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PURE STREAM LAW SEEN AS MINE FOE

Every mining concern in the state and one-third of the irrigated farms will be put out of business by the anti-pollution law if it is enforced, State Senator W. H. Strayer asserted Wednesday at a meeting in the Portland hotel at which the Oregon Mining association was formed.

"This is my unqualified opinion as a lawyer," Strayer warned, adding that "if it isn't enforced the law should be repealed." He asked the 100 delegates to the meeting to read the law and "see if I'm not correct."

The law was approved by the state's voters at the November general election by a 3-to-1 margin.

Mining Group Formed

The meeting of mine operators was called to form a statewide organization to embrace everyone connected with any type of mining. At closing sessions the name Oregon Mining association was adopted and directors and officers elected.

Directors named were D. Ford McCormick, of Medford; Leverett Davis of Cornucopia; and F. Whalley Watson, Portland, for two-year terms; and S. H. Williston, R. B. Porter, C. Hunt Lewis and Lawrence C. Newlands, all of Portland, for one-year terms.

Davis Named President

Leverett Davis, who called the meeting, was elected president by the directors; McCormick was named vice-president and Watson was elected secretary-treasurer pro tem.

Inspired by passage of the stream purification measure, the meeting heard Davis in his opening statement ask that an organization be formed to protect interests of mine owners and operators in Oregon and to sponsor favorable legislation.

He estimated that at least 100 mining operations are underway in the state and that gold mining production of \$3,000,000 annually leads the production list. He joined with Strayer's later opinion in saying that if strictly enforced the anti-pollution legislation would close every mine operation in the state.

Miner Appointment Urged

Davis and others urged that the association ask appointment of a placer miner to the three-man state sanitary authority set up by the bill.

F. H. Young, one of the drafters of the bill, appeared before the morning session and explained that it was a compromise between fish and game interests on one side and industry on the other. It was his opinion that enforcement of the legislation would not seriously hamper mining operations in the state.

"But," he warned, "you can't very well ignore such an expression of public opinion as was registered by the voters."

Earl K. Nixon, director of the state department of geology and mineral industries, promised a full measure of cooperation to the new association.

Nixon Explains Character of Mining Group

The newly-formed Oregon Mining association includes large and small operators, Earl K. Nixon, director of the state department of geology and mineral industries, said Friday on a brief visit to Grants Pass. Mr. Nixon has endorsed formation of such a group and attended the organization meeting in Portland.

Every member of the association he reported, will have the

same vote as every other member, while the cost of membership is only \$1. Similar attempts at statewide organization in the past have foundered on the question of varying power to be given large and small operators, claim-owners, engineers and prospectors.

The question of headquarters proved an embarrassing problem, Nixon reported, because the two main mining centers—Grants Pass and Baker—are so widely separated. As a compromise point, Portland was selected as being the most easily-reached meeting place.

While the anti-pollution act was given a prominent place, it was not the only problem discussed by any means, Nixon reported. Many types of mineral production are represented in the association, with operations scattered over the state. Although most of the directors maintain residence in Portland, their interests are identified with the section in which their mines are located, he said.

Asked for brief explanation of the directors' connections, Nixon named them as:

Leverett Davis, vice-president and general manager of the Cornucopia Gold Mines at Cornucopia, the largest mineral producer in the state with a gross production this year at about one million dollars.

S. H. Williston, vice-president of the Horse Heaven Mines company, operating the Horse Heaven mine near Prineville, which is the largest producer of quicksilver in the state.

C. Hunt Lewis, owner of the Benton mine west of Glendale, representative of the largest quartz operation in southwestern Oregon. He was one of the defendants in the anti-pollution suit of last year.

D. Ford McCormick operates the Sterling mine near Jacksonville and lives in Medford. He operates one of the principal placer properties of the state.

R. B. Porter of Porter Brothers is a co-owner and operator of the new Standard dredge which started operation some months ago near Granite. Porter Brothers operate in several different states.

L. C. Newlands is a foremost representative of the lime and cement industry in this state. His interests are in southwestern Oregon and in Baker county.

F. Whalley Watson is a consulting engineer with mining interests in eastern Oregon, has been in the state a long time, and is connected with the Oregon section of the A. I. M. E. for a number of years.

DEATH MUST NOT REPEAT HARVEST OF LAST XMAS

Death must not repeat its harvest of 11 lives on Oregon's highways during the Christmas holiday this year.

The Yuletide week end last year was this state's worst holiday period in three years from the standpoint of traffic fatalities, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today.

"Winter throws a host of pitfalls in the path of the motorist, but safe, sensible automobile operation can overcome them," he declared. "One must drive slowly in fog, rain or upon icy pavement; one must obey traffic rules of the road unflinchingly; one must keep his automobile in good condition; one must not drive when he is fatigued or otherwise unfit to take the wheel."

No Christmas can be happy when death or injury strikes!

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Slayton left last Thursday for Corvallis to visit friends and relatives and after that they will decide where they are going to reside.

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Brings a message straight to me
Of a loving Heavenly Father
Who wants me His child to be.

Lying on a bed of affliction
With a lot of time to think
I sometimes get discouraged
And my spirit seem to sink.

As I close my eyes and listen
Jesus to me seems to say
"Come, my child, and trust in Me
For there is no other way."

Then to close the evening's program
O'er ether waves faint but clear
That beautiful hymn, "Have Faith in God"
Comes from a singer's heart sincere.

Then I trust and clouds are lifted
God's sunshine breaks thru' the gloom
And my heart is fill with gladness
In this little hospital room.

Lord bless our Quiet Hour Family
And bind us with Thy cords of love.

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The Quiet Hour is a religious program given over Radio Station KEX, Portland.

FLOYD HOWARD

Funeral services for Thomas Floyd Howard, who died in Cottage Grove, will be held at the graveside in the Kerby cemetery Thursday at 1 p. m., according to L. B. Hall's funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Howard was born August 15, 1887 in Kerby and until three years ago made his home in that section. The last three years have been spent in Cottage Grove.

He is survived by his father, C. J. Howard; one sister, Mrs. W. E. Gilmore of Eureka, Calif. and two brothers, Glen Howard of Dallas, Ore., and J. E. Howard of Cottage Grove.

OLE JACOBSON

Ole Jacobson of Takilma passed away last Tuesday, December 20th at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass. Mr. Jacobson was born, October 19, 1855, at Gagnef, Sweden. He came to America in May, 1882. He had been a resident of Josephine county for about 30 years and for the past 10 years resided in Takilma. He was a member of the Adventist church.

Funeral services were held in Grants Pass last Wednesday.

Mrs. Floyd Fagnant was Christmas shopping in Grants Pass the first of the week.

P. P. Preble of Holland made a business trip to the Pass the first of the week in connection with his mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Owen were shopping and attending to business matters in Grants Pass the first of the week.

CAROLS SUNG BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Last Wednesday evening, a very happy event took place in the Illinois Valley. Children from the Rocky Dale, Holland, Takilma and O'Brien schools spent the evening singing Christmas carols, under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Coovert. The children sang the carols with enthusiasm, inspiration and much joy. Many comments were heard about this occasion and hope to have it repeated again next year.

Mrs. Coovert wishes to thank the following teachers for their splendid cooperation, Mrs. Marjorie Varner, Mrs. D. W. Byrne and Mrs. Susan Haines. Chaplains and drivers for the kiddies were Mrs. Harry Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Doney, Mrs. Luther C. Sherier, Mrs. M. Varner, K. Lindgren, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Byrne and Mrs. Susan Haines.

The following children took part in the singing: Rock Dale—Sammy North, Diedrick Stanfield, Luther Sherier, Robert Lindgren, Ann Sherier, Cleo Doney, Bob

Stanfield, Charles Smith, Dale Brown and Paul Sherier; Holland—Guy Riblett, Troy Riblett, Jack Owen, Bob Kunkel, Jimmy Baldwin, Carol Stewart, Barbara Byrne, Lou Ann Maurer, Wesley Vahrenwald and Nancy Rethenmeyer; Takilma—Maxine Allen, Elva Messenger, Howery Roberts, Minnie Eggers, Herman and Albert Eggers, Harold Allen and Kenneth McFarlien; O'Brien—Wanda Brown.

Fruits, candy and nuts were given the children by Harry Floyd at Holland, Schumacher's grocery and the Illinois Valley News.

Special Program for Christmas Night

Christmas night, Sunday, December 25th, at 8 o'clock at the Community church, will be candle night services, speaking and singing. Special musical numbers will be given by Mrs. C. C. Babcock and Mrs. A. A. Johnson and others. Following the musical the program will close with thirteen tableaux, the lighting of the Christmas tree. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.



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