

# HARD TIME MINING A TERRIFIC FLOP SAY U. S. EXPERTS

### Small Operators Panning Creek Beds Averaged Only \$72 Apiece in 1935 Is Claim After Checkup

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Government mining experts said today the depression's gold-rush was a flop.

A group of works progress administration experts who checked up on the prospects for the jobless finding gold along creeks of three west reported that of all the ideas for relieving unemployment, this was "the most romanticized and exaggerated."

Although placer-mines in the richer areas still strike a few bonanzas, the experts said, the 28,000 small operators panning creek-water for gold averaged \$72 apiece in 1935.

Auto Mining Romance  
Even the romance is running thin because rattletail cars have replaced the old prospector's burro, and the placer-miners shake the gold out of the water by machinery (if at all) instead of by hand.

The placer mining still has its good points. "The experts commented: "Although the income of the small gold miner is low, the life has many features that lure him. Besides being free from rent and practically all other expenses except food, the miner works without supervision. His hours are his own and his vacations are taken when wanted. The million-to-one chance against the miner apparently does not deter him from dreaming that his next clean-up will produce a nugget."

Average \$44.  
In Oregon, 3,422 placer miners found 4,020.86 fine ounces which brought them \$140,730, or \$44 apiece.

Only 250 miners went into the mountains of Washington, but their average yield was higher. For the 1,547.60 ounces they panned from the creeks, they received \$54,165, or \$217 each.

Idaho streams yielded 8,184.07 fine ounces worth \$204,692 to the 1,314 miners in the field. The average was \$217 per man.

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Oregon mines, while not necessarily profitable for the week-end amateur, provided increased employment in 1935, according to figures by the department of commerce and bureau of mines. Wage-earners in the state received \$770,921 and salaried officials \$125,102.

Large amounts also went for supplies, power, etc.  
In Josephine county, 113 reporting mines averaged 382 employees in 1935, the government said, with a fluctuation of from 307 in January to 456 in August. Baker county's peak was 454 for 84 reporting mines; Jackson 382 for 63 mines; Grant 162 and 60, and other counties in decreasing proportion.  
Baker county wages totaled \$350,290 and salaries \$68,855; Grant \$351,073 and \$19,062; Josephine \$169,000 and \$10,650; and Jackson \$91,663 and \$15,317.

# LADY ELKS WILL DON '49 DRESS

All lady Elks of Medford will be urged to dress in costume typical of early days during the "Days of '40" feature of the annual state Elks convention to be held here Sept. 24 to 26, inclusive. It was unanimously decided at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the ladies yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Prentice and Mrs. Cap Overmyer were appointed to co-operate with R. C. Burgess and W. F. Quisenberry, committeemen in



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charge of this part of the convention program.  
Mrs. Maud Snider, general chairman of the lady Elks, expressed complete satisfaction for the enthusiasm shown by ladies over the opportunity of assisting the lodge in the entertainment of out-of-town lady Elks.  
Committeemen were also appointed on reception, the proposed trip to Ashland, bowling and the afternoon tea.

# SEVEN OFFENDERS RECEIVE SENTENCE IN JUSTICE COURT

George W. Stuart, a transient cook, charged with disorderly conduct in a local theater, entered a plea of guilty in Justice court yesterday, and was sentenced to five months in the county jail by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman.

Charles D. Lundy, 19, of Ashland, entered a plea of guilty to violation of the basic speed rule and was assessed \$15 and costs. Lundy, according to the state police, drove his auto 85 miles per hour on the Pacific highway between Rogue River and Grants Pass.

James A. Long, of Portland, also charged with violation of the basic speed law in traveling 75 miles per hour on Riverside avenue, pled guilty and was fined \$15 and costs. Wilbur M. Sexton of Ashland, charged with driving an auto with improper plates, was assessed \$5 and costs.

Theodore Saville, transient, charged with soliciting auto rides on the Pacific highway was sentenced to five days in the county jail.  
Donald E. Gilom, 15, of Rogue River, charged with driving without an operator's license, was fined \$2.50 and costs. His father was ordered to appear in court, to explain why he permitted his son to drive, when ineligible.

Phillip Thomas Young, charged with reckless driving, was granted until this afternoon to enter a plea.  
James M. Nary, who had no operator's license, was assessed \$2.50 and costs.

# OFFICERS ENTER ECONOMY CONTEST

A unique demonstration testing the economy and acceleration of the new Graham will be conducted Thursday afternoon, beginning at 3:00 o'clock, on the north Pacific highway near the Pine Cone, according to announcement today by Larry Pennington, Graham dealer here. The tests in Oregon are sponsored by the Windolph Motor company of Portland, Graham distributors, and the Gilmore Oil company.

Law enforcement and public officers will participate in the demonstrations and the police officer or representative of a fire department making the heat economy record in the western area will be awarded a round-trip via United Air Lines to the world series baseball games in New York. John A. Baker, sales promotion manager for the Windolph Motor company is in this city to assist in the local tests.

Among the officers here who will take part are Sheriff Syd Brown, Medford Police Chief Clatous McCrawie, Henry Haxwell, Captain Lee Bond and Fred Scheffel.

# ROSEBURG SEWER PLAN REVEALED TO COUNCIL

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Details of the plan for Roseburg's proposed intercepting sewer system, estimated to cost approximately \$70,000, of which the city's share will be about \$20,000, were brought before the city council last night by C. D. Fies, WPA engineer for Douglas county. It is proposed to build the sewer line with WPA labor, the cost of materials to be furnished by the city.



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# WETTER WATER PRODUCED WITH ALCOHOL MIXER

### Latest Miracle of Chemistry Takes Dust Out of Air As Nothing Else Does — May Aid Fruit Cleaning

By Howard W. Blakeslee  
Associated Press Science Editor  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Wetter water—answer to the prayers of millions for something to take dust out of the air like nothing else ever did—became a reality today.

This latest miracle of chemistry was announced to the American Chemical Society by B. O. Wilkes of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, Pittsburgh, and J. N. Wickert of the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation, South Charleston, West Va.

Alcohol Does It.  
It's no pun, but "wetter water" is made that way with alcohol. There's nothing intoxicating about the stuff. The alcohol is a new "synthetic," something that does not exist in nature. It is made from waste gas of oil wells. The new feature of this alcohol is the giant size of its molecules.

They have a most peculiar effect on ordinary water. A few drops of this "oil well hooch" added to a gallon of water actually makes it "wetter."

That is, the water wets whatever it touches almost instantly. Things like yarns that would take an indefinite time, many minutes as a rule, to wet through in water, soak in a few seconds in "wetter water."

Fine for Laying Dust.  
Most spectacular was a dust laying experiment, in a work room where the dust was heavy thick and breathing risky, an ordinary water spray fell through the air without relief.

"Wetter water," Mr. Wilkes said, made the air almost entirely clear, and solved the health hazard. The wet water simply soaked instantly every dust particle it touched where ordinary water drops had been "glancing off."

Fine sprays of ordinary water are the main reliance of architects and engineers for cleaning the dust out of air-conditioned buildings, homes and railroad coaches.

The "wetter water" enhances the deadliness of most bug and insect sprays. It makes these lethal liquids spread faster and farther.

Good spray Remover.  
Old wall paper is said to give up the ghost and start peeling when wetter water hits it. It is also a good remover of the poisons left on fruits from insect sprays, Mr. Wilkes reported.

The main uses of wetter water are industrial. These were named as including bleaching, mercerizing, conditioning cotton yarn and fabric.

dyeing and felting of wool, and uses in leather, paper, ceramics, paints, metals, pharmaceuticals, oils and cosmetics.  
Wetter water, said the scientists, even is good for its papa, the oil well. It aids in spreading faster the acids used to improve the yield of oil sands.  
"Industry," they reported, "will now become wetter water conscious."

# MEMBERS OF AFL REFUSE TO MOVE INCOMING CARGO

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sister city across the Oakland estuary.

Frisco Piers Jammed.  
Cargo jams on San Francisco piers were nearing the point where CIO-affiliated longshoremen must cease unloading because there is no more space to store goods.

The Intercoastal Steamship Freight association, meeting in New York, was reported considering the diversion of further shipments to other ports until the dispute is settled.

Meeting in New York, officials of the association, which handles half the cargo tonnage in and out of San Francisco bay, would not discuss the reports, but Z. T. George, the local representative, said he had "heard indirectly" that such action was under consideration.

Moves to settle the controversy, which threatened to spread all along the coast, appeared at a standstill, with the teamsters declaring they were ready for a "finish fight" with the CIO-affiliated International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union.

# BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jones of Central Point yesterday noon at Community hospital, a baby girl weighing 3 pounds, 1 ounce. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Knitted suits should be handled carefully after they are washed. Wrap them in a Turkish towel for several minutes—to get rid of part of the moisture. Then lay them on a clean, dry cloth or towel until they are dry. Never wring or twist them—that is likely to break the fibers.



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