

BIG GOLD STRIKES THING OF PAST IS VIEW OF EXPERTS

New Activity Involves Reclamation of Values Long Known to Placers Skimmed Off

By DYKE WILLIAMS United Press Staff Correspondent PHOENIX, Ariz. (UP)—The days of the big "strikes" are over. Many observers of the Western mining scene believe.

They point out that the new approach to a "mining boom" is a silent one, made possible by improved machinery rather than spectacular discoveries of glory-holes or rich placers.

Mostly, the new activity involves reclamation of values long known to exist in proven districts.

Years ago in the days of the great rushes, the cream of the placers was skimmed, because they were the easiest found.

Rich Veins May Exist But because a rich vein deposit may exist in prospected ground and remain undiscovered, widely divergent views on the potential ledge wealth have been held.

Following the devaluation of the dollar, a great impetus was given to western gold mining. Thousands of seekers moved back to the hills. Observers held hopes that numerous major discoveries would result from the work.

In the main, they have been disappointed. Strikes have been made—and rich ones—but in general they have not compared with the great finds of the early days. No longer are there "Rich Hills" or roasting camps where \$100 a day is a common return. No longer are there big mines in production, where miners chip of gold as they did in some places, and carry it out in dinner buckets, clothes, and tobacco cans.

From the millions of dollars spent in mineral development in the southwest in recent years, scarcely a single permanent boom camp has sprung, although a number have been re-equipped.

Legs gleaming with gold and silver simply are not being found. Dishpan placers are not turning up "stake" in placer sands, as occasionally happened in the frontier times.

Although thousands of workers have crowded into the placer fields and some are making scant livings with little in the way of equipment, the University of Arizona has estimated their average earnings in this state at little more than 25 cents per day. "They run an excellent chance of starving to death," a placer bulletin warns.

The University warns also that "the chance of making a discovery is small." In general, the placer workers are still occupied on fields that were known in frontier times.

Total Production High Total value of production, however, may outstrip that of early days, because of the large number of fields now worked with improved machinery. The industry, if less spectacular, now seems established upon a firmer base.

Commenting on the change, Dr. G. M. Butler of the University Bureau of Mines declared that mining now is safer than in early times, and outlined methods of minimizing the risks, "which need be no greater than in many other fields."

As a result, also, of the change, a "strike" may now be made on 440 or poorer ore. But it is a strike only for those with capital to install machinery, and holds no lure for the jobbers.

MINT JULEPS FOR HEATED SOLONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(P)—The heat finds some compensation with a formula of their own for keeping cool. Here is a note passed around recently:

"Rules committee—meeting at 5 p. m. Mint juleps will be manufactured by a competent Kentucky colonel."

Truck Sets Safety Record WEBB CITY, Mo.—(UP)—Guy Lofton is claimant of the title for the truck driver who has driven the farthest without a single accident. He has traveled 345,000 miles in 19 years without even a single fender scraping or bumper touching.

Swiss Girl Prefers Hot Dogs EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—(UP)—Miss Marianne Schadelin, social worker from Switzerland, a graduate of the University of Zurich and a student at the University of Oklahoma in America, thinks waffles, hot dogs and hamburgers are the best American foods.

RELIGIOUS MEETS FOR CCC CAMPS IN AUGUST FIXED

Religious services for camps of Zone 1 in the Medford district during the month of August were announced by Chaplain Harley G. Preston. The schedule follows:

Wimer: August 5 and 6 and August 20, Chaplain Preston; August 15, Rev. G. P. Kabela, Medford; August 26, Father William J. Meagher, Medford.

Rand: August 3 and 21, Chaplain Preston; August 6, Rev. W. D. Rannels, Grants Pass; August 18, Rev. H. P. Scone; August 26, Father William J. Meagher.

Casquet: August 7 and 8, and August 22 and 23, Chaplain Preston. Other dates held open.

Indian Creek: August 12 and 13 and August 26 and 27, Chaplain Preston. Other dates held open.

Oak Knoll: August 5, Father William J. Meagher; August 14 and 15, Chaplain Preston; August 20, Rev. C. D. Miller, Treka; August 28, Chaplain Preston.

Applegate: August 8, Capt. G. R. Durham, Medford; August 16 and 29, Chaplain Preston; August 22, Captain Durham.

South Fork: August 6, Rev. Joseph Knotts, Medford; August 12, Father William J. Meagher, Medford; August 19 and 30, Chaplain Preston.

Religious services for Zone 3 in the Medford district for the month of August were announced by Chaplain H. W. Anderson. The schedule follows:

Elk Creek: August 1 and 2 and August 13, Chaplain Anderson; August 20, Rev. D. E. Millard, Eagle Point, Ore.

Upper Rogue: August 5 and 6 and August 19 and 20, Chaplain Anderson; August 27, Rev. Millard.

Diamond Lake: August 7 and 8, Chaplain Anderson; August 13, Rev. Dawes, Medford; August 21 and 22, Chaplain Anderson; August 27, Rev. W. R. Baird, Medford.

Annie Springs: August 9, Chaplain Anderson; August 16, Capt. G. R. Durham, Medford; August 23 and 30, Chaplain Anderson.

Lava Beds: August 6, Rev. Arthur Bates, Klamath Falls; August 12 and 13 and 26 and 27, Chaplain Anderson.

Dog Lake: August 9, Rev. J. M. Johnson, Lakeview; August 14 and 15, Chaplain Anderson; August 20, Rev. C. C. Griffiths, Lakeview; August 28 and 29, Chaplain Anderson.

Visits of Catholic contract chaplains to these camps will be announced later.

HOLMES AGENCY IN NEW OFFICES

The R. A. Holmes Insurance Agency was referred to through an inactivity as a real estate agency when announcement was made in Tuesday's

Utilities Head



Guy W. Talbot of Portland, president of the Portland Gas & Coke company and the Northwestern Electric company, also is vice-president of a half dozen other utilities. He was born in Michigan in 1873 and came to Oregon in 1906.

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Mail Tribune relative to the opening of new offices on the second floor of the Medford building.

The agency handles a wide variety of insurance policies and is one of Medford's oldest and best known firms. Having been established in 1909 in the Jackson County Bank building. There is no type of insurance the agency cannot write, according to Cole Holmes, who is pleased with the new offices and welcomes the continued patronage of many Medford citizens.

The following companies are represented by the agency: Sun Insurance Office of London, oldest company in the world; Insurance Company of North America, oldest in the United States; Aetna Fire Insurance Company, Royal Insurance Company, Paetina Insurance Company, Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance, and the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.

The new offices are attractively situated at the head of the Medford building's newly altered stairway.

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THE GRANGE

Aplegate Grange. The regular meeting of the Aplegate Grange was held Friday night, July 26, with 36 members present.

The agriculture chairman announced that many cow buyers were in this section from California and the farmers should hold their cows at top prices. Poison barley is available from either the Aplegate store or

from Charles Kinross. The home economics chairman announced that the men were to furnish a paper sack lunch for which the women are to bid not to exceed 15 cents at the next meeting.

Frank Knutzen, chairman of the ways and means committee, read the tentative plans for the Grange barbecue to be given on Labor day, September 2.

Herbert Elmore gave a very interesting and well received report for the educational committee. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, via-

itors with Williams Creek Grange invited the Aplegate Grange to attend their regular meeting Thursday night, August 1.

The lecturer's program was put on by Flora, Miss W. A. Johnson. A march was played while the Grange members marched in front of Flora to receive—for the women a corage, and the men a buttoniere. Lester Hill and Miss Maxine Hill sang a duet, "The Wayside Rose."

The legend of "Flora" was read by Mrs. E. H. Taylor. A quotation about Flora was read by Miss Eva Johnson, Miss Ada Johnson and Mrs. Beatrice Sullivan. A talk and demonstration on how to arrange cut flowers was given by Mrs. S. S. Johnston gave a talk on how the Buttercup was named. "Miss June Moran recited the poem "Daisies," by Wordsworth. A timed-guessing contest was held with all members trying to guess the names of flowers. The lecturer's hour was closed with tryouts for song leader. Herbert Elmore was chosen.

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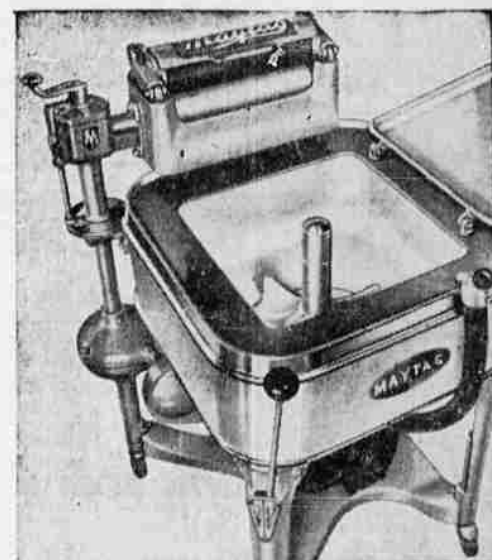
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