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**MINING NEWS**

Edited by Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau

**INVESTIGATING THE SMELTER POSSIBILITIES IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON**

**Smelter Seriously Considered by Financial Interests**

J. M. Meeker, representative of the Mace Smelter company of Denver, is now in Southwestern Oregon making a survey of the situation relative to the establishment of a smelter in this section to handle our base ores. Mr. Meeker is no stranger to southern Oregon, his father, Charles Meeker, having been engaged in the construction of the railroad line through the Rogue valley during the 80's and resided in Jackson county where Mr. Meeker was raised. During the past year has made many trips to this district gathering data on our miners' resources, character of our ores, climatic conditions, transportation, etc., and many samples of our ores have been sent to him by the Bureau for metallurgical examination. As a result of these investigations Mr. Meeker returned here last week to examine properties in the different districts to determine the stage of development, the extent of the ore bodies, and whether sufficient tonnage can be assured to warrant the operation of a smelter of 100-ton capacity to start with; also to interview our mining men on the subject. Should the result of his present investigation be favorable and his people determined to go ahead with the project the Bureau is assured that ample finances will be available to install and operate such a plant.

Inasmuch as Mr. Meeker will not be able to visit every mine in Southwestern Oregon during his stay, the following blank has been prepared for the use of mine owners in furnishing the data necessary for the purpose named, and owners are requested to fill out the blank and return same promptly to the Secretary of the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau at Grants Pass:

**SOUTHWESTERN OREGON MINING BUREAU**  
Grants Pass, Oregon

Name of Mine .....  
Name of Owner .....  
Location .....  
Name nearest postoffice .....  
Nearest railroad point .....  
Is Property on good road .....  
If not how far from road .....  
VEIN: Width .....  
Character of Vein .....  
Contact .....  
Foot Wall .....  
Hanging Wall .....  
Development Work: State amount done in feet and describe .....  
Ore: Tons blocked out .....  
Average Value ..... per ton  
Tons on dump .....  
Average Value ..... per ton  
Content: Gold \$.....; Silver..... ounces; Copper..... per cent; iron..... pct; lead..... pct; zinc..... pct; silica..... pct; alumina..... pct; other content..... pct; ..... pct; ..... pct  
Have you a qualitative analysis on your ore..... If so, attach copy.....  
EQUIPMENT: Mill (describe).....

.....; plates.....; concentrating tables.....; compressor.....; drills.....; other equipment.....

If a smelter is constructed and placed in operation in Southwestern Oregon I can mine and furnish..... tons of ore, or concentrates, (per day, per week, or per month.) It is understood that this statement is simply of a preliminary nature and is not to be considered as a contract.

Dated at..... this..... date of....., 1926.

Name of Owner .....

In preparing the data asked for underestimate tonnage and values rather than overestimate. If additional blanks are desired same can be had of the Secretary at Grants Pass.

The installation of a smelter by experienced people will solve the mining question in Southwestern Oregon, and when same is assured this section will move forward with leaps and bounds, and the prediction that this is to be the next great gold mining camp will be fulfilled.

In order that all may have an opportunity to meet Mr. Meeker and learn first hand what he has to say, there will be a meeting of mining men at 511 H street, Grants Pass, Oregon, Friday at two o'clock in the afternoon, to which every mining man of the whole district is invited to attend.

**OPPORTUNITY**

By Letson Balliet

What upbuilds a new mining camp or makes any town grow? The answer is—opportunity. Opportunity brings people from afar. Past performances or product that has gone are of little interest.

The public press announced a few weeks ago that a certain town in Missouri had shipped 400,000 hogs during the year. That was wonderful, but all those hog farms around Missouri are owned by somebody, and I dare say that there was no great influx of population to this Missouri town, simply because some hog farmers had shipped hogs. If that same newspaper item had announced that there was 100,000 acres of cheap land, or free government land, that offered Opportunity for more hog ranches, it is probable that the population of that county would be doubled by this time.

Similarly, we note that the public press in the mining camp announcing in flaunting headlines that the bullion shipments for the year amount to two million dollars. That is wonderful, but all of that bullion which has been shipped is owned by somebody. There is no Opportunity for anybody to come to the mining camp and get any of it, because it is already gone. If that same press notice had announced that there were thousands of acres of free government land, undeveloped prospects which could be turned into productive mines by development, it is probable that the population of the community would shortly be doubled. There is no Opportunity advertised in heralding a commodity that has gone. Nobody plays very strong for something that has been. The things that interest are the possibilities to come. If there is no opportunity for newcomers to acquire wealth, they cannot be expected to come merely to watch someone else who is getting something. There are three things that no one can profit by: watching another man count his money, watching some other man's mine ship bullion, or kissing another man's wife. If there is no opportunity to get one of your own, you will go some place else. More mining camps would be built

p, more interest would be shown in mining, if publicity was given to the opportunities rather than to bullion shipments that somebody else already owns.—Mining Review.

Southwestern Oregon, embracing Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties,—an area of 17,247 square miles—offers the opportunity for the mining man to aid in its development and make good.

**LOCAL MINING NEWS**

J. M. Meeker of the Mace Smelting company, Denver, is visiting the many mining districts of Southwestern Oregon in the interests of a proposed smelter.

The heavy rains over the week end means much to the placer miner, and from now on while the water lasts he will attend strictly to the working of his property.

Charles Derwachter who recently took over the Wedge mine at Rogue River from Phil Robinson, has a crew of men at work building camp, roads, and generally rehabilitating the property.

The Argo at Galice, recently acquired by Mr. Tervish and associates, is working along development lines.

**Buttons covered at Faber's.**

The Freeman-Wiley Hardware store is undergoing a remodeling, new counters and shelving being put in.

A residence on Pine street, belonging to W. C. Leever & Son has been sold to Mr. Roy Jones and wife, who will make their home there.

Mrs. McKinley, who was here as one of the salesladies at the Hatfield sale last Friday, is a sister of Mrs. Sidell, who formerly lived in Central Point.

On next Friday night, the high school team of Talent will play basketball here in our gymnasium.

The Ladies' Embroidery club met at the country home of Mrs. Leonard Freeman Wednesday. After a social afternoon stitching the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Summington, of Dunsuir, California, came up to hear the Sousa band and to visit her father, A. R. Pankey, and other relatives.

Mrs. Jesse Glass, who has been living in the Chas. Thompson house this winter, in order to send her two daughters to high school, has moved back to the ranch and the daughters will have rooms at Mrs. Taylor's.

J. E. Weaver received word this week of the death of his brother J. J. Weaver, of Union, Oregon. Mr. Weaver's brother will be remembered by some people here, as he visited Central Point last summer. He had not been in good health for some time.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson and son Marvin, went to Table Rock Sunday where Mr. Johnson preached to an appreciative crowd. There were quite a number from Central Point who attended. They were Mr. Webster and family, Mrs. J. E. Boswell and Carl Boswell, Miss Bernice Burger, Leola Hesselgrave, Mildred Burger, Laurence Collins, Jim Harris and David Edgar, son of Reverend Edgar, who preached in Central Point a few years ago.

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Mrs. Murphy, from Portland, Oregon, is visiting her mother and brother, Guy Foutch, for a few days.

Mrs. Albert Noth, of Medford, spent last Thursday afternoon with her former schoolmate, Mrs. Hedgepeth.

Roy Jones, our genial telephone operator, has resigned that office and bought the Wayne Leever property on East Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Jones expect to move into their new home February 1.

Mrs. Donald Ross has joined her husband at their home in Camp No. 1, above Butte Falls, where their work is connected with the Owen-Oregon Lumber company.

Fred Tibbets of the Central Point Meat Market, received a message today telling of the death of an aunt in Dorris, California. The lady who died is a sister of Mrs. Mary Mayfield.

Quite a large number of people from Central Point and vicinity attended the Sousa band concerts Wednesday. The only names we are able to learn are Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and daughter, Mrs. Guy Tex and daughter Geraldine, Mrs. Sheley and Wilma.

The Epworth League members are entertaining tonight at the League Hall, the guests of honor being the Misses Leola Hesselgrave and Dorothy Warren. Miss Hesselgrave expects to leave soon for San Jose, California, to attend the State Teachers' college and Miss Warren goes to Meriln, Oregon, to be with her mother for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Myers, Ray Henderson and wife, and Mrs. Sisty were Medford visitors Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Myers filled an appointment with the dentist while the others heard the big band.



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