

**MINING NEWS**

Edited by Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau

(By Sw. Ore. Mining Bureau)  
At this writing the big pump at the Sleepy Hollow placer on Sardine creek near Gold Hill is just turning over. It is too early to give details as to the efficiency developed. The engineer in charge, Dr. Hogg, formerly of Elmer & Hogg of Portland, is too competent for any one to be at all skeptical of the outcome. The only unknown quantity is nature, which sometimes has a way of not living up to specifications.

That a fresh mind can often perceive what one too close to the object cannot, was demonstrated last week when Messrs. Richardson and Cermack of Salem examined the Young & Flaherty mine on Evans creek. A high grade shoot which had been mislaid for two years, although anxiously hunted for, was pointed out by the visitors, almost at once, much to the surprise and delight of the owners. The ore runs several hundreds of dollars to the ton.

The tunnel work at Mt. Reuben will close down for the season next week due to shortage of water. This year's work, while it leaves the tunnel face still eight hundred feet from the objective, has been most encouraging in the character of the formation. Practically the entire forty-five hundred feet of the tunnel is in mineralized rock, with eight well defined veins cross cut.

Charles Derwacher is again back on the Wedge. He suffered a very serious injury in an auto spill recently, but they patched him up as good as new.

Dr. George Coddling of the office of the Corporation Commissioner at Salem was in the district last week. Judge Crews is very anxious that when he leaves the office, there shall be some provision for the protection of the mining interests, which he has personally so freely given during his incumbency.

The Metals Extraction company, better known locally as the black sand plant is about to move to the coast where there are large possibilities in the recoveries from the beach sands. While their departure is to be regretted, it is very evident that the volume of possible business here is not great enough to warrant remaining, when so much better opportunities are to be had on the beach. They have done a great deal for the district while they were here, in demonstrating a practical recovery method.

P. B. Wickham, of the Western Metals is still in Portland on the business of his company, and on his return will again start work on the holdings of the company at Galice. Time for assessment work has about rolled around again. Anyone desiring help can secure good men by getting in touch with the Bureau.

A. Walker reports the largest single chunk of free gold bearing quartz in captivity as being on exhibition in the bank at Etna Mills. It is as large as an ordinary safe, with gold scattered all over it. A similar chunk from some local mine, would be very much in place in the rooms of the local chamber of commerce.

Local visitors this week include Messrs. Boswell of Holland, Howland, Robinson and Sordy of Galice, Hogg, Van Horn, Olson and Lively of Gold Hill and Dr. Reddy of Medford.

The decline in gold production in the United States, which, like the reduction in area of timber, has at last aroused the interest of the entire country. This decline, however is not due, as in the case of timber, to a decrease of the available raw material, but to a decrease in the availability of it. Timber is a visible asset, and is measurable in its entirety. Ores, on the other hand, are hidden and their quantity cannot be determined except by analogy and comparison. The ancient theory that the valuable metals were boiled up to the top of the molten rock mass, and when the scum, so to speak, was all skimmed off nothing of value was left, has been thoroughly exploded. Under what conditions the heavier matter should have risen to the top and there remained against all laws of physics has never been explained. However difficulties of any kind have always daunted the lazy or the timid, and when lean streaks were encountered in an ore body a phrase was coined to excuse further effort, and the mine was said to have been "bottomed." It is now pretty well acknowledged that no ore body has ever been actually bottomed. On persistence through the lean zone, the rule has been that the values increase in depth. Of course a time comes when the labor necessary in the handling of the ore is so great that the operation is no longer profitable. But ordinarily that does not occur until a depth of approximately a mile has been reached. What we need here, is a more generally accepted knowledge of the importance of mineral, and a readjustment of the labor and money that may be profitably used in its production. There is much propaganda with regard to agriculture. Mining is almost lost sight of and even its importance belittled by financial interests. It is fair to inquire why investments in mines should be so persistently and even passionately decried. Is it because of the public spirit, the generous broad minded charity of the financier? If so, he is a much misunderstood and maligned individual. He generally poses as a cold blooded self seeking, business first and last person, whose excuse for his occupation is that he makes money. This validly excuses practices which otherwise would be regarded as unfeeling. It is a just conclusion, therefore, that any business unfavorably criticised by the financial interests, is one in which the opportunities for control and exploitation are not favorable to the financial interests, but on the contrary spread the returns among many channels, and in such a way that they cannot be controlled. Agriculture may be the first necessary industry. Without mining, it is impossible, as the products of the mines are absolutely essential to any kind, any degree, and any form of agricultural industry.

**MEDFORD NEWS**

(Bliss Heine)  
District Attorney Newton C. Chaney has been reappointed to a five-year term as a first Lieutenant Quartermaster in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Bob Doyle has been re-elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce with E. C. Gaddis, president and Paul Scherer, J. E. Russell and C. C. Lemon as vice-presidents. Miss Loraine Stoltz, who has been filling the position of assistant secretary left vacant by the resignation of Miss Frances Perry, was recommended to continue in that position.

The Al Barnes Wild Animal Circus, which has been quite a favorite with Southern Oregon people for a number of years past, is scheduled to show in Medford May 12.

At the Medford Armory last week Joe Gorman of Grants Pass knocked out Bud Oliver of Spokane with a shock punch to the chin in the latter part of the first round. In the preliminaries Young O'Brian and Young "Gunboat" Smith, Medford youths, fought four rounds over Morris of Everett, Washington; and Mike Cassidy of Everett, Washington won over Chick Kennedy.

William A. Carter, Republican candidate for nomination for governor, gave a short and impressive talk at the United Artisans party last Friday evening. W. D. Fleck of Portland accompanies Mr. Carter. They are campaigning throughout Southern Oregon.

The southern division of the Southern District Epworth Leagues in the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was held in the First M. E. church in Medford last Friday, Saturday and Sunday with about 150 delegates in attendance.

Ernest Scott, the live wire local motorcycle dealer, has started a motorcycle messenger service in Klamath Falls. Mr. Scott has also been operating a similar service in Medford for the past year, now having a fleet of seven motors.

Just below the hotel at Crater Lake a huge earth and rock slide has damaged boats and equipment and

torn away part of the path leading to the rim.

On Monday evening Talisman Lodge No. 31, Knights of Pythias was entertained with a splendid moving picture show by Horace Bromley of the California Oregon Power Co. and some very interesting slides by John Palmer after which a sumptuous repast was served in the banquet room.

Last Thursday E. O. Wassen, proprietor of the Medford Egg Farm, delivered three hundred broilers to Luman Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Wassen came here from Fowler, Colorado, a year ago, settling in Sunset Park southwest of Medford and going into the poultry business on a big scale. They now have about three thousand chicks and are figuring on twelve hundred laying pullets for next winter. Their stock is S. C. White Leghorns, some of which were purchased from the famous Hollywood Farms of Washington.

C. W. Pursell, who was injured some time ago when he was pulled from a truck and dragged on the pavement on the Pacific Highway, has returned from spending several weeks in a Portland Hospital and is now in a very much improved condition.

Last Sunday Clarence Phillips, Frank Hubbard and Grover Medley hiked ten miles over hard snow to Crater Lake from near White Horse Camp making the hike in four hours. They saw the big land slide that occurred recently. This establishes a record from the Medford entrance, such trips in the past being made only from the Klamath entrance.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Preaching services both morning and evening by the Rev. I. G. Shaw.

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**STATE MARKET NEWS**

**Reliability and Honesty**  
Co-operative organizations which hope to secure high prices for poor products won't get very far or last very long, thinks State Market Agent Spence. Top prices these days are secured only by the best products, graded, uniform, reliable. And Mr. Spence believes that producers would get better prices for such graded products and would find more ready markets if they would put their names and addresses on the containers as a sort of a guarantee or insurance of quality.

**What of the Coming Year?**

It is yet too early to get reliable estimates on this year's acreage of potatoes, but indications are there will be considerable increase in Oregon over last year, due to the high prices of last year's crop. The State Market Agent says it has become farmer history that a big crop follows high prices of the preceding year on any product, the natural tendency being to overproduce the next year. "An average crop of potatoes this year will be worth far more than a bumper crop," says he.

**Watch Your Alfalfa**

If alfalfa is not well cured in the field and in proper condition to go into the barn, it is more dangerous to combustion and fire than any other hay crop, says the State Market Agent, and he cautions farmers to watch the harvesting closely. He says the hay should be leveled and evenly trampled in the mow and not left as it falls from the fork or sling. Some advise that salt be used, one part to the load—it is combustion preventative and is palatable to the stock.

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**Mint Growing Increasing**

Mint growing in favored sections of Oregon is fast increasing and it is becoming a recognized industry. Douglas county is well adapted to the product and a large acreage is being planted this year. The lower Columbia and several sections of the Willamette valley are increasing the acreage.

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