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## The GRANITE HILL MINES

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Not all the citizens of Grants Pass, who for many weeks and months during the winter, saw the loads of machinery received at the railroad yards here, and who later saw it roll out of town behind jangling six and eight-horse teams, are aware of the quantity of this machinery that has alone been received for the Granite Hill mines. That old property, which a few years ago was known as the "Hull & Beca" and which boasted two arrastres and later a light-beamed, five-stamp mill, is now one of the best equipped mines in the state of Oregon. Moreover, it has a future, reckoned upon the quantity and richness of ore actually blocked out that assures it a prominent place among the leading bullion-producers of the West. The Granite Hill mines are the property and are being developed and equipped by the American Gold Fields' Company, of Chicago, of which W. J. Morphy is the efficient general manager. L. Y. Wickersham, a young and thorough mining man, is superintendent.

A few days ago, a Courier representative visited the Granite Hill properties, he being one of several who were out there that day, as the mines are but eight miles from town and the roads are getting into their usual very fair summer condition. We were first taken into the new mill and given a glimpse of the excellent equipment, that has been installed. This mill house is a battery of six or eight units, each unit consisting of a 65-horse power engine and electric dynamo, with separate engine, ten 1000-pound tamps four Frae vanners and a 150-horse power boiler. The stamps are in place and will be set ponding in a short time, some delay being occasioned by the non-arrival of machinery at the expected time.

The four Frae vanners will take care of concentrates from a larger battery than that now in place and are of a type that exactly suits the kind and character of ore produced by the Granite Hill. Superintendent Wickersham stated that the management of the mines have in view the installation of at least 10 more stamps by the close of the present summer as the amount of ore now in sight and which will be blocked out in the meantime will fully justify it. This will be one of the matters that will be given

attention by Mr. Morphy, when he visits the property next month. The new mill sets directly beneath the collar of the vertical shaft, but all are not only from this claim, but from the Red Jacket and others of the properties farther up the creek, can be brought by gravity and dumped into the hoppers above the ore bins.

Near the collar of the shaft, is the house that shelters the hoist with its powerful compound engine, monster spools and long cable. We sat there and saw the hoistman jerk the levers back and forth as the men, way down in the bowels of the earth, pulled the wire and made the big gouge over the hoistman's head "clang! clang!" Then he would pull a lever, or two or three of them, the engines would churn, the big spools would growl, and in a moment, up would shoot the cage with its load of ore and maybe a miner or two aboard. Then we got aboard and went down; yes, we went down, but our stomachs came up, right up under our hats, and we were at the lower level almost before we started, but none too soon to save a good dinner. This level, by the way is of the 2000-foot capacity type. Superintendent Wickersham said it is the largest of any quartz mine in the state, that of the Red Boy in Eastern Oregon, being the only one that equals it.

The main shaft is being driven down as fast as the machine drills and three, eight-hour shifts can drive it. Others drills are at work in the drifts on the two levels and a fine body of ore is being uncovered. The west drift on the lower level is on exceptionally fine ore, carrying fine values in concentrates and free gold, with a good showing of galena. There is much of this ore on the dump, and with that blocked out, the new mill will thunder incessantly when it is set in operation.

About a half hundred men are constantly on the payroll of the Granite Hill and this list will necessarily be increased when the mines are set in full operation. The conditions for mining at these properties are ideal, all facilities being adequately supplied, which means an abundance of timber and water as well as ore and placer channel. A mine such as is the Granite Hill and such as it will be for many, very many years, is of untold value to Grants Pass and the entire Southern Oregon mineral district, for not only the owners of the mine, but the whole county, will derive benefit from it.

to a higher point than 1903, as it did in 1890, the height of the water will be proportionately increased under the bridge, and as a consequence the water may rise to a level of Sixth Street.

It is from these facts that I have drawn the conclusions, that the present bridge structure should be raised six feet higher to accommodate any such emergencies, and render the bridge safe, that an additional span, of 150 feet or more, should be built on the same level as the built structure, and rest upon an abutment pier, which will protect the end of the fill. The said fill should not be less than 30 feet wide on top, and should extend to the south on a very light grade to some point between 400 and 500 feet south of the bridge, so that any high water the bridge is aimed to accommodate, will not find its way around the south end of the bridge in any way to destroy the fill. A 20-foot road-way would not be sufficiently wide to allow two loads of hay to pass, or accommodate the usual heavy teaming that the road is subjected to.

I would call your attention to the fact, that it is a very important matter in structures of this kind, to provide sufficient safeguards against wreckage, by giving all the clearance possible that can be seen to be necessary from the conditions that exist, or that you have any reasonable belief will occur at any time in the life of the structure. It must be borne in mind that when a stream of water is obstructed by a dam, or anything else, and the velocity of the flow of the water diminished above any such obstruction, as it must be, that the cross section of the stream above such dam is increased in direct proportion to the diminished velocity, so if you cut the velocity in two, it doubles the area of cross-section of the stream.

The fill and method recommended by Mr. Grandahl, would be between two and three feet higher than the high water mark of 1903, which on the account of the increased height of water under the bridge, because of cutting off the flood area, would not leave the fill over two feet higher than the water of 1903.

In this examination, Mr. Grandahl has taken my figures as to the heights of water and bridge. He has taken no observations himself, otherwise than a superficial view of the bridge, dam, etc. The observations as to the height of the dam and grade of the river, were taken subsequent to Mr. Grandahl's report, and submitted to him but he does not consider them of any importance. Mr. Grandahl admitted when on the ground with me, that the difference of level of the high water of 1903 and 1890 at the Power house was not far enough away from the influence of the dam to indicate the true difference.

I am not a bridge specialist, and have not been requested to pass upon the structure, but as I have been accused of such, and credited with certain recommendations, which I have not made, a few words on the matter will not be amiss. From an engineering standpoint there is considerable fault to be found with the bridge.

It rests upon two-thirds of the support that the first bridge of two spans did, doubling the load of the piers. The piers are not properly braced together, and if the South pier is not strengthened and braced, another high water may wreck it. The bridge is too narrow for its height and length. The bridge is subjected to excessive strains and tensions, because of its great flexibility from its narrowness. It is not possible to tighten the bridge up any more, as it is tightened to the limits provided, and you cannot pronounce a bridge safe from the borings of two or three of its members. One defective timber will wreck it. As a matter of future economy to the county, it is my opinion, being a taxpayer, that the bridge is better suited for some other point on the river where the traffic is not so heavy or liable to such rapid increases. The timber in the bridge has been in place as long, in the practice of Railroad Engineering, as it is considered safe. Therefore from the facts heretofore stated, I cannot concur with Mr. Grandahl as to the width or height of the fill; but believe that for a permanent proposition, that my conclusions are not in the least overdrawn or excessive.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM H. HAMPTON.  
Grants Pass, Oregon, May 28, 1924.  
To the Honorable County Court, of Josephine County, Oregon.

Gentlemen:  
I have the honor to make a brief report upon the conditions existing at the bridge across Rogue river at Grants Pass as follows to wit:  
On February 1, 1924, I was called by County Judge J. O. Booth to make a consultation examination in company with W. H. Hampton, C. E., of the conditions affecting the safety of the bridge mentioned, at the times of high water, and also to what extent the dam below the bridge (that of the Grants Pass New Water, Light and Power Co.) contributed to that danger to the structure, from raising the water and lessening the grade of the river. Mr. Hampton and myself, after examining all the conditions at and around the bridge site, decided upon what we thought were the best methods upon which to make said examination and report; and as Mr. Hampton had his instruments there, it was agreed that he should make such surveys and levels as we had determined upon; and upon that data, each make a report upon the conditions as we found them. I have

## THE FRUIT IN JOSEPHINE

The Possibilities of Fruit Raising in This Portion of Southern Oregon.

Editor Courier:

Since 1874, I have been a resident of Josephine County and during that period have been engaged in horticultural pursuits. During 20 years of that time, I run what was known as the Redland Nurseries and propagated thousands of nursery trees that are now commercial orchards in Jackson, Douglas and Josephine Counties. Orchards that are now producing incomes to the fortunate owners that they never dreamed of at the time they were induced to plant them.

At the present I am growing table grapes, having 33 acres planted to grapes, and will plant this spring 20 acres more to grapes, and will continue to plant the grape until I have 100 acres in vineyard.

The possibilities of Josephine county as well as all of Southern Oregon as a fruit locality has never been fully comprehended. A few progressive men have looked over the opportunities of fruit growing in this county and are now profiting by it. Such men as H. B. Miller, who has 65 acres in apples two miles west of Grants Pass, Ben Dinick with 16 acres in the same locality, Eisman Bros., six miles west of Grants Pass, with 45 acres bearing apples, and will plant this spring 3000 additional trees, making them 75 acres in apple orchard.

At Wilderville, 10 miles southwest of Grants Pass, J. H. and Richard Robinson have 20 acres in apple orchards. At Merlin, Wm. M. Crow, L. J. Hussey and the Booth and Avery peach orchards market from 10 to 15 thousand boxes of peaches each year. At Kirby in the southern part of the county, in the Illinois river valley, Dr. Jas. Spence has 45 acres in orchard, mostly pears and apples.

There are hundreds of small orchards throughout the county varying from one to five acres in size. To better understand the fruit output of Josephine county, I submit the following table of fruit exported, shipped east and to foreign markets for the years tabulated:

	1899	1900	1901	1902
Apples	10,000 boxes	30,000 boxes	20,000 boxes	25,000 boxes
Pears	1,000 "	500 "	1,200 "	2,000 "
Peaches	20,000 "	500 "	5,000 "	2,000 "
Prunes	75,000 lbs. cured	50,000 lbs. cured	60,000 lbs.	50,000 lbs.
Apples, dried	6,000 "	10,000 "	7,000 "	8,000 "
Peaches	10,000 "	4,000 "	5,000 "	4,000 "

All fancy 4-tier apples, Yellow Newtowns, Spitzenbergs and Jonathans are sold in the East, Spitz and Jonathans going to Middle, West and Atlantic cities, while the Yellow Newtowns are nearly all sold in England and Germany. Last year 1200 boxes of Bon Davis four and five tier apples were exported from Grants Pass to N. China, Manchuria with satisfactory results.

The apple is the leading fruit for this locality and with the profits derived from growing it here in a few years, with progressive men managing large commercial orchards, is bound to be a very profitable and paying branch of horticulture that this locality is so well adapted to. There are hundreds of acres of choice apple lands situated in Josephine county unplanted waiting for men with capital, energy and intelligence to take advantage of the opportunity.

Grants Pass is a city of 4000 population, engaged principally in lumbering, box manufacturing and mining. As a local market, for its population it is the best I have ever seen. Each and every year the grocery firms of this city are shipping hundreds of

read Mr. Hampton's report and find he has covered the ground most thoroughly and I endorse such report in all its essential points and I will also add that the situation resolves itself into this simple proposition viz: "That if you do not protect the low ground at the South end of the bridge by a strong road-way embankment of at least 12 feet high and extending 400 or 500 to the high ground, the river will cut a new channel around the south end of the bridge and if you do construct the said embankment, you will confine the water to such an area that it will rise to within two feet of the bridge structure, so in either event, you have a serious menace to the bridge; but if the dam below did not exist, you would have six feet more area below and the increased velocity of the stream thereby, the water would be six feet lower under the bridge, making eight feet between the lower members of the bridge at such a time as the flood of 1890, and then also, a six foot high embankment would be sufficient.

I will also state that I was not called upon to pass on the strength of the bridge structure in view of its construction; the only examination requested was in relation to the danger from floods, and how much the dam below contributed to the danger of the present structure.

Very respectfully,  
J. S. HOWARD, C. E.

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crates of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries to supply the local trade. Many of these berries are shipped from California points, this home market is an opportunity that should be taken advantage of by small fruit growers living in this county, as there is no place on the Pacific coast where berries of all kinds can be grown better than we can grow them in Josephine county. In place of importing berries of all kinds, each year for domestic use, we should supply our home market with home grown berries and export large quantities to Sound cities and Interior markets. Our climate and soil is so well adapted to the berry industry, the want in this respect of the home market should not any longer be neglected. A few small strawberry growers around Grants Pass have demonstrated that with water for irrigation, this fruit can be kept bearing through the season from May to November. But a few acres in eight or 10 miles of Grants Pass planted to berries and irrigated would give employment and a good living to a large number of energetic families.

Many may say the want of water would prevent many people from engaging in berry growing. There is not a 40-acre tract of land in Josephine county but what an abundance of water can be had by digging wells and with cheap gasoline or electric power it is a practical and money making scheme to dig the wells and use the water. Especially is this true when it is known that one acre intelligently handled with water to irrigate with will, during a year, produce 10 times as much as without.

To illustrate, Olwell Bros. of Central Point—commercial apple growers—have made a success growing apples without irrigation. These successful men do not allow themselves to drift—they keep on doing things. As an experimental venture, last year in their orchard at Central Point, they put in a gasoline pumping plant, which cost them—well and gasoline engine with gasoline for the

season—\$730. They irrigated 100 apple trees and last fall sold the apples from their irrigated trees for \$1100—\$380 more than their pumping plant cost them.

Without irrigation, these 100 apple trees, owing to the very dry season, and the very dry ground, where they were situated would not have matured a dollar's worth of marketable apples.

I cite these facts, because I have personal knowledge of their truth, that progressive men can look over these opportunities and not overlook them. Josephine county, with only a population of about 7000 people, has the natural resources in soil, climate and adaptability to the growing of all kinds of fruit, in connection with her timber and mineral to support a large population, and make homes for many more industrious people. Fruit growing is like all occupations; it means work. With industry, intelligently directed, it means a good living, and a competency for old age.

A. H. CARSON,  
Horticultural Commissioner, Third District.

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The Denver & Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June. These excursions will run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points en route. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Grants Pass will be \$7.50 to St. Louis and return; Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride, 124 Third Street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

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## GREEN HAS CONFIDENCE

Great Things are Expected of Southern Oregon.

Ex-State Senator Dan L. Green of Galice creek, Josephine county, has just returned to his home. While in Portland he served as jurymen in the federal court and was one of the 12 men who returned a verdict of guilty against T. A. and Hosea Wood, indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the pensions of Indian War veterans.

Mr. Green expressed the greatest confidence in the mining future of southern Oregon. He has been engaged in mining ventures in that section for the past 50 years, and is the owner of several promising quartz and placer claims. He is also interested in the Galice Creek Consolidated, a valuable placer proposition.

"Great things are expected of that section of the state in a mining way," he said. "There is the Yank ledge, for instance, which is very promising. It carries a body of ore 25 feet in width, which is cut by the Rogue river, and croppings of which have been traced for a distance of 10 to 15 miles.

"H. P. McNevin, a prominent Nevada mining man, who at one time contested the United States senatorship with Senator Sharon, began development work on the Yank 20 years ago. His sudden death put a temporary stop to operations.

"The Ankeny, Cooks, D. P. Thompson and M. S. Burrell of Portland were the first to engage in hydraulic placer mining in the Galice district."—Journal.

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W. E. Connan,  
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## W. C. T. U. Column

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Friday, June 5, in the League room of the M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. It is very important that we have a good attendance.

Mrs. H. E. Hollingshead, correspondent, Los Angeles, Cal.: The first Methodist Episcopal conference to admit women delegates, now in session in this city, received a royal welcome. At San Bernardino the delegates were met by the reception committee bearing flowers and fruits. As they left the train at Los Angeles their hands were filled with sweet peas and roses and showers of rose leaves descended upon their heads as they passed under the floral arches erected in their honor, the people all the while shouting, "Welcome to California!"

At the opening session of the conference, 10,000 calls lilies decorated the platform. Each day the chamber of commerce distributes flowers and oranges and serves lemonade to the delegates.

The bishops' addresses sound the keynote of the conference. This is what was said on the temperance question:

"The banner we follow in this holy war must bear these two legends: Total Abstinence and Legal Prohibition—Total abstinence as the only personal security, and the only foundation for help to the weaker brother; constitutional prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors to be used as beverages, as the only method yet discovered for any widely effective and permanently successful war upon the liquor traffic."

The abolishment of the canteen was recommended, also perpetual temperance teaching in the Sunday schools, day schools, churches, colleges and in the religious press.

On our train was Mrs. Florence Richards, delegate from the Central Ohio conference, and National W. C. T. U. lecturer, who said when introduced to the conference that elected her:

"This is the way I long have sought, and mourned because I found it not," which remark from its aptness gained the applause of the house. At the first session of that assembly, one of the women present made a motion; the bishop told her to "wait." She replied, "Yes, we have waited 12 years and we can wait a little longer."

Of the 54 delegates in attendance 25 are women. Their "doings" will be watched with interest.

As reporter for the Union Signal, I was given one of the best seats, which I took as a compliment to "woman's cause," as well as to our most excellent paper.

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