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Southwestern Oregon Mining News

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PROGRESS IS MADE IN LOCAL MINING

In response to the following telegram from the United States Geological Survey, San Francisco, dated June 13, 1924:

George W. Soranson, Secretary, Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau Grants Pass, Oregon.

Please mail promptly any information concerning Oregon metal industry during the first half of year for survey midyear statement.

HILL, Geological Survey. The Bureau prepared and mailed the following report:

"Considerable progress was made in the metal industry of Southwestern Oregon during the first half of 1924. While placer operations were restricted on account of water shortage, renewed activity took place in the development of the quartz mines.

Development work has been carried on in an extensive way, practically without interruption, on the California Mine on Mount Reuben and the Millionaire Mine in the Gold Hill district, and many properties of lesser importance, while prospecting and opening up new properties has gone forward with considerable success.

Small quartz mill, with capacities ranging from two to ten stamps, have been placed in commission on the Golden Wedge and the Black Jack properties in the Galice district, the North Pole, the Highland, and the Gold Dyke in the Rogue River district, the Luck Bart and the Gold Ridge in the Gold Hill district, the Great I Am in the Applegate district, the Peck in the Chetco district, the Siskron in the Holland district, and the B. & B. in the Lower Rogue district. The mills on the Sugar Pine and the Oriole in the Galice district are being overhauled preparatory to going into commission, and new mills are being installed on the Julian and Swacker, and in the town of Rogue River for the Highway mine, the latter being five stamps and for custom work in addition to the Highway ores. In the Riddle-Canyonville district considerable development is being carried on at the Silver Peak and crushing and concentrating equipment is being installed on two leases on the Stenger property. Considerable development activity is going on in the Bohemia district in Lane county.

Henry M. Lancaster, mining engineer, is installing a 25 ton per day sampling and testing plant at Grants Pass, the first unit of the sampling plant to be ready about July 15th, and the prospects are bright for the construction of a 100 ton Mace smelter at Gold Hill this year.

A suction dredge of small capacity for demonstration purposes was installed this spring on the Rogue River below Grants Pass, and it is reported to the Bureau that a dredge of larger size will be built in the near future. At the town of Rogue River the Ancient River Mine is mining a large area of river bottom land by drag line method, recovering the gold values and crushing and selling the gravel to the Southern Pacific for ballast.

On June 2nd and 3rd an excellent exhibit of ores was made at Gold Hill in connection with the celebration of the revival of mining in Southwestern Oregon."

MOUNT REUBEN MINES OMITTED
Through error we omitted mentioning three mining properties of the Mount Reuben district in our last issue, as follows:

Mollie Hill Mine
Located on top of Mount Reuben adjoining the California Mine, and owned by the Jacob Kann Estate of Portland, Oregon. Claims patented. Development work consists of shaft 120 feet deep on the vein, with drifts each way from bottom of shaft. Ledge about five feet wide of good grade of milling ore.

Louise Mine
Located on south side of Mount Reuben adjoining the property of the T. F. McNamara, of the Clengary eight claims owned by C. A. Stringer of Grants Pass. Has a large vein of good grade ore.

Grace Mine
Located on southwest slope of Mount Reuben, tunnel about 70 feet long, in ore all the way. Large ledge of fair quality ore. Owned by Mrs. Walsh of Los Angeles, Calif.

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LOCAL MINING NEWS

E. R. Kirkland, of Seattle, manager of the Golden Wedge at Galice was in town Tuesday, and reported that he had two stamps dropping on good grade of milling ore, with work going on preparatory to placing balance of equipment in operation.

T. F. McNamara, of the Clengary mine in the Jump-off-Joe district, was in the city this week attending to mining matters, as was also J. R. Rush of the Lucky Queen and Geo. A. Baker of the Oak mine in the same district.

Curt Hudson, of Selma, who has been doing his annual assessment work on his quartz property, spent Tuesday in town.

George Cooney, a mining man of Talent, was in town this week having some metallurgical work done.

H. C. Diers, consulting engineer of the smelter project at Gold Hill returned from Portland this week where he has been for sometime past engaged in perfecting the organization of the smelter company.

Charles Borg, who recently purchased the Burnt Pines quartz property in the Rogue River district not far from the North Pole, is arranging to contract for development of the property by the running of a lower tunnel. Mr. Borg and Harry Manning left for the property Thursday.

Dr. Correyell, who is interested in mining in the Riddle district, stopped off Wednesday on his way to San Francisco in connection with his property.

Clyde Davidson is arranging to put on a crew at the Mountain Lion Mine in the Applegate district to extend the old Murphy tunnel, preparatory to installing additional equipment and placing the property in the operating class.

Harry Sordy, of the Oriole Mine, in the Galice district spent Saturday in town in connection with his many mining interests.

A. F. Hillies, of Tacoma, Wash., who is interested in the Oregon Gold & Platinum Company's property on the Illinois River, was in town this week conferring with officials of the company regarding the property. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the work done and values contained in the ores and gravel.

Henry M. Lancaster started excavation for foundations for the first unit of his sampling and ore testing plant on West F street this week.

J. D. French, of Portland, who is interested in mining on Evans creek, arrived Thursday en route to his property.

The North Pole has reverted to Phil Robinson, the original owner, who will immediately proceed to proper development. This is one of the most promising properties in this district, and was unfortunate in being in the hands of absentees. The vein is a true fissure, traceable for 3000 feet and has been, when worked properly, a heavy producer. The equipment has been sold to the Gold Dyke Mining Company.

Messrs. Dressel and Hobson have leased the Island in the Rogue river below the Flanagan mine and will wing dam the river and mine out the channel.

CALIFORNIA MINE REDUCES ITS CREW

Owing to the lack of sufficient water to operate their water liners at the California mine in the Mount Reuben district, Manager Bailey has reduced the crew to about six men, and states that the development program will be carried on with a full force as soon as the water supply is available.

The development of this property is of great interest to the mining industry of Southwestern Oregon as it is being carried on in a systematic manner, and is demonstrating that both veins and values go to great depth. The main tunnel is now in about 3500 feet, giving a depth of approximately 1700 feet.

EX-MANAGER OF GOLD-FIELD CONSOLIDATED VISITS

J. F. Thorn, mining engineer of San Francisco, and formerly manager for several years of the Gold-field Consolidated Mining Company, and thereafter with the Butters people in Central America, spent some time in Southwestern Oregon last week investigating our mineral resources. Mr. Thorn visited Galice, among other places, and expressed himself to Harry Sordy, who acted as host, as greatly pleased and impressed with what he saw, and announced his intention of returning to this district for further investigation before long.

MINING INDUSTRY IN OREGON IMPORTANT

While Oregon has never attracted the attention of the mining world as a distinctly mining State, nevertheless, Southwestern Oregon and Eastern Oregon are today of unquestioned mineral importance, and when compared with like areas of mining territory elsewhere the State does not suffer by comparison.

The Southwestern Oregon district comprising Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Douglas, Lane and Curry counties—an empire in itself—is, in fact, but a continuation of the Northern California mineral region, the State line passing over what promises to become some of the most important mineral deposits of the Pacific Coast. Geological conditions are not determined by artificial geographical boundaries, yet it is unquestionably true that comparatively few mining men are well enough posted on the situation to associate Southwestern Oregon with the mines of Northern California—the latter now by far the best mining region of the Golden State.

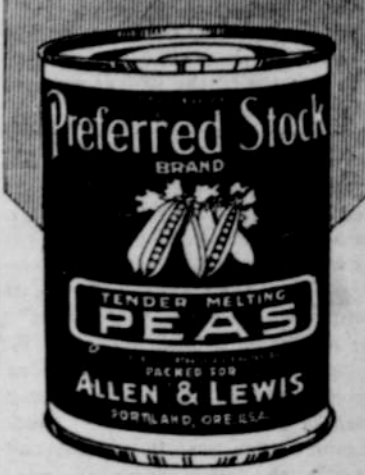
The location of a good mine, or a good mining district, should make no difference, save as it relates to the question of accessibility. Even though the name of Oregon is not associated with big mines as is that of California, Nevada, and the various other western States, this fact should not mitigate against the State, but should rather create a desire to determine its proper rank in the list of metal producing commonwealths. Happily, this attitude is now coming to prevail, and the Southwestern Oregon is rapidly winning a position among mining men as important mining territory, and its wide variety of minerals is receiving the attention they so richly deserve. Many mines are being placed in operation, considerable development work is being carried on, and prospecting over a wide area is going forward rapidly. Oregon will soon take a place with her sister States where the mineral industry is of truly great importance.

Judicious publicity—conservative publicity based on actual facts—is what the mining industry of Southwestern Oregon needs and is receiving through the work carried on by the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau. Such publicity has already made manifest its value, as evidenced by the progress made during the first half of 1924 in report made to the United States Geological Survey referred to elsewhere in this issue, and it will continue to be of vast benefit to the industry as it has already focused the eyes of the mining interests on this rich territory and their representatives are daily appearing in different parts of the district and investigating for themselves. As seeing is believing the way is being rapidly paved for the coming mining capital and when that arrives the district will move forward by leaps and bounds.

Mining, as a business, is unlike other callings—particularly the mining of gold. There is no competition in this industry, the mint coins all the gold which may be offered by the miner, and there is no fluctuation from \$20.67 an ounce, its coinage value. There is, moreover, a self acceleration in gold mining that is found nowhere else. No place is the old saying more true that "Nothing succeeds like success". A miner welcomes a neighbor; the advent of a new operator in a district adds ultimately to the sum total of knowledge of the district. Geological conditions are better understood, metallurgical problems more easily solved, and the cost of operation and production correspondingly lessened. Among broad and liberal operators this is looked upon as a most important and valuable means of contribution to the common knowledge of the district which in turn is used to the mutual benefit and advantage of all.

To every established community in a mining region, the development and operation of a new mine is equivalent to the installation of a factory employing a similar number of people—in fact, it is of more importance, as the wage paid is, as a rule, larger, and the product of the mine is more lasting than the product of the average factory, with its benefits therefore more widely distributed. The statement that everyone residing in a mining region is interested in the welfare and progress of the mining industry is, therefore, not far fetched, and where the product consists of money metals this is doubly true. It behooves every

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individual to encourage the development of this great industry, and encourage also every agency organized to promote its welfare.

Mining has evolved from the purely speculative, and is now recognized by the first financiers of the world as one of the most profitable fields for investment. The United States census shows the industry to be one of the most profitable in the country. This is the industry to which the chief value of Southwestern Oregon attaches, and the importance of this district is rapidly extending and making itself felt in the mining world.

Mining regions have not always been favored by Nature as Southwestern Oregon. The presence of minerals alone is not usually the only requisite to make the industry profitable. The surrounding conditions must be somewhat congenial, otherwise, and in this respect Southwestern Oregon has no superior anywhere. Timber, water, climatic conditions, favorable railroad and highway transportation facilities—all of these are available to the operator, in addition to which living conditions in modern cities and towns blessed with excellent church and school facilities make it extraordinarily attractive. Within easy reach of the mines are produced, vegetables, cereals, fruits and meats to feed an empire. In short few regions are blessed with so magnificent foundation for lasting prosperity as Southwestern Oregon.

SUPPORT THE MINING BUREAU
The Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau has been in existence a little over a half year. In that time it has materially aided in bringing the mining industry back from apathy to life, and its members are proud of the work so far performed. With the momentum thus gained the ensuing six months should show even

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