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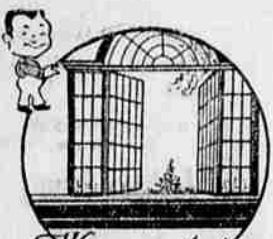
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MINING NEWS OF SOUTHWESTERN OREGON

Edited by Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau.

The Metal Market

Copper, \$1.46 pound.
Tin, \$4.43 pound.
Lead, \$1.04 pound.
Zinc, \$0.77 pound.
Silver, \$0.87 ounce.
Aluminum, \$0.27 pound.
Antimony, \$1.72 pound.
Bismuth, \$1.20 pound.
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Iridium, \$325 ounce.
Nickel, \$0.31 pound.
Platinum, \$117 ounce.
Platinum, \$117 ounce.
Quicksilver, \$33 75-pound flask.
Chromite ore, \$21 ton lots.
All other prices unchanged.

The Platinum Issue.

From time to time echoes have come to the ears of the officers of the bureau of reports as to the relation of the bureau to what may be called the platinum issue. One will be to the effect that the bureau is fathering the platinum idea, and he cannot support it for that reason. The next will say that the bureau is denying the same issue and that therefore he cannot support it. Both are wrong of course, merely making an excuse for patting their own short sighted selfishness by withholding support from an organization which has for its only aim and purpose the benefits of the mining industry, and hence the community at large. The bureau is an association of men interested in the development of the mining industry here. Its membership is composed of ordinary citizens, not of assayers, knoekers or promoters, though all have a place within it. It is the first organized individualistic men who are the pioneers of the industry and who have suffered greatly in a day of combination by their lack of unanimity and cohesion. Any attempt to discuss even a moot question by such an organization would not only prove suicide, but would settle nothing. Therefore the bureau has never taken sides, to speak on many subjects upon which a diversity of opinion would blind one side to the honesty of the other.

The mining industry has suffered from many ills, not the least of which is the dropping of common sense and logic in the discussion of matters relating to the industry. One man advocates stamps for reducing ore, another a rod mill, another rolls. They meet, and like owners of three different makes of automobiles, instead of endeavoring to learn something about his own method, the only thing of value to him, each puts in all his efforts to proving the other fellow wrong. A more absurd waste of effort is hard to imagine. So it is with regard to judgments of ore bodies, with methods of mining, with determination of ore content. The quarrels, for they have usually degenerated to that, are of no value either to the engaged, or to the industry.

As to platinum, certain common ground may be found upon which all may meet. There is platinum here in the placers, and it may come from the bodies. If so, those bodies may be found and recovery made from them. Upon this broad base all may stand. Any person who is making an effort to solve any metallurgical problem, however many mistakes he may make, is performing a public service.

Probably the greatest heat has been shown in the discussion of assays. Enough almost to melt up all the platinum in the district. Almost lost to sight is the fact that an assay at its best is only a trivial index. It is of no value unless, in volume enough to draw an average conclusion. One assay is of about as much value to determine an ore body, as one feather to clothe a hen. If we were to keep this in mind, the few assays that have been made, altogether, and incomprehensible large ore body to which they are by some to be held an index whether they are all wrong, all right or partly wrong and partly right, would not be a very important factor in the industrial development of our community—which is the only matter of real importance. Assayers are like the professional men, or other scientists, they all make mistakes. They are influenced like other human beings by prejudice, personal limitations, self interest, and pride. In other words, they are human, with about the same average intelligence as their critics plus a better chance to know the truth about certain little known matters.

Local Mining News

Grants Pass Items.
E. L. Carter of the Buzzard mine near Trail is in town on the analysis of ore and the purchase of new equipment.

J. M. Rush of the Swastika came in with a clean up and for a sand analysis.

R. E. Anderson came in with his clean up from Josephine creek.

Dill and Dunn of Althouse are purchasing of his department.

W. W. Dry of the Althouse is in town on business.

Frank Silver is in the process of installing air equipment at the mine.

J. M. Ryno of Pleasant Creek is in town on business.

J. E. Kilduff has returned from San Francisco.

A. C. Stewart has gone to Seattle on business.

L. E. Stenger reports continuous finds of mineral lodes on his property at Canyonville.

Mr. Mercer of Seattle is in the district on mining matters.

Mr. Carter of the Buzzard mine spent a few days in town.

Byron Pickard of the U. S. bureau of mine safety and rescue work spent all day Saturday in town regarding matters of his department. He visited the plants of Lancaster, and Lull, and expressed himself on his departure to the effect that the bureau and any individuals who are making a real effort to solve the economic and metallurgical problems of this district should receive every possible assistance. He expects to return in August with a demonstration truck for an extended stay, in order to give those wishing it a course in mine rescue work, and safety appliances. This department has done a great deal for the mining industry in the way of safety work, and although there are no deep mines here, this will be of interest to the mining men.

Mr. Bailey is still in the north, but work is going on on the roads to the mine.

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Inspired by the example of the men who gave their lives in the Spanish-American and world wars, students and faculty pledged \$20,000 to the project in less than a week. Of this sum faculty members contributed \$31,000. Alumni in Portland and business men of Corvallis have contributed nearly \$40,000 in campaigns not yet completed. With less than \$200,000 to be raised and the entire alumni field practically untouched, the financial goal of \$500,000 will be reached by April 1, say those in charge.

PROSPECT

Thursday evening our coach, Clem Clarke and his brother, Eugene, had an accident as they were returning from basketball practice. As Clem had no lights on his motorcycle, it made it hard for him to see the road. They were going up the hill on the other side of the Rogue River bridge when he hit a rut and lost control of his motorcycle. It threw both of them several feet from the motorcycle cutting Clem's eye in one corner; otherwise they were unharmed. They went on to the power plant, where they received first aid.

Much enthusiasm is being shown by the people in this community over basketball. We are very much handicapped in our training as some of the players live as far as five miles from the school house, which makes it very hard to get together in the evening.

We are practicing about four evenings each week. About two of the evenings are spent in games. There is one team from the power plant, the high school team and the Pumice Seeds that play. There is also two girls' teams up here now.

The high school has been pretty lucky since we had a coach. Before Mr. Clarke started to coach the team the Pumice Seeds would win the games, but now the score goes the other way. We also have games between the first and second teams, which usually result in a good beating to the second team.

King George Is Ill

LONDON, Feb. 17.—(By Associated Press.) A bulletin issued at Buckingham palace this afternoon said that King George was suffering from an attack of bronchitis, due to influenza. Despite a restless night, it added, his general condition was satisfactory.

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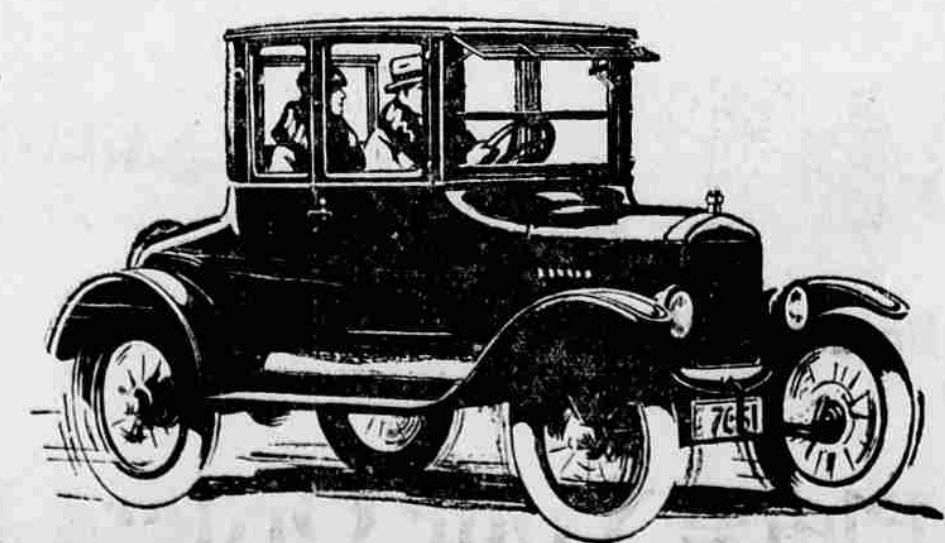
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