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George Reynolds Finds Nuggets on Birthday



George Reynolds, pictured above, displays a 12 3/4 penny-weight nugget he found above his claim, the Old Barr Mine. The event took place on the eve of George's birthday, his 48th. The nugget measures about one inch each way and is about 3/8 of an inch thick. George said the nugget still had particles of quartz on it and probably came from a quartz vein originally.

George is a member of the Josephine County Sourdoughs, has served a term as vice president, and last year was editor of the Sourdough Gazette. When exploring for gold, he has plenty of physical stamina, suffers discomforts without complaint, and works hard at whatever task is to be done. He hikes through brush and wind-falls, wades and crawls over or under obstacles to reach places that draw his attention. If a deep crevice in bedrock looks promising, George will go right

Copper Deposit Found South Of Murphy

C. L. Garrison and H. R. Dickey, members of the Josephine County Sourdoughs, recently found a deposit of copper ore near Murphy, south of Grants Pass. A random sample of the ore was assayed and shows a copper content in excess of 20 per cent.

The two men are opening a horizontal cut along the vein and are sinking a shaft to further explore the discovery and determine if it has commercial quantity. The mine has been named "Copper View."

into icy cold water to search for those elusive gold nuggets.

Miner Reynolds has a sharp and ever searching eye for the king of metals, and will see nuggets others would pass by, and can apparently tell by the shape and position of a rock in a stream whether gold will "hang up" under it.

In addition to working his claim Reynolds other interests include making gold nugget jewelry, pendants, earrings and bracelets. He also has a fine collection of ore specimens and minerals. His displays in the Sourdough Gulch Assay Office at fair time, was an outstanding attraction.

Mary Lou Wood, Galice news correspondent, took the picture of George with his pan and nuggets.

Gold X-ray Test Found

The United States Bureau of Mines says it has developed a new method of rapid gold analysis, using visual color comparison techniques.

The procedure provides for determining gold in the range of 0.03 to 6 parts per million and is said to be readily adaptable for field use.

A portable instrument for the detection and measurement of gold also was developed for the U.S. Customs Service. The instrument uses a radioisotope and emits radiation causing gold to give off X-Rays peculiar to gold which activates a radiation counter to produce sound.—Spokane Daily Chronicle.

How's That, Again?

According to the American Gold News, David Brinkley, NBC newsmen, recently received the following letter:

"Dear Sir: While the Great Society is screaming about a steel price increase ruining the economy, look at what has happened in the last 14 months. Steel went up \$2.50 a ton—screaming and threats from the White House. Bacon went up \$500 a ton—silence. Pork chops went up \$1,000 a ton—silence. Now we don't eat much steel at our house, but we do like pork chops and bacon."

World Gold Total Up; U.S. Static

Gold mine production in the United States in 1964 was 1.45 million ounces valued at \$50.8 million, about the same as in 1963, according to the Bureau of Mines.

World gold production went up for the 11th straight year to a record high of about 53 million ounces valued at \$1.85 billion.

Gold production from placer mining operations in Alaska and California continued to go down. Lode mining in South Dakota and by-product gold in Arizona, Colorado, Utah and Montana tended to offset the declining placer production.

Exploration Being Done At Oak Mine

Exploration is under way at the Oak Mine in the Jump Off Joe mining district. The drift has been cleaned out to the 50 foot shaft, and new pipe and track has been installed.

Swede drills and stopers are being used to do the ore searching in the three raises. The timbering of these raises is of the square set design. Reasons for exploring the ore chutes in the drifts is to determine the ground structure and to gain a probable knowledge of how large the ore bodies may be. Depth from the surface of these ore bodies is determined by diamond drilling to intersect them.

Diamond drilling is also being done to learn what lies below a shaft that was dug from the surface in the past.

One of the most unique pieces of machinery being used is a double drum slusher. The slusher has an inclined ramp for filling the ore cars and is designed so the operator does not have to do heavy lifting. Future plans for the mine depend upon present ore exploration. If a mill is built it will be of the selective floatation type. In this operation minerals are chemically separated causing them to rise and be concentrated as a high grade product. This high grade material may then be sent to a smelter.

Bristol Silica Mine Operated Since 1938

The F. I. Bristol silica mine in Jackson County, between Rogue River and Gold Hill, has been in continuous operation since 1938 and at present 15 men are employed. It has one of the largest quartz deposits in the United States. Silica is primarily mined for its silicon content, and the Bristol mine is highly regarded for its purity. Some of the equipment used at the mine include two 3/4 yard Northwest shovels, a D8 cat, Michigan 75 loader, seven trucks, drills and air compressors.

Silica is used as a basic raw material in oil refining, silicon carbide, metal alloying, electronics, smelting, automobile manufacturing and silicon metal. Silicon carbide (carborundum) is used as an abrasive material.

In electronics, a wafer of silicon acts as a solar battery; and silicon is used in the manufacture of transistors. In the manufacture of automobiles, it is combined with aluminum to make pistons and engine blocks.

In the oil industry, silicon atoms replace carbon atoms, and

from this lubricants and coatings come under the name of silicone. Silica is also used in the cracking towers for the manufacture of gasoline.

In the steel industry, Hanna Nickel Company makes free-silicon using silica as reducing agent. Specialty items for the use of silica include poultry grit, Bermuda rock and pre-cast panels. The new city hall in Eugene, Oregon was built of cement blocks, using a silica aggregate. The silica was purchased from the Bristol mine.

Where acid-proof concrete is needed, such as part of chlorine generators, silica is used extensively. The Oregon State Highway Department uses silica mixed with epoxy glue to coat and repair highways that receive severe use.

Fayette I. Bristol, a former member of the Oregon State Legislature, is active in mining affairs, attending conferences in the Northwest and has written for the American Gold News an informative article about silver coinage and the economic effects of using base metals in coins.

Leland Placer Mine Is Steady Producer

A. C. Smith of Sunny Valley is operating his placer mine in Leland, downstream from Interstate 5 on the Grave Creek Road. This is part of what used to be the old Goff holdings.

Portions of this property have been mined since the turn of the century and the mine has been a steady, but not heavy, producer. The discovery of the present workings came about because run off water from the Goff mine uncovered an old river bed. There is approximately 20 feet of overburden covering the gold-bearing gravel.

Since coming to the mine, Mr. Smith has dug many new diversion ditches and built a large

earth dam to create a supply of water for the mine's operation. A 30-inch line leads from this dam for about 1400 feet to supply water for the giants and other operations. Through the 400 foot elevation difference between the dam and the working site, the pipe line is reduced from 30" to 18", to 15" and finally to 11". Full control of the water is maintained at all times by a system of water gates in the mining pit.

The pond behind the dam holds enough water for 8 hours of steady running and needs about 16 hours to refill. Working schedule at the mine is dependent upon amount of water available. Water comes from Flume Gulch through a ditch about two and a half miles long.

The main working giant has an enclosed shelter that revolves with the giant, and is equipped with an electric heater for warmth. There are overhead spot lights on the shelter for night operation. The No. 4 Giant is a Joshua Hendy King Bolt.

Using Hungarian riffles its full length, the sluice is 60 feet long and four feet wide. Slitted stainless steel plates at the lower end of the sluice separate the black sands and fine gold from the gravel by vibration. This material is then handled by a group of machines to extract all gold possible. The gold

Foots Creek Small Placer Mine Working

Glen Dejanvier is operating his placer mine on Foots Creek, between Rogue River and Gold Hill off the old Pacific Highway. It is a small operation but more than ample for one man or a family. The ground lies in the Applegate strike and is on the same plane as the Sterling Mine near Jacksonville.

The property is situated at what seems to be the apex of two old creek channels. One channel shows about \$5 nuggets of smooth shape while the nuggets from the other channel are rougher in contour, more numerous, but smaller. In visual appearance, the smaller nuggets have the look of ledge gold and have a pure cast to their color. It is running about 865 fine.

British Columbia Encourages Mining

British Columbia is opening new mines because of provincial government encouragement, including grubstaking prospectors and paying half the costs of opening access roads to new mines.

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Legislation to Permit Off Shore Mining
Again Sought by State Agency in Oregon

A fortune in lost gold may lie off the Oregon coast, but new laws are required before modern prospectors can get at it.

No pirate's treasure is this. If it is there, it is in the form of ore, perhaps washed into the sea from the rich terrain of Southwestern Oregon that has produced hundreds of millions of dollars worth of the precious mineral.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is readying its case for an offshore mining bill to be presented to the 1967 Legislature.

A similar measure nearly was passed in 1965, but died on the final day of the session.

There are indications that Oregon may be in a contest with other coastal states to lease its submerged lands within three miles of the coast for mining.

Ralph Mason of the geology and mineral industries agency stated recently that gold may not be alone under the Oregon waters, that there may be other minerals such as manganese and phosphorite.

"There is no way of knowing what is there without going in with the proper equipment," he said.

Prospecting in the ocean, Mason said, will involve barges with clam shovels and drags, perhaps small submarines, possible divers and maybe even underwater tractors.

It is such a new field that initial efforts will be experimental, he observed, and will require the financial base of large companies.

"Anyone capitalized at less than \$1 million is not in this business," he said.

There was concern among some legislators that offshore mining would threaten public use of beaches.

Mason hopes his department can provide assurances that this is not a danger. Mining craft will leave from harbors and will operate beyond the breakers at depths from 100 to 600 feet, he said.

Offshore mining is impossible without legislation, he explained, because the submerged lands belong to the state and Oregon law requires leases be-

fore private interests can use the state land.

"If we don't get the law," Mason said, "they'll go beyond the state lands to the federal lands and Oregon will get nothing from them."

He believes there is little doubt that offshore mining will be undertaken if the law allows. Several firms expressed interest when it appeared that the 1965 bill would pass, he added.

The bill was approved by the Oregon Senate, 25-2. It was amended and passed by the

House 34-22. A conference committee worked out a compromise which passed the Senate, 26-2, but the session adjourned before it came to a vote in the House.

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Joe Inman and Joe Fitzpatrick, well known miner of southwestern Oregon, have temporarily suspended operations at the placer mine on Coyote Creek and are now busy on Palmer Creek in the upper Applegate region.

Working with A. C. van Gilder and Chauncey Florey, both of Medford, they are doing exploration and development on the Doodlebug mercury mine. The Doodlebug is located in a fair sized area of mineralization, and the men have opened up a large cut and are working in a 400 foot tunnel.

Nation's Gold
Output Dips

Output of gold from domestic mines dropped in February, 1966 to the lowest level since May of last year, according to the Bureau of Mines monthly Gold Report. Production totaled 139,907 ounces, compared to 150,523 ounces in January.

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The three executives were Norman Easley, president, Portland; Ben Gassaway, secretary-treasurer, Portland, and Howard Edgar, sales representative, Medford.

Easley explained that on a gradual basis, the 589 acre mountain top would be developed into a tourist attraction different than any other in the country. Friendliness, cleanliness and beauty would be stressed.

The attraction would include an authentic gold mining operation for tourists to observe. The international rock exchange at which rock collectors and enthusiasts talk about, sell and trade rocks and some 22 other facilities from campground to iceskating arenas, are contemplated.

Easley explained that development of some of the facilities depend on available funds. The capital stock at \$1 per share is being sold by the executive officers of the firm and by duly licensed security salesmen.

Officials expressed appreciation for the considerable interest shown in the area and said that there was little doubt but what they could start operation next spring in time for the tourist season.

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Supply of Silver Shows Decline

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Telluride ore has been located in the Bunker Hill and further prospecting for tellurides is now a major factor.

Mine May Open Again

The Old Channel Mine near Galice is being planned for future production. About 100 acres of bedrock is exposed and may be re-worked.

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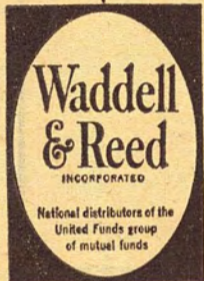
Follows Advice, Finds Big Nugget

A favorite tale among miners recalling early days in Southern Oregon is that of the young man named Vaughn who arrived in Brownstown broke. With true greenhorn innocence he asked where there was a good place for him to do a little gold digging. Several old sourdoughs thought they would have a little fun, and with mock dignity, directed him to a big rock pile by the side of the creek. The greenhorn took off and a few minutes later the old hands heard his delighted whoops. They followed to the exact spot

to which they had sent him, and found him excitedly regarding a huge nugget, later valued at \$800. Declaring that so much money was more than the law allowed him, the erstwhile novice mined no more that day or again in those parts, departing on a horse purchased with the earnings from the nugget.

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Briggs Boy Strikes Rich Gold Pocket

The most wonderful gold discovery ever reported in Oregon, was made a week ago Sunday by Ray Briggs. The boy, who is but 18 years of age, was out on the mountain near Thompson Creek hunting grouse and stumbled onto a ledge of almost pure gold, cropping out on the surface.

The find was of such magnitude that the boy, miner that he is, could not realize he had made the record breaking strike. He carefully gathered up a double handful of the best specimens and secured a chunk of quartz about the size of a candle box, which he took home to his father's placer mine.

When the lad reached home he left the large chunk in the yard, lest possible visitors at the house might see his find. There was, however, none but the family at home and he announced to his father, David Briggs, that he had handled his last boulders. The father was startled to hear the dutiful son make such a rash statement when his help was so much needed at the placer mine.

But when the specimens of gold were displayed and finally the big chunk of quartz produced, the father agreed that there was a more profitable work in sight than hurling boulders. The quartz was quickly crushed in a hand mortar and yielded nearly \$800 in value.

Early the next morning found the Briggs families - David Briggs and two sons, George Briggs and Charles Howard and son at the place where the find was made and three claims quickly staked out. Then began active mining, the machinery consisting only of a hand mortar. In two hours they had secured \$2,000 and by night they had rich quartz stacked up in piles.

By Thursday night they had mortared out \$25,000. On Saturday David Briggs reached Grants Pass with a part of the yield, about \$4,000, which was taken to the Grants Pass Banking and Trust Co. The news of the find spread quickly and scores of people called at the bank to look at the gold and inquire if the report was actually true. Mr. Briggs called at the Courier office and showed us a specimen of the gold and gave the facts substantially as above stated.

Mr. Briggs was born in Josephine County and the 50 years of his life have been spent in Josephine County and we can vouch for the truth of whatever he may state.

All day Monday, people called at the bank and Cashier Jewell was kept busy showing the milk pan full of gold to open-eyed spectators, who, used to gold finds as we are, were not expecting anything of this magnitude. In the evening a telephone message was received stating that an additional \$7,000 had been taken out on Saturday and that the ledge was getting better the further down they went.

The ledge is about one foot wide and thus far, they have made an excavation about 10 feet long and seven feet deep. The gold is found in decomposed quartz, in some instances the gold being in layers an inch or more in thickness and standing on edge with a layer of decomposed quartz sprinkled with chunks of gold alongside. One of these layers of gold weighed in the neighborhood of \$1,500.

The gold brought to Grants Pass Saturday was the first taken out and was from the surface, with dust carried by the shifting winds still upon it, while some of the larger pieces had grass roots entwined in the crevices of the metal. The gold is of a dark color and covered with dust as it was, might easily have been traveled over many times without being discovered.

But as they went down the color brightened and the quartz became harder. Some of the specimens were very beautiful with clear white quartz studded with bright yellow points and seams of pure gold finding its way through the rock.

The find is located in the southwestern part of Josephine County near the California line an dim the direct line of the mineral zone which touches the Steamboat country. Already prospectors are scouring the hills and a stampede is expected. We confidently expect to hear of other rich finds in that district during the next few months, as that country has been neglected so far as systematic prospecting is concerned. In the early 50s, however, many rich finds were reported. -From the Courier of June 23, 1904.

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Finley Bend Was Mine Site For Wong You

Dragging the gold to the sluice is the plan on which Southern Oregon's only Chinese miner is operating his property on the gravel bar just below Finley Bar on the Rogue River, about nine miles west of Grants Pass.

Where once thousands of Orientals worked along the streams of this district in the gold boom days of half to three quarters of a century ago, only the one family is now mining here. Until last March, when Won You, former restaurant operator in Grants Pass, brought his family from California there had been no Chinese miners here for several decades.

Wong, assisted by his two boys, Benson and Frank, installed his "patch-work" drag line outfit in March of 1936 and until three months ago operated at a goof profit. For the past three months the mine has been closed while repairs, alterations and improvements are being made.

An eight-cylinder auto engine powers the huge winch that pulls the gravel from the bar 200 feet away. The gravel is dragged in a v-shaped bucket to the sluices. Pulled up a steep incline to a large hopper directly over the sluices, the gravel is dumped and the large rocks separated from it.

The rest of the gravel tumbles down into the sluice boxes and is washed in the usual manner, except that like nearly every other miner, Wong has some of his own ideas at work in the sluices.

For the first 10 feet the gravel is washed over steel plates. Then for 25 feet there are six layers of screens laid over burlap, and under that is canvas. Next are layers of steel grid. At the end of the screen portion of the sluices there is a cut-out into another set of sluices built especially to receive and hold the gold and black sand. In this set is three layers of fine screen with layers of steel wool between.

Water is supplied by a six-inch centrifugal pump, powered by a six-horse auto engine. This was set on a raft built at the river bank, but the danger of rising water threatening to wash the machinery down the river has caused Wong You to build a sump in the river bank.

When in operation, Wong employs about six men in addition to himself and his two boys. They move an average of about 200 yards per day, he said, and the gravel averages 25 to 30 cents per yard in gold dust. At the plant, Wong has much necessary equipment such as buzz saw, tools, forge and a shop.

Wong's family were pioneer miners in the Yreka district. The company was the Kee Hong Company, where Wong mined before coming to Grants Pass. -From the Courier Diamond Anniversary Edition.

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Gold Panning Fascinating Activity

As one geologist said recently, "Prospecting is great in Josephine County, but mining is difficult." He was referring to the fact gold may be found in many places in the county, but as much of it is in the form of pocket deposits it is difficult to find an ore body rich enough and large enough to encourage large scale mining.

However, it is great fun to hike the hills and search the streams, for there just might be a newly-exposed placer filled with dream nuggets. Or the prospector might discover a lode previously hidden that has been uncovered through logging, erosion or landslides.

The weekend prospector can easily find a few colors and an occasional nugget panning the streams in the summer and early fall when the water is low. The Applegate River, Rogue River, Louse Creek, Gravel Creek, ump-Off Joe Creek, to name a few easily accessible spots, will reward the panning enthusiast.

Some patience is needed and some knowledge of where to look for likely gold catches. Water grass, a tough, coarse grass growing near the water line, will usually produce some colors when pulled out and the roots carefully washed in the gold pan. A little difficult to separate the roots, but many times well worth the effort. And don't overlook moss that clings to rocks along the river banks, even several feet above water level and several feet away from the edge of the stream. The moss will wash easy in the pan and will usually produce a quantity of heavy black sand. Careful panning is needed here to move the black sand and see the gold.

Crevice in bedrock in a stream or very close to it, are also rewarding to the patient gold seeker who cleans them out very thoroughly. Here may be found the little nuggets, and some not so little, that may be picked out of the pan with the fingers and "dink" pleasantly when dropped in the old bottle.

It is said that "all is not gold that glitters," but when a prospector begins looking for gold, it is a wise precaution to investigate anything that glitters, because it might be gold. To the beginner a few hints on tools. A gold pan, a geology pick, a strong handled garden trowel to scoop up paydirt, a scraper made by bending a screwdriver blade, and a old spoon to help clean out the crevices. A magnifying lens is helpful, and an empty pill bottle is handy for storing the nuggets and the colors.

To separate fine colors from black sand (magnetite), after cleaning the pan down as far as possible swab out the gold and sand into the palm of your hand. Have a magnetized blade and move the black sand back and forth, flicking it off the knife blade when it sticks. Soon the sand will be gone and only gold left.

JOLLY FUNERAL Brownstown in 1859 was setting for a brawl which brought death to Sam Heard, well known as a gambler. Miners and others of the dead man's fraternity crowded into town for the funeral, with bowie knives, rifles and whiskey. Heard's coffin was carried to the burying ground in Walker Gulch, and the miners sat on the coffin, others stood around, all drinking to the welfare of the departed Sam with the final salute, "Good luck to you, Sam, old boy, wherever you are." -From the Courier Diamond Anniversary Edition.

Mining Stories of Years Gone By --



Chinese Customs Added Much to Romance of Mining Era in County

No early day history would be complete without mentioning the Chinese and the part they played in the history of Waldo, Alt-house and the surrounding territory.

According to the census, 3,500 Chinese were working in the mines around Waldo at one time. Everyone was required to pay a poll tax of \$4.00. At that time their number never seemed to fluctuate. If some left new ones always seemed to take their place.

The Chinese never worked alone but preferred to form companies of five or six men and mine together. They worked the bedrock and tailings, once mined and discarded by the white man. They were slower and more methodical and many of them found enough gold to go back to China rich.

They built their huts in long straight rows very close together. One such row was behind the old Waldo Store.

Some of the older residents of the valley recall with much amusement the activities of Chinese New Years. Some time before they wished to celebrate they would send to China for immense firecrackers, hard candy and specially prepared coconut. While they were waiting for its arrival, tin cans would be strung along the eaves of each house, side by side, from one end of the street to the other. Upon the appointed day a giant firecracker would be placed in each can and someone would go to the farthest house up the street and set the first one on fire. This would set off the next one and so on down the street to the end. This made just one big bang after another. They also liked to place a large quantity of firecrackers under pans and buckets.

If you were invited as a guest on New Years you would be met in the doorway and each of you would bow to the other and then turn around and bow the other way. This continued until each one had bowed to everyone. Then you were given a treat of this hard white candy that had very bright colors mixed through it, and coconut.

The Chinese were considered honest, hard-working people and did not cause trouble if left alone. Of course, there were always a few that were trouble makers. But when you consider the fact that many of the miners were continually robbing their sluice boxes and tormenting them other ways, you perhaps cannot blame them.

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heavy equipment used in hydraulic mining was packed in via his mule pack train. Several of the first giants used in placer mining were brought in by him. Also the fruit trees that comprised the orchard on the old Fulk place came in by pack train.

Another Chinaman was China Jim Chow, who had a blacksmith shop at Waldo. China Jim had two children, Eddie and Susie, of whom he was very proud. Susie attended school with the white children of the valley. China Jim would slip up to the window of the school and peek in to see how really smart Susie and Eddie were, but no amount of coaxing would get him inside the door. Their teacher was Lucy George Bragdon.

China Fawn owned a large mine over the hill from Waldo. There was also China Get and China E-Long and China Le-Hang, deputy tax collector under George Hendershot, first sheriff of Josephine County. Many other Chinese struck it rich and went back to China.

Just below the old Waldo cemetery is a Chinese cemetery. The Chinese buried their dead there and after a period of time would collect their bones and send them back to China. They also fed the dead on China New Year. This comprised a small bowl of rice placed on each grave.

Of special interest to the white people was the way a Chinese funeral was conducted. The casket was placed on a wagon and hauled to the grave. Behind the wagon marched the mourners who each carried long sticks which they swung from side to side occasionally. This was supposed to chase away the devil if he was lurking nearby.

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Being few in number, they determined to return and reinforce. Camping at night at the mouth of Josephine Creek, they were attacked by a large force. They kept the enemy at bay until the next night, when one of their number crowded through the lines and hastened to Jacksonville for aid.

All that day and the next, and until about 10 o'clock of the third day, the besieged defended their little fortress, when a party of 35 came down the mountain to their relief and finding a country rich in mines, took up claims and made the first permanent settlement in the Illinois Valley. - From the Courier Diamond Anniversary Edition.

BROWNTOWN

Browntown was one a mining town on Althouse Creek, about three miles south of Holland, in the southwestern part of Josephine County. According to A. G. Walling's Histories, it was named for one Webfoot Brown, a pioneer in that vicinity. At one time it was said to have 500 residents.

In recent years, antique hunters have discovered opium pipes and the small brass containers in which the Chinese bought the drug. They have been found in several locations in southwestern Oregon, including the region around Browntown.

After white miners had taken off "the cream" of the gold, the Chinese would work the tailings and bedrock with extreme patience and thoroughness, working the same ground over several times. The Chinese were also fortunate in some cases of making wealthy finds overlooked by the earlier miners in the Althouse and Browntown district.

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Recipes for Sourdough Lovers

SOURDOUGH STARTER

Boil three medium potatoes in 5 cups of boiling water to which you have added one teaspoon of salt. Cook until mushy, then add one-half cup of sugar. Put this through a ricer, and add enough cold water to make two quarts. After this mixture has cooled to lukewarm, add one cake of yeast, or the equivalent of baker's yeast. Then add enough flour to make a thin mix.

Warning — be sure to use an exceptionally large bowl to combine the ingredients, as the starter increases itself many times. Start at noon and let stand until six p.m. before using. Some cooks prefer to wait 12 to 48 hours before using a new starter. This allows ample time for the new starter to "work".

If you do not plan to use the starter immediately, put in refrigerator after it is cooled and leave it there. Do not worry if the starter seems stiff. Starter can have as much flour as needed to form into a semi-hard ball. Hop leaves may be cooked with the potatoes to give the starter unusual flavor.

When removing a quantity of starter for use, replace it with a like amount of flour. Add yeast only when the starter needs it—a level tablespoon of baker's yeast or one cake of dry

yeast. Amount of starter for use in baking or pancakes should be removed from the refrigerator the night before use. Starter removed should be placed in a glass, pottery or stainless steel bowl and set in a warm place having an even heat. If the room cools, cover the bowl with a blanket or large towel.

The starter may be kept in the refrigerator indefinitely. After a length of time a liquid will rise to the top which need only be stirred back in. However, if the starter smells particularly sour it may be too tart for your taste in either pancakes or bread. In that event, add a cup of warm water and a cup of flour to it and mix thoroughly. Then dispose of all but a cup of this starter. This one cup is the new starter. This is known as freshening or sweetening the starter.

If your starter is not too sour it can be sweetened by the use of a little soda or baking powder. Care should always be taken when adding anything to the starter because the varying quality of flour, an addition of soda or baking powder will kill the starter. It is best to sweeten it or start anew. Some starters have been known to last for 70 years.

Never put back into the starter any dough or pancake batter as they contain ingredients which will kill the starter.

BASIC BATTER FOR PANCAKES OR BREAD

This batter is made the evening before it is to be used. Put one cup of sourdough starter in a large mixing bowl. Add two cups of warm water (up to 90 degrees F.), and 2½ cups of flour. Mix thoroughly. The mixture will be thick and lumpy but will thin down from fermenting and be ready for use in the morning. Cover the bowl and put in a warm place overnight. Keeping it warm will give best results. If necessary, cover bowl with blanket.

This basic batter may be used to make breads, pancakes, French bread, quick breads, muffins, cookies cake and fruit cake.

PANCAKE RECIPE USING BASIC BATTER

Mix together:
1 egg
2 tablespoons cooking oil
¼ cup of instant dry milk or evaporated milk beat thoroughly.

Then combine
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons sugar
Blend together until smooth, eliminating any lumps of soda. Sprinkle evenly over top of batter, fold in gently. This will cause a gentle foaming, rising action. Allow batter to rest a few minutes. Fry on a hot, lightly greased griddle.

If pancakes do not brown rapidly and sizzle slightly when dropped on the griddle, the griddle isn't hot enough. Make dollar size pancakes using a tablespoon of batter for each cake. If the batter seems too thick it wasn't warm enough during the night and did not ferment sufficiently. It may be thinned with a little milk.

The above recipe should make 25 to 30 dollar size pancakes, suitable for four persons. Increase recipe proportionately for more persons.

HONEY GOLD BREAD

Make 1 quart of basic batter; allow to set overnight in warm place
2 cups milk
2 tbsps butter
¼ cup honey
1 pkg. active dry yeast
2 cups wheat flour

¼ cup wheat germ
2 tbsps sugar
2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoon baking soda
4 cups white flour

Scald milk. Stir in butter and honey. Allow to cool until lukewarm. Add yeast and stir until dissolved. Add this mix to 1 quart of basic sourdough batter previously prepared. Add 2 cups wheat flour and the wheat germ, stirring until well-mixed.

Blend sugar, salt and soda until smooth. Sprinkle over top of dough and stir in gently. Set dough in a warm spot, cover with cloth and let rise for 30 minutes. Stir down and add remaining flour until dough is too stiff to stir with a spoon. Turn out on floured board and knead with the hands. Note: Flour required may vary from quantity indicated — one must gauge the feel. It is better to have too little flour than too much.

Work in remaining flour, kneading with heels of hands about 100 times until dough is light and satiny to the touch. Do not knead too long or include too much flour or the sponge will be heavy and dry. Break down into sections, flour lightly, fold over and seal. Place in greased bread pans. Pans should be half full.

Grease tops of loaves, set in a warm spot and let double in bulk again. Meanwhile preheat oven to moderately hot (400 degrees). When loaves have risen, bake in preheated oven 20 minutes. Then reduce temperature to moderately slow (325 degrees) and continue baking until bread shrinks from side of pans. When baked, loaves will give out a hollow sound when thumped on top. Remove from oven, turn out on rack or towel on table and butter the tops.

SALT RISING BREAD

Stir one heaping tablespoon of corn meal into ½ cup scalding fresh milk at night. Put in a cup or bowl and sit in a warm place overnight.

In the morning, take one pint warm water, not scalding, a pinch of soda and make up a batter with flour so it will drop off a knife. Stir in the mixture

that has stood overnight, beat it well, set it in a kettle of warm water and keep at an even temperature. It will be light in about two hours. Then add 1½ pints of warm water, a teaspoon of salt, and flour to work into loaves.

Knead until smooth, put into bread pans. Set in a warm place to rise, then bake.

The foregoing sourdough recipes were gathered from Mrs. Herman Lee Wood and from A. Donley Barnes, and edited by Mr. R. Priestley. Anyone desiring further information concerning the Sourdough organization may send their request together with a stamped, self addressed envelope to Mr. Priestley, 420 Triller Lane, Grants Pass, Oregon. 97526.

There's a story told of William Mums, once a surveyor in Josephine County, missing a nugget worth \$100. Mums had mined all around a big stump, finally leaving that spot and going further upstream. Another miner, named Saunders, removed the stump and found the hundred dollar nugget. It is said that Mums henceforth declared war on all stumps.

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Galice Area Mining News in Brief

By MARY LOW WOOD

Although mining activity in the Galice area is far less than that of 30 years plus ago the outlook for the coming season is very promising, local miners report.

Everyone interested in mining and the important role it could play in the county's economy once again are waiting results of sampling for barite now being done at the Alameda Mine by Fay Bristol of Grants Pass.

Barite is used in making of paints as well as in oil drilling.

In addition to the usual mining methods, mining by suction dredge will be occurring on Galice Creek. Stanley Davis of Galice and a Mr. Tyler of Klamath Falls both are doing it.

Bob Pancost, Walt and Fred Vincent all keep busy working their claims; Wes Pieren, too, on his Leupold claim and Cal Ore mines up Galice Creek.

Charles Johnson of Powers has started working on his claim, also up Galice Creek known as the Antlers Group.

The Homer Blakeleys purchased the Maloney claim up towards Peavine from Bert Panky in recent years and are busy making improvements there.

Sam Dickey of Rogue River has the claim at the bridge up Galice Creek.

Lou Garrison and George Reynolds recently replaced 200 feet of track in the old tunnel of the Bunker Hill mine at the headwaters of Silver Creek at Soldier Camp for mining use this winter.

Lloyd Corporation who have 142 acres of patented land near Silver Creek, the Metz Mine, are making arrangements now for equipment and experienced men to do some work there, it is reported.

One of the oldest quartz mines, worked since 1876, is the Black Bear Mine, owned by Bob Radcliffe of Salem. At the present time Radcliffe builds and sells

concentrators which are large mechanized gold pans, in the Salem area.

Bud Lewis has been getting timbers sawed to use to replace flumes that were washed out in the floods. He plans to resume mining as soon as this is accomplished.

Other mines and mining activity in the area, although far from a complete report, include Lou Martin and Joe Utasi in the Whiskey Creek area, assessment work on the Benton Mine, A. C. Smith on Grave Creek at Leland.

Wes Crooks and Homer Inman

in addition to assessment work on the Gold Bug mine are doing some exploration and development there. The Gold Bug has been in the Romig family since 1912, Mrs. Crooks (nee Romig) said.

George Reynolds keeps busy on his Barr Mine in the Briggs Creek area in addition to helping other miners with repairs and assessment work.

Various miners repeatedly emphasized that mining activity would be ever so much more vigorous if the "climate" was more favorable; that is, money received for money spent.

Floods Spark Prospecting

In Happy Camp Region

In the Happy Camp, Calif., area, south of the border from Josephine county, the old timers are talking about gold again. They are predicting the busiest prospecting season in years in this once-important gold mining region.

This bonanza, the veteran say, will be a direct result of the devastating flood waters of the past December. The peak flows carried away thousands of tons of accumulated gravel in the Klamath River and the streams that feed it — exposing new bedrock. And bedrock is where the gold is.

One Happy Camp miner explained, "when gravel washes

over the bedrock, nuggets will get caught in the cracks."

After the 1955 floods, mining was unusually good. Chunks of ore worth up to \$1,000 were found. It was reported that one man working alone with a 12-inch sluice box recovered \$400 worth of gold in eight hours.

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Output of South African Gold Rate of Increase Is Slowing

Gold production in South Africa, the world's leading source of the metal, is increasing at a lower rate, indicating that the world supply of gold will grow even tighter in the future.

South Africa's output of the metal in 1965 rose only 5 per cent from 1964, less than gains

of recent years. South African miners estimate annual production at the present price of gold may soon flatten out for several years at about the current level and decline thereafter, even after allowing for the potential output of the mines now being developed.



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The Soviet Union has proposed a worldwide increase of the price of gold as a means of providing more liquid money for investing in developing countries.

A Russian spokesman said the price of gold as expressed in dollar terms had not changed in the past 30 years although world prices of goods had more than doubled during that time. He said an increase in the price of gold would ease the international liquidity position, stimulate world trade and create additional possibilities for economic advancement for developing countries.

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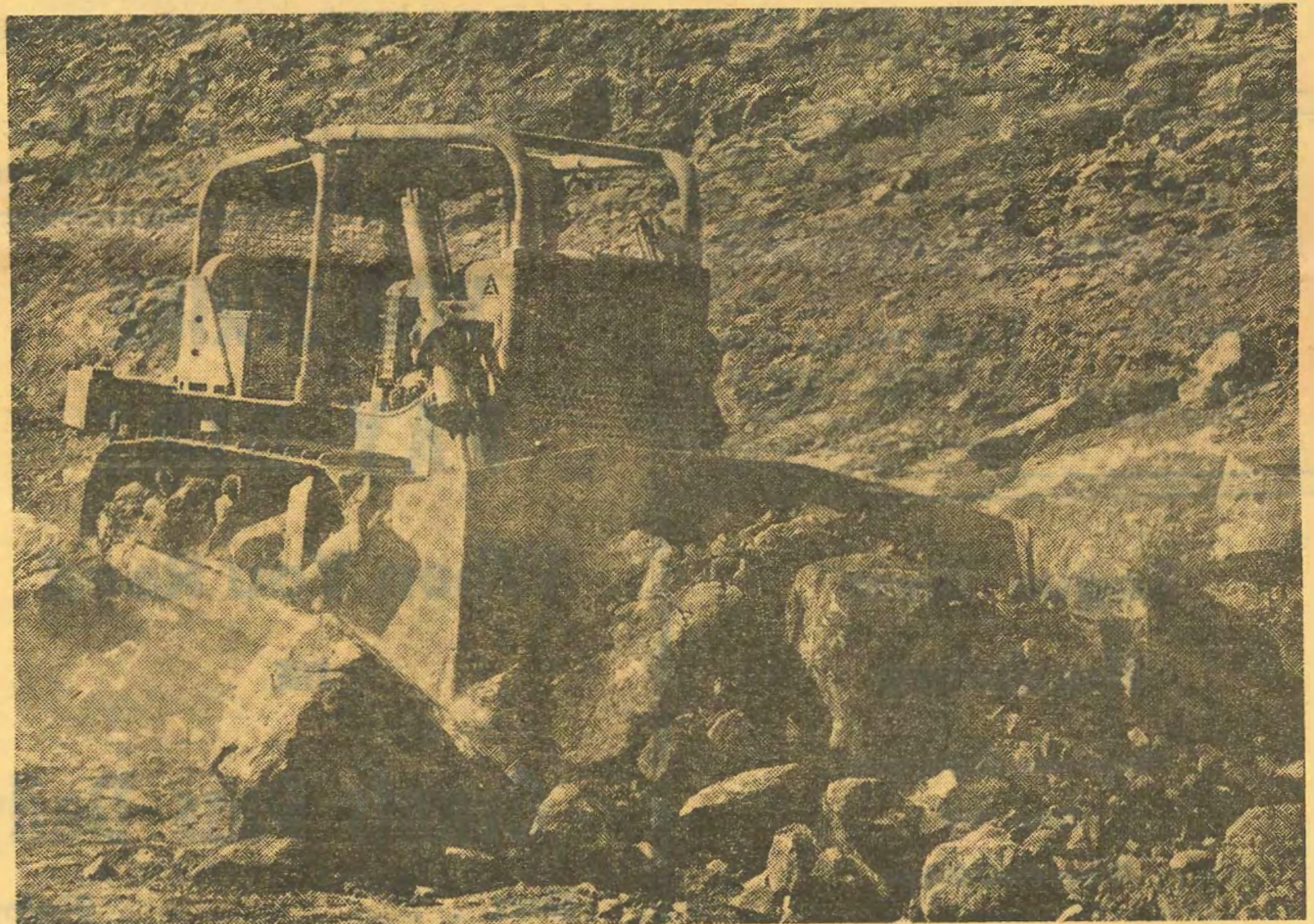
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An estimated \$68.5 million was the value of Oregon's mineral production in 1965, up 7 per cent from the \$64.3 million of 1964.

Sand, gravel and stone production totalling \$46 million continued to lead in value, accounting for 67 per cent of the state's 1965 total. The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Mines credited increased demands of state highway, flood control and dam construction projects.

Oregon's mining employment rose 13 per cent, from 1,600 to 1,800 during the first ten months of 1965 compared with the same period of 1964.

Mercury was the "Cinderella" of Oregon metals. Production increased 11-fold to 1,405 flasks of 76 pounds each, compared with 126 in 1864. The price which soared from \$180 per flask in 1963 to over \$500 last year, promoted mercury mine owners in Lane and Malheur Counties to augment development and production activities.

Most dramatic was the 20-fold increase in value of mercury produced, \$812,000 worth in 1965 compared with \$40,000 in 1964.

Hanna Nickel Smelting Co. improved its plant at Riddle and reached a record output of 16,117 short tons compared with 15,420 in 1964.

Shipments of Portland cement from three Oregon plants at Gold Hill, Lime and Lake Oswego increased 11 per cent. The nine cement plants in Oregon and Washington shipped nine million barrels (376 pounds each) of finished Portland cement compared with 8.2 million in 1964.

Oregon gold production dropped to about half, from 661 Troy ounces in 1964 to 331 Troy ounces in 1965, with the value down from \$23,000 to \$13,000. Silver production figures were withheld to avoid disclosing individual company confidential data. — American Gold News.

Gold Plated Grids
Resistors designed for use with cadmium-sulphide light-sensitive devices are being produced with gold plated grids to stop electron migration.

Gold Leaks Unplugged; Reserves Declining

Sam Dawson of New York, Associated Press business writer, reported in a recent column that United States gold reserves show a steady drop, defying all efforts to plug the drain.

According to Dawson, some of the gold is going to France, which prefers the metal to Yankee dollars. Some is lost in the operation of the London gold pool set up to stabilize the world market and control the price of gold. And some of the U. S. Treasury's metal is bought each month by American industry.

The treasury's stock has dropped by \$300 million so far this year and in early July was approximately \$13.4 billion, the lowest level since September 1938. Dawson said France is believed to have turned in about \$78 million worth of American dollars in May, representing the surplus it laid up in April. France, and any other nation, is allowed to turn in dollars for U. S. gold at \$35 an ounce, plus eight cents handling fees. American citizens, however, cannot turn in their paper dollars for gold.

American industry can buy gold from the treasury, just as it gets part of the silver it needs from the same source. Monthly sales to industry run at \$10 million to \$15 million. Demand has been fairly steady all year.

Industrial and other world demand for the metal keeps the market fairly active. When demand can't be met by the newly minted metal, the governments making up the London pool dip into their reserves and sell to prevent the price of gold from soaring. Just how much American gold is used this way

isn't reported, added Dawson. The treasury also buys gold. Some is new production of mines. Some is bought from other nations. Canada has sold the U. S. Treasury \$100 million so far this year, as a gesture of helping this country stabilize the market and hold down its steady losses, Dawson reported.

Prospecting at Greenback Mine

New prospecting is being done at the Greenback Mine located on Tom East Creek north of Grants Pass.

Some new gold bearing veins have been located but are of low value. However, open cut work on some of the old original site has exposed some veins near the surface that appear to carry worth while values.

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