

MINE OUTLOOK HERE IS BRIGHT

YEAR OF MINING ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR OREGON

Placers Are Busy

Important Developments Forecast for 1927; Big Production Stage Near.

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The year 1926 has been one of outstanding accomplishment in southwestern Oregon. True it is that the field is so large and the activities so varied, that to one not familiar with conditions as they were, it may appear that little progress has been made. A brief survey, however, with some pertinent figures may help to support the original statement above.

Roughly, a little over three million dollars are invested in mining activities in this district. The amount spent in mining, milling and mine development during the year is in excess of \$640,000. The taxable property is of record as \$1,050,768, and the taxes collected \$47,660. Some seven hundred odd men are engaged in the industry, and the gold production somewhat over \$240,000.

Four Miles of Tunnel.

In quartz about four miles of tunnel have been run, and development has been prosecuted on eleven miles. Reduction plants on two mines are now in course of erection, and preparations are under way for five more. Some \$170,000 have been taken from the quartz deposits, and ore has been blocked out which will yield at least one and one-half millions. The common quest has been for gold but there have been concerns of capital and intelligence which have been actively at work on quicksilver, platinum, copper and tin.

The cinnabar deposits have received much attention and the work of Willard, M. E. on the Iron King, and Parks, M. E. on the War Eagle will undoubtedly bear fruit during the coming year.

The low price of copper and the development of new processes of extraction of that metal have made it slow. But the deposits here are large, among the largest in the world, and the fact that they carry other more valuable metals in combination has kept the interest in them active.

Metallurgical problems in connection with the recovery of platinum and tin have as yet kept them in the experimental stage. The accredited mining engineers who have been in the district on long or short stays number over sixty. This is important as a spreader of information. Even though an engineer reports adversely on a prospect, we must have them here, and while they are not always persona grata to the prospector and miner they advertise; and we know of none who have had occasion to criticize the activities of the bureau, where the services of that organization have been made use of.

Placer Season Early.

In placer, while during the winter of 1925-26 there were but about two weeks of sufficient water to make hydraulicking profitable; this season opened early and promises to continue to a later date than for many years. Last winter there were but eighteen giants workings, and at this date there are fifty-four. The recovery of placer gold last year was a little over \$70,000, with about \$2,800 in platinum. We do not like to predict that the recovery will be in direct proportion to the number of giants at work, but there is a great probability it will be even greater. We have one placer being worked at the present time by steam shovel.

For the year 1927, we have great things in prospect. The Mt. Reuben tunnel will undoubtedly reach its objective, with a six thousand foot haul-

age tunnel, and twenty-eight hundred feet of backs on ore. This connotes a mill of several hundred tons capacity. The Yellow Horn, Jewett, Greenback, Alameda, Golden Mary, Kubli, North Pole, Wedge, Golden Wedge, Siskron, Boswell, Bunker Hill and the various holdings of the Western Metals will all without a doubt be producers before January 1st, 1928. The Iron King and War Eagle will be in a position to market quicksilver, and the Branfield and Copper Queen will be shipping copper. There is a mill completely financed for treating the complex ores at Canyonville, and two large plants now working on the black sands of the coast, one at Port Orford and one at Ophir. The inman mine on the Sixes has about reached the production stage, after many years of preparation, and plans have been worked out which will keep placer mines working, by drifting and otherwise, for the entire year.

Should the legislature make the small appropriation to be asked for by the mine survey, field men in both the southwestern and northeastern parts of the state will begin a real collection of practical data which will do much toward making the investment of money in Oregon mines a safe proposition. There is no doubt that the resultant increase of taxable property will alone many times exceed the amount of the appropriation asked for.

The bureau will persist in its firmly established policy of giving out only such information as is reasonably accurate, and of discouraging all boasting, so called, which is not supported by fact and common sense. As fast as dishonest or unreasonably exaggerated promotion is uncovered, every effort will be made to nullify the efforts of dishonest promoters. The bureau has only the greatest good of the greatest number to consider, and will continue to extend its good offices in that behalf. Considering that it is admitted by all that the industry is in its early stages only, we would seem to have a fairly large field in which to work.

Finally, it is hoped that the new year will see perfected in northeastern Oregon, an organization similar to that of our own. Such an organization is of inestimable benefit as a means of a homogeneous development, without which an industry cannot be firmly established.—Mining Truth.

THE CITY DADS 6

Ashland has a new city administration and from all appearances it is a much alive and progressive body. The men of the Council and the Mayor are of such calibre that the city has no fear or anxiety as to the accomplishments for the coming year, and each member has the welfare of his city at heart. They are progressive, yet conservative, and starting on their duties like old heads in the game. May all our citizens co-operate, as they are working for our interests. Much of the plans for their terms were brought out at a Forum luncheon Tuesday at the Lithia Springs hotel. Mayor Pierce gave some interesting facts and dwelt on city needs and their summer's work in a lengthy and interesting speech. Considerable comment was made by the Mayor concerning the water improvements, with detailed reports of the engineers, regarding the replacing of the Lithia water pipe lines. The sentiment of the meeting was expressed as favorable to the piping of Lithia water to the Plaza block, easy of access to passing tourists and visitors to our city. This improvement will probably be accomplished the coming summer. Dr. E. A. Woods is much impressed with the poultry possibilities of the community. He is chairman of the Council Sanitary committee, and declares that Ashland should be one of the greatest poultry centers of the West. To which many add their approval. During the luncheon hour the topic of fire protection was touched upon. Ashland has a fire department and equipment that every citizen is proud of and the firemen all have the confidence of each inhabitant.

Fire Chief Clint Baughman told of the new equipment which had been added to the fire department recently and predicted that when some of the water improvements are completed this fall, the city can expect a lower insurance rate.

Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber, told of the annual meeting of that organization to be

held in Portland next Monday and urge representation from Ashland. On motion of V. D. Miller the members voted to urge the directors to authorize the expenses of President O. F. Carson and urge him to attend the meeting.

Other council members spoke during the luncheon on topics of importance to their duties and plans. Included among those talking were Charles A. White, O. T. Bergner, Dan Key and J. E. Thornton.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PERSONALS

Communicated

The social circle of the Christian church will serve luncheon at twelve noon, Monday, January 31 at State Missionary rally of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. The Christian Endeavor will serve the young folks at 6 p. m. at church on Second and B streets.

Mrs. Tebbens of Beech street was ill and unable to attend Bible school last Lord's day.

Mr. and Mrs. McCallister and son, James, and Mrs. Troutdale and daughter have all had the gripe the past week.

Mrs. Morrison, who was ill at home was sadly missed from her Bible class last Lord's day.

A large attendance is hoped for next Sunday at the Christian church. The Woman's club will take the platform.

An informal reception was enjoyed in the church parlors after services last Lord's day night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sanford and son, who have moved to Dunsmuir, Cal. Mrs. Sanford was pianist at the Christian church and she, as well as Mr. Sanford and son will be greatly missed.

About fifty-two per cent of the world's population live on farms and in small towns. The smaller city inhabitants read the big daily from the metropolis for their foreign and national news. In connection with their daily, nearly all home people read their home weekly paper. Every small city has its weekly paper, which is in a field of its own, entirely separate from a daily. One does not interfere with another. Both are demanded. Advertisers the world over, use both and in small cities better returns come from the home weekly which is read every Friday by every member of the family. The Ashland American guarantees its big circulation and omission of advertisements are noticed at home and abroad. Friday, Saturday and Monday store news, bargains, new arrivals and business talk are looked for in the Friday morning weekly. The American prefers all Ashland ads in preference to soliciting ads from other cities and we advise reading the home merchant's message and patronizing home as much as possible.

YES, WE'LL SAY THEY EAT!

Ain't It So? Ain't It So Ain't It So? Ain't It So!

Behold, the lodge lodgeth together and they eat. The club clubeth together and they eat. The business men then take counsel, and they eat. The church have a social, and they eat. The young people elect officers, and they eat. And even when the missionaries meeteth together, they eat. But this later is in good cause, because they "eat in remembrance of the poor heathen who haven't much to eat.

Behold, hath man's brain gone to his abdomen; and doth he no longer regard intellectual dainties that thou canst no longer call an assembly or a get together a quorum or even a "baker's dozen except thou hold up the baker's dainties as bait. Be it true that the day cometh that, to get a crowd together at a prayer meeting the preacher must hold up a biscuit? Yea, verily; thou hast heard of the child races of the world. But behold it is night for thee even at the door. "or as one calleth unto the child and sayeth, "Come hither, sweet little one and I will give thee a stick of candy," even so thou must say to his grown up papa and mamma, "assemble ye together, and we will serve refreshments." And lo, they come like sheep to a pen. Ain't it so? Ain't it so?—Exchange.

Our latch string is out and door unlocked. Many have called.

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