In Oregon Mine, Couple Keeps Digging Away

Gold at $3 per ounce commands only a small price premium over the price of silver, but the enthusiasm for gold mining something of a virus, it seems, at the recent conference of geologists at the conference.

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The Jacksons are not easily discouraged. They live alone during the winter months—except when three to six miners are working the gold—about two hours drive from the nearest Safeway," as a friend expressed it.

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Mrs. Jackson is the "straw boss" of the gold mine. She does the washing and the cooking, and keeps the bears shooed out of the yard. Visitors insist she has reduced cooking to a basic simplicity—that is by serving nothing but top sirloin steaks.

Also, miners who eat with the Jacksons usually get a choice of wine, so as to settle their nerves after a hard day picking at rocks.

The Jacksons have operated the mine for ten years. They are partners in the venture with John Fox, Cyrus W. Os- trom, Leslie M. Rose and Arthur J. Theis, all of Seattle.
Thar's Gold In Oregon Mine, Couple Keeps Digging

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The business of mining gold in these pegged-price times is about as grim as an abandoned mine shaft, but Oregon's two leading gold mine operators are still wearing a 24-carat badge of optimism.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jackson operate the Buffalo Mine in Grant County. They turn out about 80 per cent of Oregon's gold production — in years when Oregon has any gold production.

The Buffalo mine is an ancient diggin', dating back into the 1880's. It has logged during its durable lifetime about one million dollars worth of gold, and a lot more than that went unreported.

The Jacksons are optimists.

Keep Digging

"Gold mining is a virus, once you get it in your system you can't get it out," Jackson said last week while attending the Pacific Northwest Metals and Minerals conference at the Sheraton-Portland Hotel.

Gold mining is a depressed industry in the United States. And the Jacksons learned while attending the conference that it is likely to stay that way.

"We don't get any more for our gold than we did in 1933," Jackson moaned as he talked to geologists at the conference.

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Nelson Orders Resurvey Of Manpower In Gold Mining

A resurvey of the manpower situation in the gold mining industry is being conducted by Donald Nelson, WPB chairman, at the request of gold mining operators, whose mines were shut down on October 15 by WPB order. During a series of hearings held with WPB, the Manpower Commission and the Army in Washington, gold mine operators presented data showing that not more than 750 miners and muckers would be made available to copper mines, and that the shutdown is creating wide unemployment and economic ruination in gold mining districts.

Representative Harry Englebright of Grass Valley, Calif., led the fight against the order in company with Errol MacBoyle of Grass Valley, chairman of the California State Mining Board and executive vice president of Idaho Maryland Mines Corp., and by Merrill E. Shoup of Colorado Springs, Colo., who is president of the Colorado Mining Association and president of Golden Cycle Corporation of Colorado Springs.

Following the conferences, Representative Englebright received the following letter from Dr. Nelson:

"I would like to have for each gold mine," Nelson wrote, "detailed information as to the number of men they would require, by ages, by skills, to operate their mine on the scale which would permit them to get out enough ore to pay standing operating expenses. I would also like to know the amounts of different materials which would be required by each mine to operate. This could be on a monthly or quarterly basis."

This information is now being forwarded to Mr. Englebright, and all gold operators who have not yet days with those in authority on the subject in Canada, the information was received that the Canadian government has no intention of closing down its gold mine operations.

We respectfully urge that no beneficial result inuring to the defense of the United States in its time of war will flow from the order. We must be able to operate the country's mineral resources with the benefit of science to the best advantage.
Board closing the gold mines of this country. The record needs no emphasis that great and irreparable injury will result.

The following senators signed the letter to the President: Pat McCarran, Nevada; Carl Hayden, Arizona; Ernest W. McFarland, Arizona; Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado; Eugene Talmadge, Georgia; Hiland W. Johnson, California; Sheridan Downey, California; Carl A. Hatch, New Mexico; Dennis Chavez, New Mexico; William Langer, North Dakota; Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota; Chan Gurney, South Dakota; William J. Bulow, South Dakota; John Thomas, Idaho; James E. Murray, Montana; Elbert D. Thomas, Utah; Abe Murdock, Utah; Charles L. McNary, Oregon; Rufus C. Holman, Oregon; Homer T. Bone, Washington; Mon C. Wallgren, Washington.

Grass Valley Miners Protest

Indication of the unemployment that will be caused by the order is contained in a petition filed with Donald Nelson, by 157 miners of Grass Valley, California, stating that all of them are over 50 years of age and knew nothing of any other kind of work, consequently they could not be employed in copper mines or in shipyards.

Gold Mine Securities Depressed

The effect of the shutdown order on securities of leading gold mining companies is causing widespread concern. Stock of Homestake Mining Company dropped from $35 to $23 a share and immediately recovered in price, indicating "short" selling in the stock market.

Violent fluctuations in gold security prices are coupled with rumors that international financial interests are buyers of gold mining stock, which has led to comments that certain financial interests are taking advantage of the shutdown order to acquire gold mines at bargain prices.

Disaster in Colorado

Merrill E. Shoup, president of The Cresson Consolidated Gold Mining and Milling Company of Colorado (Continued on Page 4)

BLUE MOON GOLD PRODUCING ZINC

Zinc production will start from Blue Moon gold mine near Homritos, Mariposa county, Calif., as soon as installation of electric power line to the property is completed. Development of zinc ore body over period of several months has resulted in blocking out substantial tonnage of good ore. Production of gold ore is expected to continue in conjunction with zinc mining.

Property is operated by Red Cloud Mines, Inc., J. H. A. Williams, mgr., Homritos.
The Gibson Gold Mining Co., Portland, has been incorporated by Charles W. Erskine, Fred Gronnert, and Irving Rand. Irving Rand is legal representative.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1938

Buffalo Mine Is
Under New Hands

Work Started Near
Granite by Gibson

Sumpter—(Special)—The Buffalo mine near Granite has been taken over by the Gibson Gold mining company. A crew will start work this week under the supervision of Mr. Amidon.
The Gibson Mining Co., operating the Buffalo mine in the Granite district, is now operating the company mill. R. G. Amidon is manager.

R. G. Amidon, manager of the Buffalo mine, near Granite, has employed a crew all winter and is getting the mine in full operation.
A small crew has been employed at the Buffalo mine near Granite, Oregon, throughout the winter and preparations for full operations are now under way. R. G. Amidon of Granite is the owner and operator.
The Gibson Gold Mining Company has been employing a small development crew at the Buffalo Consolidated Gold Quartz mines near Granite, Oregon, since January 10, 1938. Regular shipments of gold, silver, lead, and copper concentrates will be started soon from the flotation mill on the ground. R. G. Amidon of Granite, who has long been interested in the property, is vice-president and manager. Roy Gibson is president and C. D. Buckner is secretary.
No. 4 Vein At The Buffalo Is Cut

Reports from Granite state that the crosscut, R. G. Amadon, manager of the Buffalo mine has been driving from No. 3 vein to No. 4 has cut the vein and has a good showing of ore. The new find is being developed with very encouraging results.
FIRE DESTROYS
BUFFALO MILL
NEAR GRANITE

Cause of Fire Has Not
Been Determined,
Loss Complete

MINE HAS BEEN
IN PRODUCTION

Buffalo Mine One of the
Old Time Gold and Silver
Producers of the Gran­
ite district.

Fire destroyed the flotation
mill at the Buffalo mine north of
Granite yesterday. The loss is
reported as being complete and
that little if any of the machin­
ery in the mill building can be
salvaged. What was the cause of
the fire has not been determined.
It was not known at the mine
if the plant was insured.

Bruce Dennis of Portland and
former Baker resident, is the
principal owner. He became in­
terested in the property more
than a year ago, and conducted
development work in the mine
for several months. Several
months ago production was re­
sumed at the mine and has been
continuous since. The mill was
in operation concentrating the
lower grade ores, while the high
grade was shipped crude with
the concentrates to the smelter
at Tacoma.

The loss of the mill will be felt
severely at the mine, but whether
it will cause closing of the mine
or what steps may be taken to­
ward rebuilding, is not known
here.

Mr. Dennis makes his home
at Portland and makes occasion­
al visits to the property. Active
management of the mine is in
charge of Frank Allen, who came
to the Buffalo from southern Cal­
ifornia, about a year ago.
MILL IS STARTED

Hugh Lancaster, geologist for the state department of geology and mineral industries, reports that the Buffalo mine, located north of Granite, turned over its new flotation mill for the first time on Saturday. The old mill burned to the ground over a year ago and construction has been under way on the new plant since spring. Bruce Dennis is owner of the property and W. F. Allen Jr. is superintendent. The mill will handle as much as two tons of ore per hour. Besides having shipped some ore the mine has much ore on hand from the Constitution claim.
The Constitution Gold Mining Company, operating the Buffalo mine near Granite, Oregon, is treating 25 tons of gold ore daily in the new 35-ton flotation mill completed last October. Underground development consists of drifting on the Constitution vein. A crew of 12 men is employed under the direction of W. F. Allen, Jr., of Granite. The property is owned and operated by Bruce Dennis, 403 Pacific Building, Portland, Oregon.
Mining Shipping
Ore at Continental

Jose Haskins and sons, operating a lease at the Continental mine, Bar Granite, are reported to be mining shipping ore. The ore which is high-grade as shown by samples, is being opened up to determine size of the body. The Continental belongs to J. A. Gyllenberg, who operates a machine shop in Baker.