Mineral Wealth in Marion County



By BEN MAXWELL

Marion county has a contin-uity of mining history 90 years broglio).

On August 29, 1865, Gold Creek mining district was or-ganized and defined its bouncreek, a tributary of the Little North Fork of the Santiam ate."

Capital Journal Weekly for Oldtimers who ventured to California with the 49'ers couldn't get the gold bug out of their systems. Even as early as February, 1849, news of the discovery of gold in the Santiam country was reported in the Oregon City Spectator. But no one then was interested in panning for \$4 a day bushels of potatoes that were But no one then was interest-ed in panning for \$4 a day ed in panning for \$4 a day bushels of potatoes that were packed into the mine on horse packed into the mine on horse

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ing for gold in the North Santiam country. Enthusiasm for Gold Creek was contagious around Salem in the 1860s. Five companies were engaged in mining here during Civil War times and about 500 miners were at work on claims

not mining. Robert H. Down, historian of the Silverton country, relates that 20 well defined quartz lodes were discovered in this region. However, those seeking gold and silver were poorly rewarded. were seductive and allur-

Redington, well acquainted with Santiam mines of earlier times, pointed out that John G. Wright, mayor of Salem in the 1870s and J. H. Haas, the jeweler, poured money into Santiam mines that had already cost Jake and Ike Moores a mint of money. (I. R. Moores was father of Cai Moores whose benefaction Moores whose benefaction more whose benefaction more with Santiam mines of earlier times, pointed out that John The woods were full of prosting to see for themselves.

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Finally said Col. Redington "there was gold there then and there is gold there now. But it is so muchly mixed with an-

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back at a cost of \$2 a bushel. In that year Jim Church gold rush to El Dorado.

But they came back to it in 1853 when Asahel Bush in the Oregon Statesman reported that no less than 500 miners.

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Jim Church was no miner but he was rated as the best all

Otto Hansen was realistic. From the mineral bullets and smoking revolvers.

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Gold deposits in the Little North Fork of the Santiam Gold deposits in the Little North Fork of the Santiam attracted miners 90 years ago. Today the mineral wealth in this locality is being developed by a number of companies and individuals engaged in exploring ledges, driving tunnels and mapping the mineral resources of the region. Ledges of composite ores rich in lead, zinc and copper have been discovered. Top, left: James P. Hewitt (center), mining superintendent for five companies shows a quartz rich in zinc to Fred Zimmerman (left), and George Hahn (right). Lower, left: Ore car used in developing a tunnel running beneath the private road leading to a Hann (right). Lower, left: Ore car used in developing a tunnel running beneath the private road leading to a mine. Top, right: Headquarters of the five companies where 11 employes are now housed. Other structures are a commissary, warehouse and machine shop. Right, center: ruins of old stamp mill collapsed by a 12 foot snow of several years ago. A new mill is now in the making. Right, bottom: George Hahn, ranger at the Pearl Creek station, locks the gate on a private road leading to the mines. Acute fire hazards in the remote region and a mining investment of \$750,000 make this precaution necessary.

"It will only be a short time smoking" in national forests until one can have his baggage George Hahn is in charge of checked through to Gold Creek the Pearl creek ranger station. and can find a modern hotel George is a veteran of the Kor-there where he can get a bath can affair, 23, and married to a stamp mill near camp headwithout resorting to the primitive plan of going to the
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lem newspaper reported that all. the road from Gates to Gold "How far can we go toward were hopeful that the wealth of the California fields would be duplicated here. Others were willing to settle for another Jacksonville where the auriferous wealth was discovered in 1851-52.

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So, the oldtimers with a glint in their eyes left dull glint in their eyes left dull and their eyes left dull glint in their eyes left dull glint days were needed to build a Sullivan, president of the superintendent of mining deregion. They have had, Jim New York Central region at a cost of about \$1000 shot it out over a woman who companies with claims and inregion at a cost of about \$1000 shot it out over a woman who companies with claim a mile. Then all supplies had had captured the affections of terests in the region. a mile. Then all supplies had nad captured the affections of the porch to be packed or sledded 10 both. Spectators on the porch miles over primitive trails or of the Koontz hotel at Gates slipped down rocky declivities into this remote land of the Koontz hotel at Gates apologies for the locked gate, ties into this remote land of the Koontz hotel at Gates apologies for the locked gate, behind that gate is private "So," says Jim Hewitt, "we Radio Constitution and the Radio Cons ties into this remote land of who had just alighted from promise.

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> Capital Journal for May 8, 1909 reported that a boom was underway along the Little North Fork of the Santiam.
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Exchange Club

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we could pursue our own life within our own walls. That time is past."

These words were from Justice James T. Brand of the Oregon Supreme Court as he addressed the Salem Exchange club at its Wednesday, luncheon meeting at the Senator hotel. He told of his experiences and impressions of the Nuremberg War Crimes are not hotel. He told of his experiences and impressions of the Nuremberg War Crimes are not hotel. He told of his experiences and impressions of the Nuremberg Farly. "Salem Justice Brand, "is that in these was a presiding judge for a number of trials in 1947.

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"The moral apparent in the Nuremberg trials," and Justice Brand, "is that in these was a presiding fair trials and liberty for the peoples of the world, we cannot long expect to have such freedom in this country."

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(By The Associated Press)

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He explained that there is tried: Those against men accused of starting an aggressive war, those against men accused of war crimes against men accused of war crimes against men in violatino of the lague and Geneva convention acceptable road into the region. A practical road for automotive traffic was one of Hewitt's first accomplish-right enemies.

Today there are about 25 individuals working private claims in this region. At presented by Jim Hewitt has 11 men employed though at times the number has been as high as 80. During the 1947-49 interval his sponsors paid out \$87,000 in wages alone. In 1952 the pay-roll was \$42,000. His groups are closed corporations and no stock is available for sale.

Until a 12-foot snow hit the region a few winters ago the associated companies operated a stamp mill near camp head quarters. But that heavy snow leveled the structure. It was not immediately explaned.

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