

Mining Source Of Wealth in Medford Area

Mining, which in the beginning gave birth to the development of southern Oregon, continues to be one of Jackson county's leading industries, and promises with the increase in price of gold and anticipated gain in silver to justify a much greater settlement of the inland empire through realization of the wealth hidden within the mountains and river beds, which now provide scenic beauty for the Rogue River valley.

For the resources within the streams and mountains, in the words of mining men, "haven't been scratched yet." Mining in a commercial way is still to be realized in Jackson county, they maintain, interpreting the vista here by numerous mining authorities during the past year, as a definite sign that the realization is not far distant.

Over 100 Ore Found
There are more than 100 commercial ore located in Jackson county, leading among them: gold bearing ore, copper, chrome, manganese, silver bearing ore, barite, magnesite, lime, bentonite and antimony and many others of lesser tonnage.

The leading gold areas are to be found on the Applegate, which waters the beautiful valleys in the mountains beyond Jacksonville; the Ashland, Gold Hill and Rogue River territories.

Mining is already on the increase in these sections, stimulated by the new gold prices and the lack of money realized in other endeavors during the past several years.

Mining Supports Many
A survey made this spring of Jackson and Josephine counties showed 8,000 people making their living through mining, most of them on small placer operations. A Grants Pass bank early in April announced that purchases of gold indicated an increase of 80 per cent in mining over last year, in spite of the exceptionally dry season.

The largest mining operations are to be found on Poots Creek, where the Rogue River Gold Mining company is operating a dredge; at Jacksonville, where the Pacific States company is now treating 26 tons of ore with each eight-hour shift at the famed old Opp property. The Ashland mine, under management of P. B. Wickham, has in operation a stamp mill, amalgamation, cyanide plants and table concentration. Concentrates have already been shipped to the smelter as have nine precipitates. From the Barron mine three carloads of ore have gone to the Tacoma smelter this year. Several properties are transporting ore to the custom mill at Jacksonville for treatment.

Few Placers Operating
On Humble Creek in the Applegate territory a stamp mill, belonging to Graham and Summers is now producing. Other operations in quartz mining on the production list are located in the Gold Hill district.

Placer operations are practically over for the summer except on Ferris Gulch at the old Layton mine. There are also a few men still working on the Upper Applegate.

The cement plant at Gold Hill, which constitutes one of the county's leading industries, is now operating with a full shift, bringing in a large tonnage of lime from Wilderville.

Oinnabar, which is found in large quantities in the hill regions of this county, mining men believe, will someday be mined for quick silver in an extensive way, providing southern Oregon with another important industry in the mineral field. The oinnabar, they maintain, is available in important amounts and will be taken from the ground as soon as the quick silver market warrants its mining.

Granite Produced
The large granite quarry in Ashland also holds an important place in the mineral story of southern Oregon.

Large quantities of these southern Oregon ores, mining men claim, are blocked from markets due to transportation facilities, and followers of the industry are now concentrating on plans for further development of the Crescent City harbor, through which hundreds of thousands of tons of mineral products would become available, which are now procured from foreign countries.

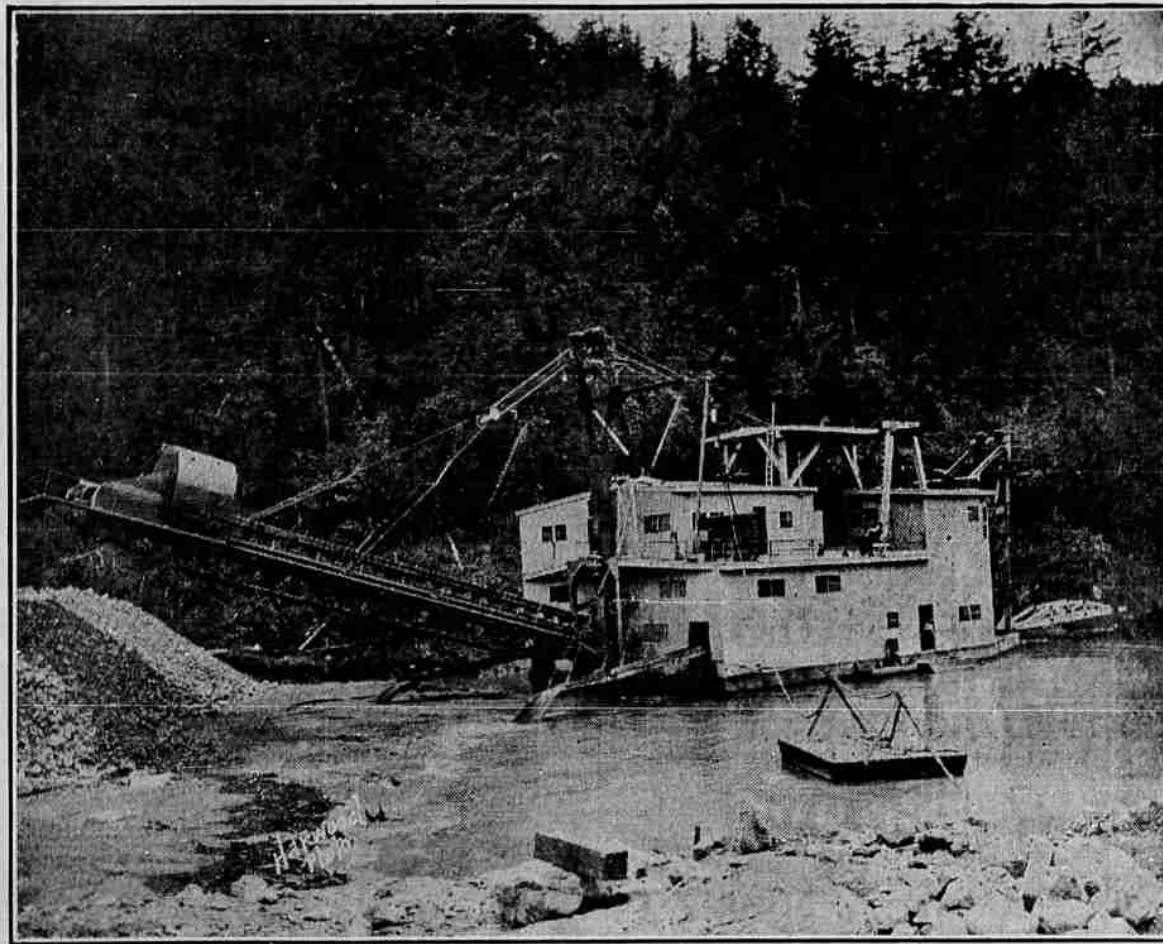
PIONEER PARENTS' INSPIRATION FOR JUBILEE PAGEANT
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Over 60 lighting units will enhance the attractiveness of "Over-Over-Over" and will be used in numerous beautiful effects. The scenic set is 150 feet wide, 100 feet deep and 40 feet high. It is a faithful reproduction of pioneer scenes, including large mountain ranges around the slopes of which come the covered wagons symbols of the first arrival of settlers in a new country.

Hundreds of costumes were made for the numerous characters, representing Indians, trappers, fur-traders, soldiers, emigrants, miners and scores of others.

Vining Chairman
The pageant organization is composed of Prof. Irving S. Vining, pageant chairman on Jubilee committee; Prof. Angus L. Bowmer, director; Ward

Dredging One of Many Forms of Mining Used Here



Soil which bears a sprinkling of gold is scooped up by the huge dredge shown above, the previous metal is extracted and the earth and rock dumped at the rear of the contrivance as it moves forward in its own "sea."

V. Croft, orchestra. Members of the advisory council are: D. Virginia Hales, Louise M. Woodruff, Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, Marian Ady, costume manager; William Cottrell, scenic design; R. Barry, construction manager; D. A. Runyard, lighting. Much stock of the pageant was used through the courtesy of the Dodge Riding academy while sound came through the courtesy of the Standard Oil company.

JAPANESE TRUCK IS WOOD BURNER

TOKYO (UP)—Japan's wood burning motor truck recently developed by the army probably will be confined largely to army use because of the inability to supply sufficient fueling stations to make a more general use available.

of the trucks were tried out between Tokyo and Nagoya.

It was found necessary, however, to have an extra motor conveyance accompany the truck on its trial run to supply the fuel which must be in small sizes.

Japan spends some 150,000,000 yen for motor fuel annually and the army's expenditures are large. The wood burner was developed to cut down the normal expenses rather than to provide a new and economical war machine.

QUEER ANSWERS GIVEN IN QUICK QUESTIONING

WESTFIELD, Mass. (UP)—To test the alertness of his class, George G. Sharp, instructor at Westfield high school, suddenly popped this question:

"What famous general is buried in Grant's Tomb?"
"Sheridan!" exclaimed one pupil.
"Taylor!" guessed another.
Sharp got nearly half way around his class before getting the right answer.

DUDE RANCH ON JACK LONDON'S ESTATE IS PLAN

OLEN ELLEN, Calif. (UP)—Jack London's ranch in picturesque Valley of the Moon, where the famous novelist penned many of his fore-most adventure stories, is going to be converted into a dude ranch.

Somewhat reluctantly, the writer's widow, Mrs. Charrman London, disclosed that work already is under way in preparation for the expected influx of equestrians and London enthusiasts, expected when the ranch is open to the public.

While they have played a heavy part in the transformation of the ranch, the depression and mounting taxes were not solely responsible for her decision to convert the 1,400 acre wooded tract into a dude ranch, Mrs. London explained:

"I really have been sorry for a long time that more people could not visit the ranch," she said. "So many from all parts of the world have wanted to do so."

Stables have been enlarged and many ranch horses obtained in preparation for launching the enterprise. Twenty-five miles of trails and bridge paths have been outlined through the rugged, wild mountains.

Commenting on the wildness of the region, Mrs. London admitted with a laugh that she recently became lost while riding the trails she knows well. And unusual though it may seem, the late author's wife never learned to drive an automobile. On the ranch she depends, to a great extent, upon horses for transportation.

Temporarily, because ranch facilities are inadequate, guests will be forced to obtain lodgings at Glen Ellen hotels and inns.

In addition to the work of oper-

BILLINGS MAIDS WIN PERMISSION TO WEAR SHORTS

BILLINGS, Mont. (UP)—Youth, as represented by indignant Billings girls and misses, has won a major victory in the "Battle of Scanties" which raged here.

Younger members of the fair sex were outraged when the city park board originally announced that "shorts, scanties and abbreviated attire" in general would not be allowed on Billings tennis courts.

Stunned by this, the girls announced themselves as indignant, protested that the ban on their attire was "the only one in a town of Billings" also in the United States.

Furthermore, to add weight to their plea, the winsome lassies threatened to appear on the courts attired in old-fashioned black bloomers with black, cotton stockings.

The board was adamant. It decreed that shorts could be worn, but they must be knee-length and minus any flounces at the opening of the legs. Furthermore, blouses with sleeves were to be worn with the non-too-streamline panties.

At this juncture, Mrs. Lee Main, only woman on the board, came to the rescue of her sex. She sounded the sentiment of nine women's clubs and announced that shorts not only were considered de rigueur—but modest as modern styles go.

While some of the more conservative board members shook their heads, a resolution was adopted allowing "men and women to wear in a public park any costume based on common sense and decency."

ating the ranch, Mrs. London will continue work on a two-volume biography of her husband.

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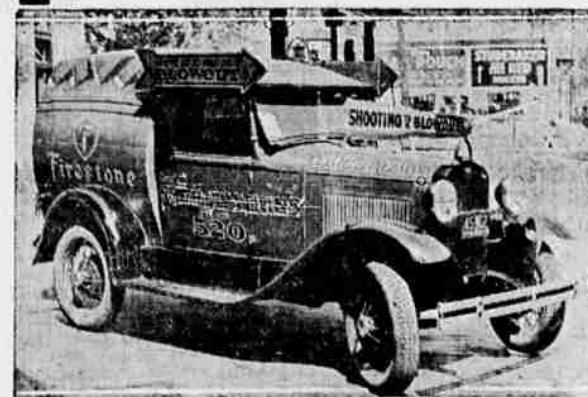
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