

## MINING NEWS

Edited by Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau

The latest addition to the family of producers of Southern Oregon is the Golden Mary from which P. X. Johnson is exhibiting a brick weighing a little over \$1200.00 being a partial cleanup of the 30 tons of ore recently run through Sparks mill at Rogue River. This mine, lying within a stones throw of Grants Pass has lain idle for thirty years, awaiting the enterprise and foresight of someone to take it up and put it in production. P. X. Johnson is just as proud of his recovery and of this concrete proof of his ability to find a mine and get action on it. As soon as it is possible to equip a mill this brick will be but one of a large and numerous family. The Golden Mary was formerly known as the Wade mine and its former owner acting as superintendent of production, can well feel that the claims that have been made for the mine have been justified.

W. B. Burner of Holland has finally triumphed over the discouragements and difficulties of five years and reached the pay streak in Democrat gulch. Twenty-five feet of drifting on the channel failed to reach the border and produced about \$120.00 in the prettiest channel gold and coarse platinum that has been brought into the Bureau for many a day. Wiloughby and Hutton are setting up machinery on the Leonard property which adjoins Burner and is virgin channel and probably also a drifting proposition.

W. R. Kilduff has left for San Francisco on business connected with the Siskron mine.

The Red Boy of Gold Hill has incorporated and expects soon to begin extensive development. Compressor and air drills are being installed at the None Such mine on the Applegate. This will make a total of twelve air drills to come into this district within the last twelve months and is one of the surest signs of progress.

B. F. Gallagher who mined on Josephine creek 18 years ago is here looking over his old territory.

Metz and Tate of the Silver creek placer have a crew of eighteen men on their property preparing for the next winters run and are keeping a good-sized pack train busy hauling

supplies in from Galice as the trail is apt to be closed during the winter months.

Chas. Tucker of Agnes reports that he expects soon to begin development on his mine and J. C. Edwards has returned from an extended trip east, plans the erection of a mill on his property in the near future.

A. A. Turner and Tom Galvin are mining the Klamath river.

M. Hollman of Spokane was a recent caller at the bureau, leaving specimens of ore containing gold, silver and lead from Jubilee mountain, B. C.

Dean Newton of Corvallis, who has been expected weekly for some time has been detained at home by illness of his family. He hopes to be down for a week or so shortly.

The Placer mine on Louse creek, near Granite Hill has been at work getting ready for next winter's run with from three to five men, all summer. The result of their test holes has been so satisfactory that they anticipate running two giants next winter.

H. L. Bovington, of the Blue Jay will make his home in Grants Pass for the next year. The Blue Jay has a tunnel crew at work, and expects to continue development the entire season.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the recent forest fires in the upper Evans creek district and elsewhere will greatly facilitate prospecting during the coming winter. About a dozen have already started out to get located when the rains start. But be careful of fires, they are a waste of natural resources of the country.

At the last meeting of the bureau much enthusiasm was shown in regard to the Fair exhibit to be made in September. Since the Bureau is to have charge of the exhibit every member should do his utmost to see that it is creditable to the industry.

S. B. Salverson, who had charge of the small dredge near the upper ferry two years ago was a very welcome visitor at the Bureau during the past week. Mr. Salverson is now interested in a silver, lead mine in Nevada but is still much interested in the mining possibilities in southwestern Oregon.

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## FLAX GROWING IS LASTING INDUSTRY

C. E. Spence

A recent inspection trip over the flax fields by the Chamber of Commerce and O. A. C. showed that ninety per cent of the growers have found flax raising one of the best crops from the standpoint of profit.

From the farms the flax has gone to the state penitentiary where its manufacture gives employment to every able bodied man of six hundred inmates, and has made a beehive of industry out of a former workless, lounging bunch of men.

From the penitentiary are manufactured flax goes out to the outside linen mills, which industries are direct results of prison manufacture. The penitentiary furnishes the mills with flax products in that state of manufacture necessary for their requirements, from where it goes into completed products. The Miles Linen Mills, a factory 100x142 feet, recently completed, announces it will enlarge to nearly double present capacity, and another factory, with authorized capital of \$500,000, is under erection. The state prison has nearly a half million dollars in material and equipment and is steadily enlarging to meet demands, while about \$100,000 was paid to farmers last year for their straw. All this has grown out of the small beginning in the prison plant about three years ago, and while the outside industries grow, a permanent industry to employ convicts in the prison is building up, which will greatly reduce the heavy maintenance expenses of the prison.

Many farmers interviewed say that flax raising is the best crop in sight for profits, as there is a waiting market and spot cash for the product. Prices per ton paid by the state range from \$22 for the very short

fiber to \$40 for the long straw. Since the state furnishes the pulling machines the dread and big expense of hand pulling is obviated.

Flax growers are learning by experience and the extremely dry summers of the last two years have taught them the importance of early sowing, that the crop may be well along before the rainless months set in. The high priced long fiber needs moisture and it is well worth the effort to get the crop in early, as the price is double that of the short straw.

Letters come to the State Market Agent stating that in some of the middle west flax growing localities diseases are appearing, particularly rust, and asking what may be done to prevent this here. Governor Pierce who has made an investigation of this matter, says the best preventative of rust is crop rotation, that rust seldom attacks under this system.

## Mint a Lasting Crop

Mint growing in favored localities is fast developing as a new Oregon crop and many inquiries come to the market agent. Some claim that once planted the crop will continue to produce for years while others state that its life is for but about three years. J. G. Moison of Gervais says he has known crops to produce for 14 years; that he has a field producing well after six years. He says the life depends on the care; that unless plowed and cultivated well each year it will soon die out, as the ground soon becomes so matted with roots at the top that the plant cannot hold the moisture enough to keep it growing.

## OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Falls City—State liberates 300 Chinese pheasants here.

Mt. Angel—Producers Packing company will pack 40,000 cases fruits this season.

Since 1917, Oregon Highway Commission has spent \$89,000 on highways.

Portland foreign cargo shipments for first quarter of 1926 were 399,786 tons; tenth port in United States.

Portland—Steamer Edgar Luckenbach takes 1,500,000 feet lumber for Gulf ports.

Salem has paved 55 blocks, and will pave 65 more if fall rains permit.

Salem—Huge annex to paper mill ready for machinery installation.

Medford—Reported strike of rich tellurium ore occurs in Kubli mine, in Jackson county.

Baker—Seventeen cars lambs, 5,000 head, go to Chicago.

Hood River—City will pave Oak street with bitulithic, to cost \$13,359.

Silverton—Food Products plant canning more fruits and vegetables than ever before.

Rails delivered for Herrick railroad, 50 miles, from Burns to Seneca.

Lakeview — Thirteen-mile section of Beatty-Bly highway, will cost \$60,000.

Astoria—Prouty Lumber company loads 5,000,000 feet lumber in ten days. Mill cutting 200,000 feet a day.

Heppner—Lambs worth \$50,000, 23 carloads, shipped to Chicago.

Klamath Falls—New \$41,000 city library to be completed by November 10.

Bend—Contract let, for steel water reservoir, to cost \$33,375.

State buying Indian lands along Old Oregon Trail, in Umatilla reservation, to preserve trees and other scenic features.

Oregon bank deposits June 30, were \$2,000,000 larger than ever before in State's history.

Oregon exports for first quarter of 1926 were \$13,781,451, \$3,126,001 more than same period last year.

Sutherlin—Good flow of gas secured at 1800 feet, in Leeper Dome prospect well.

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