

LATE NEWS OF THE MINES OF THE STATE

Baker County

Consuelo-Oregon Mining Company—Max Hoffman, manager of the Consuelo-Oregon Mining Company, is moving his dragline dredge plant from Cracker Creek near Sumpter to McCully's Fork, also near Sumpter. Mr. Hoffman closed his operation on Cracker Creek during the summer having worked out the ground he had on that stream. The new setup will be about a mile from Sumpter.

Gold Cluster Mine—In the Chicken Creek district near Weatherby, M. P. Gifford and son have been mining high grade free gold ore at this property. A five-stamp mill is used in treating the ore. The mine has about 1000 feet of development work.

McIntire Mine—J. G. Rice of Tacoma, for the past year has been developing the McIntire mine, also known as the Roye-Sturgill claims, under option from Claud McIntire of Baker. Compressor and other machinery has been installed and Mr. Rice is preparing to carry on work during the winter. The property is in the Sanger district east of Baker.

Shipping Talc—Lars Larsen of Baker, has asbestos and talc locations near the head of Pine Creek in the Burnt River area. He has held the claims for many years and now feels that he is in the way to realize something from his work. He has a carload of the talc mined which will be shipped to Portland, where he says it will bring \$16 per ton. The talc will be used in

the manufacture of sprays for insecticides. With this start he expects other uses of the talc will be developed. By developing the talc he will also have opportunity of opening up the asbestos in the property.

Stice's Gulch — Charles E. Silbaugh of Baker, has completed testnig of the Tony Garmo placer ground and other holdings on Stice's Gulch, about 14 miles southwest of Baker. After drilling 93 holes he states they have shown values to justify a dragline operation. He plans to assemble the equipment during the winter to be ready to start operations next spring.

Bourne Mines — Ore shipments from leases at the Bourne mines are increasing with ore going to the smelter at Tacoma, Washington, at the rate of about 1000 tons per month. The general lease is held by John Arthur of Baker, with subleases in sections of the E. & E. and North Pole mines. The ore is trucked from the mine to Sumpter and loaded on Sumpter Valley Railroad cars. At Baker the ore is transferred from the narrow gauge railroad to Union Pacific cars.

Clackamas County

Oregon Quicksilver, Inc.—Operations of this company employ about 15 men and is producing 8 to 10 flasks of mercury a month. Installation of compressor drill machines are planned and with this equipment larger development of the property will be undertaken, and additional furnace equipment will be installed. The mine is reach over a good road from Estacada about 30 miles. George S. Barton of Eugene is in general charge of the company.

Curry County

Chrome Sands—Chrome investigations along beaches of Curry county, brought from the East by Clyde D. Marlatt, assistant president of the Martin Dennis company of Newark, New Jersey, who accompanied Joseph Schulein, inventor of the electric process of separating chrome from sands. Together they consulted J. Frank Bowman of Bandon, who represents a num-

ber of owners on whose properties the chrome sands are found. The visit was said to be for the purpose of determining what the beaches could be depended on to furnish in the way of black sand for rumored manufacturing plants to be established on the Columbia river. The visitors inspected beach sands north and south of Bandon and in the vicinity of Gold Beach. Schulein and Marlatt said extensive experiments have been carried on with sands of the Oregon beaches and with deposits in Eastern Oregon. Developments will depend on whether the Eastern Oregon deposits offer cheaper processing, or the beaches would prove more advantageous.

Douglas County

Quicksilver Syndicate—This property near Blackbutte, Oregon, is operating treating about 75 tons of ore per day. Thirty men are employed, with Frank Taylor of Blackbutte, president and manager of the syndicate. The property has been operating a number of years and has about six miles of underground workings.

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