

# Prepare Old Opp Mine For Renewed Production On Big Scale in Spring

## Hundreds of Tons Milling Ore Uncovered Hope to Place 100-Ton Unit In Operation Coming Spring

Oppville, that phantom town of 80 years ago, has been rehabilitated. Once again nearby hills, which have silently and patiently witnessed the coming and going of hundreds of men lured on by their search for gold, witness blue streams of smoke curl from scattered chimneys which dot the hillside. People once again come and go with the apparent haste and bustle of men in search of some treasure.

For laying of a foundation for a modern gold mining and milling operation has commenced—on the decaying remnants of activity and mistakes of other years. The Pacific States Mines, Inc., lessees of the John Opp property on the right fork of Jackson creek, has been pushing work as rapidly as possible in the hope of being able to start actual operation of a 100-ton mill unit in late spring, according to John M. Price, superintendent in charge of local development.

Discovered in the early 60's by pocket hunters, the Opp mine produced, according to official records, the tidy sum of \$14,000 in one small stop. C. C. Bekman, one of Jacksonville's most famous men, was attracted to the property and purchased it as a school section. Under his ownership it had produced by 1900 about \$100,000 in gold.

It was about this time that John Opp, present owner, purchased the workings for \$35,000 cash, according to public record, and in 1905 erected a 10-stamp mill. Four months later Opp turned the mine to a New York company for \$125,000. The new owners installed a 20-stamp mill, developed 4000 feet of tunnel and operated until 1908 with a milling process which was not adapted to the ore, resulting in debt and seven years of litigation. Much of the values had been deposited with tailings.

Opp again recovered the mine with a clear title, and succeeded in recovering about \$125,000 from 25,000 tons of ore. Tailings from this operation still show \$1.80 values in assays, indicating about \$5 gold values to each ton of ore worked.

Much Ore in Sight. Since that time considerable random development has taken place on the property, acknowledged by all local experts to be of worthwhile value for a large operation, and much ore has been placed in sight. Developers of more recent years evidently were after rich pockets and not interested in milling ore.

According to official geology of the mine, the Opp property consists of a series of parallel quartz fissure veins varying in width from three to 30 feet. Secondary veins cross these fissures at several points. Development has been carried on three veins and three more have been exposed by surface work.

Country rock in the property is diorite, with the formation on the foot wall and argillite on the hanging wall. Surface deposits of ore are oxidized and produce free gold—when such huge pockets came—while at lower depths values run to base and become associated with iron pyrite. Present exploration would indicate there is no depreciation of values with depth. Better ore is found in swells of quartz veins than in pinched fissures. Ore chutes uncovered have never been bottomed and values appear consistent from the surface down.

Rich Pockets Found. Pockets officially listed as valued at \$14,000, \$15,000, \$50,000, \$20,000 and \$12,000, respectively, have been uncovered in the Opp mine up to this point, and milling costs for low grade ore have been estimated at about \$2 a ton.

Topography of Opp's 380 acres of patented ground lends itself to an economical and practicable handling of ore, and Clifford Higgins, foreman of the company, has been busy for several months drilling a crosscut tunnel in No. 11 to a point about 200 feet below an upper level, tunnel No. 2, where a quantity of telluride ore has been uncovered. It is planned to stop this ore chute to the lower level, where track has been laid, and move ore to a tramway at the opening which will conduct milling ore down a 1000-foot incline to crushing bins.

Present plans include reopening of No. 13 tunnel, lowest level of the property, and repetition of the process of stopping when all ore above

### In Church Role



The Mail Tribune's Mr. X addressed the Young People's Baptist Union at the church Sunday evening, taking as his topic "True Christian Spirit."

# Mr. X Will Give Soldiers A Workout at Armory In Tuesday Night Drill

Mr. X's Program for Tuesday. 11 a. m.—Give advice concerning diet for A. E. Walker, Talent, Ore. Noon—Lunch at the Rex. 2 p. m.—Repair sticking piano keys for Mrs. M. P. Tucker, Old Stage road. 4 p. m.—Close the old watch contest at Larry Schade's Jewelry store. 5 p. m.—Close the Silent Auction Sale of the Majestic radio at the Palmer Electric store. 6 p. m.—Dinner. 8 p. m.—Drill company A of the Oregon National Guards for Capt. Tengwald.

Mr. X's first assignment for Tuesday will take him to Talent, Ore., in his new Ford V-8, where he is scheduled to suggest a diet. When this has been accomplished he will be on the job again in Medford. After luncheon he will repair a piano for a lady residing on the Old Stage road, then he will act as judge for the old watch contest at Larry Schade's Jewelry store. Anyone can enter their old watch until 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, at which time Mr. X will start the judging. Mr. X suggested to Mr. Schade that he might trade in some of the old watches for new ones, and Larry agreed to do so. So if you think your old watch will not win the prize offered for the oldest watch, bring it in anyway, and trade it. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. X will be at the Palmer Electric store, and will close the silent auction sale of the Majestic radio. There is plenty of time to cast your bid for this machine. Go to the store and write your name and address on a slip of paper, state what the radio is worth to you in your own home, and deposit your bid in the sealed ballot box. Mr. X will open the box at 5 o'clock Tuesday and select the highest bidder. In the evening Mr. X will act as captain of the Oregon National Guard, when he will put them through their paces on the drill floor. Captain Tengwald does not think Mr. X can do this, but Mr. X knows he can; he has had plenty of experience drilling troops, and he has not forgotten all he learned when he was in France.

# STARS OF PIGSKIN POINT FOR SHRINE BATTLE IN 'FRISCO

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Twenty-two selected football stars from the east and middlewest will leave Chicago tonight for the Pacific coast to prepare for the eighth annual Shrine hospital benefit game against a picked team from the Rocky Mountain and far western schools at San Francisco January 2. The east squad, directed by Andy Kerr of Colgate, and the midwest group, headed by Dick Hanley of Northwestern, were scheduled to meet at Evanston this afternoon, get equipment and go through a short workout before heading westward. The squad will make its headquarters at Palo Alto, Calif., until New Year's Day. Of the previous seven games, the far westerners have won four to three for the east. The lineup: Backs—Oil Berry, Illinois; Harry Newman, Michigan; Pug Bentner, Northwestern; Roy Horstmann, Purdue; Joe Crowley, Yale; Bart Viviano, Cornell; Bob Rowe, Colgate. Ends—Paul Moss, Purdue; Jose Martinez-Zorrilla, Cornell; Dick Fencil,

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# Pitt Westbound To Meet Trojans

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- 8:55-9:15 — Musical Clock.
- 9:15-9:30 — A Peerless Parade.
- 9:30-9:50 — Shopping Guide.
- 9:50-9:55 — Friendship Circle hour.
- 9:55-10:05 — Today.
- 10:05-10:30 — The Pet Program.
- 10:30-10:45 — Today.
- 10:45-11:00 — Radio School of Cookery.
- 11:00-11:15 — Fashion Parade.
- 11:15-11:30 — Xmas Cheer.
- 11:30-11:45 — Musical Varieties.
- 11:45-12:00 — Song and Comedy.
- 12:00-12:15 — Mid-day Revue.
- 12:15-12:30 — Xmas Reminders.
- 12:30-12:45 — News Flash, Mail Tribune.
- 12:45-1:15 — Xmas Shopping.
- 1:15-1:45 — Golden West program.
- 1:45-2:00 — Dreaming the Waltz Away.
- 2:00-2:30 — Dajos Bela orchestra.
- 2:30-3:00 — Dance Matinee.
- 3:00-3:30 — Songs for Everyday.
- 3:30-3:45 — KMED program review.
- 3:45-4:00 — Music from Yesterday.
- 4:00-4:30 — Across the Sea to Hawaii.
- 4:30-5:00 — Masterworks program.
- 5:00-5:15 — Silly Gilly Story.
- 5:15-5:45 — Popular Parade.
- 5:45-6:00 — News Digest, Mail Tribune.
- 6:00-6:30 — Dinner-dance music.
- 6:30-6:45 — Vignettes.
- 6:45-7:00 — Chandu, the Magician.
- 7:00-7:30 — Lumber Jacks.
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- Xmas speaker.
- 7:35-8:00 — Eventide.
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