfeit if he does not appear. Don't miss this feature!

One admission—50c—will be charged, and it is suggested that those attending bring their picnic lunches and eat on the fairgrounds so that they can see all three contests.

The entire amount of the gate receipts will be turned over to Mrs. Logan, all expenses of the contests being borne by the teams themselves.

It is hoped the entire Gold Hill community will make special effort to attend, or at least contribute.

### Reports of Grand Lodge Given by Delegates

W. H. Ferguson and Ray Thompson reported on their visit to Grand lodge at the Odd Fellows meeting Tuesday, June 1. R. H. Jones of Prineville was elected Grand Master; Geo. P. Winslow from Tillamook, Deputy Grand Master; Chas. P. Poole from Eugene, Grand Warden. Pendleton was selected to have the next Grand Lodge. The delegates reported a splendid time. They also state that what they saw of the Junior branch of the order, they think it is a splendid addition to the order. Although Gold Hill lodge received no prizes they were mentioned at the Grand lodge which in itself was very good.

Mrs. Viola Moore, Rebekah delegate to Grand lodge made her report before Amethyst Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

### COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY

Gold Hill city council will meet in regular session Monday evening, June 6.

### COMMUNICATION

I take this opportunity to thank all that donated flower seeds and bulbs for the Samuel Hill contest for the beautification of the Pacific highway and all the school children that helped in the clean-up. I especially wish to thank the committee that helped both by work and donations of their cars to put this program over.

The following things were accomplished during the month: one hundred circular letters were mailed to all the residents on the Pacific highway between the overhead crossing at Tolo to Foothills Creek, after which the committee of ladies called on residents along the highway and distributed 40 packages of flower seeds and 100 bulbs to plant in their yards and along the highway. Every mail box post and newspaper box post from Tolo to Foothills Creek was painted white by the committee.

I hope that this committee will continue its action and that more ladies will get interested and help in the work to make the highway through Gold Hill look better. So in behalf of the Samuel Hill contest for the beautification of the Pacific highway, I thank you all.

Yours for a beautiful highway,  
TONEY ROSS,  
Chairman for Gold Hill.

## Pocket On Famous Gold Hill Led to Settlement of Town

(By S. M. J.)

January 8, 1860, James Hayes and another man whose name has been forgotten, or possibly was never rightly known, were hunting some stray horses on this hill where the famous ledge of gold was found.

The stranger had dismounted and was examining a piece of float quartz he had picked up, when his horse broke away and both men were obliged to follow him some distance before they caught him.

However, the stranger put the piece of quartz into his pocket and brought it to Jacksonville, where he learned that he was wanted by the sheriff and he left immediately for Yreka, taking the piece of quartz with him.

At Yreka he met George Ish who had at one time befriended him. So he showed him the sample of quartz and told him as nearly as he could where he had found it.

Ish left at once for Willow Springs where John Miller and Jack Long were running a saloon. He showed them the piece of quartz which was very rich in almost free gold, and the day following, Ish and Long searched for the ledge but without satisfactory results.

The next day Long and Miller went to Jacksonville where they met an English emigrant. With the help of three dollars he was persuaded to help Long and Ish look for the sought-for ledge. For hours they searched but found nothing. James Hayes was ploughing for Thomas

Chavner at the foot of the hill, and Long approached him, asking him if he remembered seeing two men on horseback near there recently, and one of the horses getting away from its rider. He said he could show them the place, but he was reluctant about leaving his work.

Again money talked and for three dollars he pointed out the place.

Ish stood for a moment at that point and looked about him and then pointing to a ledge nearby said, "There boys, is the ledge," and so it proved to be, glittering in the sunlight.

When the claim was staked out, Hayes claimed the right to include his friend and Long, his partner, so the claim was located in the names of George Ish, James Hayes, Thomas Chavner, the emigrant, John Miller and Jack Long, the last two being named as partners and each owning a fifth share.

The English emigrant soon sold his share to Henry Kippel and others for \$6000 and departed. Hays sold his share for \$5000.

From a space two feet wide and twenty feet long about \$100,000 in gold was taken, and probably as much more was stolen. The ledge simply pinched out and although they spent much money working it and buying machinery, the gold was all in this narrow ledge and within fifteen feet of the surface and the mine was finally abandoned, but Gold Hill remained as a town on the Southern Pacific railroad, and the Pacific highway.

### Over 5,000 See Rogue River Bridge Dedicated

A crowd estimated at 5,000 attended the dedication of the Isaac Lee Patterson memorial bridge across the mouth of the Rogue River at Gold Beach, Oregon last Saturday, May 28.

Ex-Governor A. L. Norblad, now of Astoria, and president of the Oregon Coast highway association, was master of ceremonies, and introduced many prominent men who had contributed to the planning and construction of the bridge.

Brigadier General Thomas Rilea, personal representative of Governor Julius Meier, brought his greetings, and as a boyhood resident of Gold Beach, General Rilea paid high tribute to the mighty Rogue River, which he had seen in all its moods, and which had finally been spanned by man's ingenuity.

The dedicatory address was given by Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway association who was followed by others actively interested in the completion of the route.

### Zelda Smith Becomes Member of News Staff

Miss Zelda Smith, who for the last two years, has been local news reporter for this paper, this week begins work as regular staff reporter, covering general assignments, as well as local and society news.

Zelda, who was salutatorian of the Class of '32, has shown remarkable ability in her work for this paper, and we are glad to make her a regular member of the staff. Any assistance people of this community can give in her work will be appreciated.

Zelda will also assist in the office certain days of the week. Her inherent courtesy and willingness will help her greatly in undertaking her new duties, and we hope our patrons will show her every consideration.

### ENTERTAINS PATCHWORK CLUB

Mrs. Jim Clements entertained a number of ladies at her home in this city last Thursday. The ladies pieced a "Friendship Quilt" and lovely refreshments were served later in the afternoon.

Those present were Mrs. George Smith, Mildred Wright, Mrs. Nina Dusenberry, Mabel Dusenberry, Mrs. Fiene, Mrs. Taylor, Ola Croft, Mrs. Tom Robinson, Mrs. Carl Routh, Mrs. Routh, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Jack Frost, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mrs. Thelma Fuller, Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. Jim Clements.

## TOURISTS BRING \$50,000,000

### Each Community and Individual Can Get Their Share

With the opening of the 1932 tourist season, which to Oregon is the most important season of the year, the state is preparing to care for the many visitors it will attract.

The Portland chamber of commerce estimates that the average tourist spends at least seven days in Oregon, and spends on an average of \$7.50 a day. The chamber predicts that \$50,000,000 will be spent in Oregon in 1932 by tourists—or \$50 for each man, woman and child now resident in the state.

### Create Farm Markets

A large per cent of the people of Southern Oregon are farmers. What farmers want is a good market and a good price for their products. What the tourist wants and needs is the products from these farms, whether they be chickens, strawberries, eggs, milk, fruit, and even flowers and plants.

But, you say, you live off the highway, and do not have a place for a roadside market. Why not sell your products direct to those who do have roadside markets—to the inns, tourist camps and stores that line the highway. These and the small town merchants as well as those in larger centers would be delighted to have an easy source of supply for just such farm products.

### Numerous Souvenirs Available

Also, it is remarkable what a little time, thought and effort can discover in Southern Oregon that can be utilized as souvenirs of this great state—something every tourist delights in taking home with him as a memento of his trip.

Many individuals of this territory have an ability to carve in wood or to make rustic furniture, and smaller artistic pieces. One of many kinds could be secured from the mines here. They would be worth to the tourist, many times their actual value as ore, and no expensive process to reclaim the values would be necessary.

### Country New to Easterners

What the people of Oregon need more than any one thing, is to realize that this country is so very different from the middlewest and east that tourists are interested in countless things that to us are everyday matter. Each individual community can find, if it will, something it has that other communities do not have. Call the tourists' attention to this one thing—get them stopped to look at it and while they are here they will spend money in various places and ways. Gradually this money circulates to other hands in the community, and the amount of business this incoming NEW money makes possible, is astounding.

Gold Hill has the House of Mystery up Sardine Creek. Beyond that is the rich Blossom mine. On Foothills Creek is one of the three gold dredges in the world. Placer mines are scattered along the highway and through the hills.

### Guide Service Profitable

One source of income which might be developed is a guide service to these places. If some of the young men, who because of the "depression" are unable to find steady employment this summer, were to contact tourist camps, and leave word that they could take parties to scenic spots and out-of-the-way historic points as well as to mines it would be easy for the camp proprietor to suggest such trips and to add to the entertainment of his guests by this service.

Choice fishing riffles could also be pointed out by these guides.

These are just a few of the many angles of the tourist season by which communities of Southern Oregon can obtain their share of the fifty millions which will be brought here this season. There need be no unemployment, if we are ready to create jobs for ourselves.

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