

# Silver Hoarde becomes American Platinum Inc. 2

VANCOUVER, BC—Silver Hoarde Resources has recently changed its name to **American Platinum Inc.** (AP:VSE). Management believes the new name more accurately reflects the company's goals and activities in the exploration and development of platinum properties, says Richard P. Knie, president.

Besides exploring a gold/silver property with a C\$55,000 diamond drill program in the Slokan Mining District property in Baker County, Oregon, where the 1986 exploration

plans include geochemical, geophysical, and/or diamond drilling.

Actively acquiring more ground, American Platinum is studying joint venture/acquisition proposals on a former copper/platinum producer in Alaska, as well as other placer platinum properties in Alaska and on the Tulameen River, British Columbia; a series of chromite properties in Oregon and California; and prospects in Saskatchewan and Arizona.

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understanding with **Fleck Resources Ltd.**, which grants American Platinum the right to earn a 50% interest in Fleck's option on 14 claims at Rottenstone Lake, Saskatchewan, by funding the initial work programs for a total of C\$50,000, after which the joint venture partners will equally share exploration and development expenditures.

American Platinum also plans exploratory work this season on its 100%-owned 90-claim Lac des Iles group in the Thunder Bay Mining Division. ✖

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## American Platinum adds 94 claims in Iles des Lac

VANCOUVER, BC—**American Platinum Inc.** (AP:VSE), formerly Silver Hoarde Resources Inc., has acquired 94 claims in the Iles des Lac area of Ontario, covering the same favorable geology south of the proven orebody of **Boston Bay Mines Ltd.**, which is considered the most promising and advanced platinum/palladium prospect in Canada.

Eighty-five thousand feet of diamond drilling on that property has established two ore zones estimated to contain 12,000 tons per vertical foot grading 0.185 ounces of platinum group metals (PGM), 0.22% nickel, 0.22% copper, and

0.02 ounces of gold per ton.

Richard P. Knie, president, says the 94 claims were acquired by American Platinum for C\$17,516 cash and 75,000 treasury shares, in stages, subject to regulatory approval.

Knie says, "The objective of the company is to become the major force in the field of exploration and development of platinum metals in North America, and has begun negotiating to earn the right to a 50% joint venture interest in a former platinum/copper producer in Alaska."

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# Buyer sought for former mining town with unusual history

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**GOLDEN** — One of the first things a stranger appreciates about Golden is the silence that engulfs what's left of the ghost town — a padlocked church, a boarded up general store and a restored schoolhouse and home-  
stead.

But, the 96-year-old Golden has always been quieter than most mining towns. Although clattering hydraulic "giants" spit water and rocks across Coyote Creek for about 50 years, the muffled sounds of a player piano, the clink of glasses, or the shuffling of poker cards were never heard. Golden had no saloons.

But, it did have two churches guided by gold mining preachers, including Golden's founder the Rev. William Ruble, a Campbellite who built the church in the 1890s.

Today, the church, the general store and five acres of what used to be the center of town, is on the market for \$60,000.

"I haven't been able to spend the time there," said Harry Aldrich, a Bellevue, Wash., resident who has owned the Golden ghost town for seven years.

"The idea was to restore the buildings — to leave them much the way they are but to secure the foundations. It would have been fun to re-create the area," Aldrich said.

Although the church hasn't been used for services since 1950, it was filmed in an episode of the TV series *Gunsmoke* 14 years ago. The producers planted a dozen false grave markings that unsuspecting visitors mistake for faded pieces of history. However, the Rubles and other Golden pioneers are buried five miles away in the Wolf Creek cemetery.

A second gold mining minister,



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**Wilbert and Evelyn Zabel have restored the schoolhouse, in use from 1860 to 1906 in the ghost town of Golden, as well as the home of the town's second preacher, Mark Davis, who also worked a mining claim.**

Mark Davis, held his church services in the Golden schoolhouse, a building that was used until 1906. It was purchased and restored 10 years ago by Wilbert "Bill" Zabel and his wife Evelyn D. Zabel.

The Zabels live in the Davis mansion — a chalet-like house built in 1928 and finished inside with knotty pine and A-frame ceilings. The living room is complete with its original

massive rock fireplace.

"Someone told me that Mark Davis had three buckets full of gold nuggets sitting right here in this room," said Zabel, who 10 years ago traded a gas station and Laundromat in Southern California for the 50 acres in Golden he's now trying to sell for \$300,000.

"I think all these things should be preserved," Zabel said. "I hate to see

the American people destroy everything that's good."

The Zabels purchased not only the Davis mansion but the Golden schoolhouse that they put on a concrete foundation and restored. They furnished the inside with old desks from schools as far away as Kansas, Indiana and Alaska.

"Not as many people have an appreciation for the old things," Bill

Zabel said.

His wife added: "It takes time and labor to do restoration."

Maybe the two ingredients were lacking when private individuals purchased the property where the Golden church and general store are located. None of the historic buildings in Golden are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. However, Pauline Shier, secretary of the Josephine County Historical Society, believes the Golden church would easily be eligible for the register.

According to Shier, the historical society doesn't have enough volunteers to attempt to put every historic building in the county on the list. Instead, she said the society urges private owners to preserve the sites.

Another land owner in the Golden area is county government, which a few years ago collected gravel from one of the original mining sites on Coyote Creek when a hydraulic nozzle flushed rock and dirt into a waste pile known as tailings.

"We used a rock crusher in that site that the county purchased several years ago to crush the mine tailings," said Wallace D. Owen, road master for the Josephine County Public Works Department.

"We put it in stock piles so we can use it in an ongoing basis," said Owen, adding that the material helps repair and build roads.

The Zabels are not the only Golden landowners selling area property, according to local real estate broker Sherm Heater. For example, he said a Grants Pass resident is subdividing 67 acres into unimproved 5-acre minimum lots.

"It's unique," Heater said. "There are not many places around a person can buy lots with tailings piles."

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**JUBILEE PAGEANT IS SPECTACULAR SIGHT**

Show Given by Eastern Oregon's Mining Capital a Creditable One — Day Filled With Entertainment.

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- 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**PIE SOCIAL**  
Home-made pies by Credit Women International of Baker County  
**Geiser-Pollman Park Gazebo**
- 5:00 p.m.  
**TRAP SHOOT STEAK FEED**  
(Advance ticket sales only)  
**Trap Club Grounds, North Hwy. 30**
- 7:00 p.m.  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PORCUPINE SPRINT RACES**  
A fantastic evening of fun! Miner's Jubilee '86 prizes will be awarded during the Porcupine Races.  
**Baker High School Stadium, 2500 E St.**
- 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.  
**JUBILEE STREET DANCE STATE OF EASTERN OREGON GOVERNOR INAUGURATION**  
Dance to the great music of "Badger" from Bend, Oregon AND Don't miss the announcement of the name of the "State of Eastern Oregon" new Governor.  
**Main at Court Street**

**SUNDAY, JULY 20**

- 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
**MINER'S JUBILEE PLAYDAY**  
Sponsored by 4-H  
**Baker County Fairgrounds**

- **ALL DAY REGISTERED ATA TRAP SHOOT**  
**Trap Club Grounds, North Hwy. 30**
- 1:00 p.m.  
**JUBILEE BED RACES**  
Watch the fun as men and women teams compete in this crazy event. Sponsored by the Baker Jaycees.  
**Campbell at Grove St., Next to Park**

- 2:00 p.m.  
**JUBILEE FLOATILLA**  
Costumed rafters of all ages attack the Powder River. Line up at 1:30 p.m. View them at the bridge in the Park beginning at 2:00 p.m.  
**Start at Wade Williams Park. End at Geiser-Pollman Park**

given in Eastern Oregon. Mining was the theme around which nearly all the numbers in the long parade were woven.

The miners' drilling contest, an account of which is given elsewhere, preceded the parade, and a ball game and races were included in the day's events, with a fine program at the park for the pioneers in the afternoon and the glorious Fourth winding up late at night with several dances. The city's streets were crowded early in the day, and Main Street curbs and sidewalks were not sufficient to accommodate sight-seers, even with adjacent thoroughfares utilized to the utmost.

An attraction which held dozens of attentive spectators whenever it was in operation, was the mill on Resort Street, showing the process of grinding the virgin ore and washing pulverized rock from the precious metal.

The parade, a "mile-long" pageant, which passed down Broadway and Main Streets of Baker Wednesday forenoon was a show which amply repaid the hundreds and hundreds of visitors to the city's first annual Mining Jubilee if the program had contained nothing more. Praise for the floats and characters, ranging from the pioneer miner with his saddle and pack mule to the elaborately decorated floats of business houses, was unanimous and belief as expressed by many that it was the most spectacular of any parade ever

**Baker County's Largest Gold Nugget**



The \$270 Wyant gold nugget, as reported several weeks ago in these columns, is shown in picture above. The inch scale gives some evidence of the size of the chunk of gold which was found on the John Wyant property on Pine creek during March. The few pure white spots on

the nugget are quartz, the balance, grey and dark, is pure metallic gold. The nugget has been given a prominent and permanent place in the famous First National Bank gold display after its purchase by the bank. It may be seen during banking hours in the case on the lobby floor.

**Welcome to The Baker Mining Jubilee**

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The following article, unfortunately prophetic, is from the July 6, 1939 edition of The Record-Courier. World War II