OREGON PORTLAND CEMENT CO. · Umpqua Area

Owner: Recently sold by O.P.C.Co., new owner's name unknown.
Location: SE ¼ sec.20, T.28 S., R.5 W.
History: Property abandoned in 1935 by O.P.C.Co. as quarrying costs were too high.

Geology: The limestone lens in the old glory hole was about 15' wide near the surface. It is bounded on the SE side by banded cherts and gray shales with narrow zones of sheeted chlorite (?) material. Some distance below the surface, a fault cuts off the steeply dipping lens, and here the limestone is 35' wide. An underground room was developed in this portion and the rock drawn via tunnel. The underground workings of the other stopes are caved and inaccessible.

The O.P.C.Co. explored the deposit by drilling and found that quarrying costs did not justify continuing the operation. Undoubtedly, more limestone is in place but faulting and included masses of country rock would make quarrying relatively expensive.

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