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MYSTERY METAL STIRS COUNTY

LAMATH MINISTER GUILTY ON BOOZE CHARGE

MINERS CALLED TO DISCUSS NEW TESTS OF GREAT "TIN" DEPOSITS

Dean Newton, Oregon School of Mines, to Report on Run of Ore Made Here

Samples of White Metal and Concentrates Start East Today For Examination

Mounting interest in white metal discoveries, firmly believed by many to be tin, has resulted in calling of a meeting by the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau Saturday of all men interested in the matter.

Investigations were brought to a head last week through the efforts of E. W. Miller, Josephine county senator, and the Courier, in bringing Dean Newton of the Oregon school of mines, and John W. Kelly of the Portland Oregonian, here for a study of the various ores in which the metal is found.

At the meeting of the mining bureau the session will be given over entirely to discussions of tin. President P. S. Woodin asserted today that he is convinced that tin is found and that steps now will be taken to bring attention to the ore found here in unlimited quantities and in various forms. The meeting will be open to all interested in the white metal.

While Dean Newton and Mr. Kelly were here last week they visited numerous properties and saw the reduction of some of the ore. Dean Newton made no statements while here but secured many specimens of the rock and took them back to Corvallis with him to test. He is expected to make a report within a short time.

There is one deposit of ore north of the city. Concentrates of this are being secured today by a local man interested in the metal. Half of the concentrates will be run into metal. The metal and the other half of the concentrates will be sent to an eastern tin company for examination. This will go out today.

Huge Deposits Of Unknown Metal Draw Interest To City

By JOHN W. KELLY
(In the Portland Oregonian)

A mystery metal—which many hope is tin—is engrossing the attention, time and conversation of prospectors, business and professional men of this section. To the uninitiated eye, it is a white metal resembling tin, silver, lead, solder, platinum or babbitt.

This metal—or its variants—is being recovered from rocks by crude methods. Inasmuch as the white metal is produced from ores which are dissimilar, it may not all be of the same composition.

Assayers disagree as to what the metal is. Miners and prospectors disagree. There are assayers who state that they can recover no metal whatever from the ore. There are scores of residents of Grants Pass and vicinity who have no trouble in recovering a "button." Even the methods of treating the ore differ and, as a rule, a button of metal results.

Testers Report Tin Content
Samples of this metal have been sent to experts in various parts of the United States, to Germany and to Cornwall, England. Reports have been received from Germany. It is claimed, declaring that the metal is tin. Cornwall is likewise reported to have said the ore content is tin.

It is all very confusing to the people of Grants Pass for the accounts are too conflicting and the public, as a public, does not actually know what the mystery white metal is. Everyone, however, hopes and wants to believe that it is tin. Many insist with greatest emphasis that it is tin and suspect that any one who does not consider it tin is trying to discourage claim owners, so that "the big interests" can come in and gobble it all up and open a great plant. And they voice the suspicion, too.

One concrete fact exists—there is a white metal of some sort which is easily extracted from the rocks of this district and it may be very valuable when put to commercial use. Thus far the adventuring with the white metal has been merely in an experimental way. The main point to be determined is what is the mystery metal? It would appear as though the answer should be easy, but it is not.

Presence Long Known
If there are "slickers" trying to create the impression that there are vast tin deposits in Josephine county, they are many years late, for away back in the gold-digging days the white metal was found and many supposed it to be tin. There are scores of tough old miners and prospectors, whose sincerity cannot be doubted, who maintain that the white metal is tin. They say: "If it is not tin, what is it?"

HUGH'S TEACHER STILL BELIEVER IN D'AUTREMONT

Former Montana Instructor Joins Mother of Captive To Shield Bandit Suspect

Debonaire Attitude of Boy in Jacksonville Cell Dimmed by Close Guard

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Medford, March 28.—The Mail Tribune in a special dispatch from its correspondent in San Francisco today will say:

"At least two women believe in Hugh DeAutremont's innocence. One is his mother, and the other is Mary Case Sands, a Montana school teacher, who was his teacher in the days before he became a fugitive from justice. Between Hugh and Miss Sands there was a close attachment, and for many months after he left the school room, the two kept up a lively correspondence. Many of these letters are in the hands of government officials. In them, Hugh referred to the "great adventure" which was to bring him wealth and the opportunity to travel."

Hugh was a bright student. Miss Sands is believed to have taken both a professional and personal interest in the prepossessing and promising young man. Secret service men are united in the opinion that when the trial opens the school teacher will be found doing everything she can to help the boy whose mind she trained in the earlier days.

"The great adventure, Miss Sands said, referred to some gambling venture, for as a young boy Hugh was greatly interested in cards and had a decided flair for all gambling. Federal operatives believe the "great adventure" was the Siskiyou tunnel hold-up.

"The present residence of Miss Sands was not divulged by the officials. De Autremont will not be arraigned until his attorney gets through with the Brownlee case at Eugene, it was said here today.

Medford, March 28.—(P)—Hugh DeAutremont, Siskiyou bandit suspect, spent Sunday in the county jail at Jacksonville, his debonairness dimmed by a three day's growth of whiskers, and the only incidents to break the routine of jail life, an interview with newspapermen and a bouquet of wild flowers from the Salvation army. The sheriff's office will allow De Autremont to be shaved once a week under guard. The prisoner complained that he is lacking in open air exercise. Local authorities are taking all precautions to prevent a suicide attempt, or break by their charge.

LENIENCY ASKED FOR PETELLE IN MEDFORD COURT

Only 10 Minutes Required for Deliberation; No Defense Offered by Pastor

Possession and Transportation of Liquor Brings \$400 Fine; Friends to Aid

Medford, March 28.—(P)—Rev. M. L. Petelle, Klamath Falls former minister, was remanded to a cell in the county jail this afternoon in default of a \$400 fine and costs amounting to \$80.

Attorney Horace Manning for Petelle said it would be a week or ten days before the friends of Petelle would be able to raise the money.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Medford, Mar. 28.—The Rev. M. L. Petelle, former pastor of the Christian church of Klamath Falls, charged with transportation and possession of liquor, was found guilty by a jury in the justice court at Jacksonville this morning after ten minutes deliberation and was fined \$400 by the court.

The minister offered no defense and through his attorney, Horace Manning, asked for leniency. In this he was joined by District Attorney Newton C. Chaney.

The defense, in asking for mercy, said that the Rev. Petelle "by reason of his calling, has suffered from publicity attendant upon his arrest, had lost his pastorate, to which were added the cares of an invalid wife and the support of a child, and that lack of funds to pay the fine would cause him to be forced to serve most of it in jail."

According to official information steps are under way for Klamath Falls friends to pay the fine and furnish funds to give Petelle a new start.

Jackson Boosts C.E. Gates For Highway Post

Portland, Ore., March 28.—Renewed effort to force the appointment of C. E. Gates on the state highway commission is being made by Bert Anderson, Sumpter S. Smith and John H. Carkin of Medford. They have been exceedingly busy the last week trying to form combinations and eliminate other aspirants and put Gates squarely up to Governor Patterson.

This is but one of several moves now being made in the political field. There is also much wirepulling and letter-writing and telegraphing and boosting and protesting about this man and that for the state game commission and the state fish commission.

The whole business will be straightened out now within a few days, for the governor is about ready to "shoot." It is known that he has made up his mind as to certain individuals for appointment, but there are other places still in abeyance. The executive desk in the state house is accumulating recommendations and protests, all of which the governor scans patiently, but it is generally understood that the governor knows at this minute exactly what he intends doing, when he intends doing it and to whom.

It is expected that the governor will appoint a successor to Wade Malone on the highway commission this week, as Commissioner Malone's term expires next Thursday. The appointment may be made so that the new appointee may get acquainted and watch the routine at the commission's meeting, Tuesday of this week. Owing to the imminence of the appointment, the Jackson county group is working as fast as possible. The group has been to see the governor and has talked Gates repeatedly.

Governor Patterson has said that the new commissioner should come from the southern part of the state and he would like to appoint someone on whom Josephine and Jackson counties can agree and, of course, that includes Klamath. Josephine county has two aspirants, James Logan and O. S. Blanchard. Logan was in Salem Thursday, and while he was en route home, Anderson, Smith and Carkin breezed into Logan's town of Grants Pass and tried to give E. W. Miller and Theodore Cramer Jr., the rush act and have them agree to back Gates. Miller and Cramer are Josephine county's legislative delegation. They talked until the last train left for Medford and Cramer informed supporters of Logan that the mission of the Gates boosters "was a secret" but the argument was "carried on in such a loud voice that everyone in the hotel lobby overheard."

Whatever Miller and Cramer may do, other prominent citizens of Josephine county are not consenting to sacrifice their candidates for Gates. It is the opinion in Grants Pass that Gates, if placed on the commission, will try to use his position to have a highway built from Medford to the Oregon caves, which is now reached via Grants Pass. Medford boosters tried to have a super-road district created for such a road last year, but were defeated. Grants Pass observers also say that Gates wants to be a highway commissioner with a view to promoting his candidacy for governor four years hence.

In Medford, the home of Gates where he was mayor, it is said that he was contemplating being a candidate for the republican nomination last spring but shelved this desire after the visit of Patterson and some of Gates' strongest backers say that there was, if not an outright promise, at least the intimation that Gates would be named on the highway commission in the

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AMERICANS OF INTERIOR FLEE INTO SHANGHAI

Many Refugees Barely Escape Fury of Mobs Benign on Slaying Foreigners

Barriers of International Settlement Strengthened As Agitation Increases

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Shanghai, March 28.—Scores of foreigners, American predominating, continued to flock into the international settlement of Shanghai today, fleeing from the storm of anti-foreign agitation sweeping the Yangtze valley.

They came from the larger ports on the banks of the great river and from places inland, where, since the nationalist victories of last week, the situation had become increasingly menacing. In some instances the refugees barely escaped the fury of mobs bent upon destroying all foreigners because of Chinese reports that 200,000 Chinese were killed when American and British warships opened fire at Nanking Thursday.

There was no mistaking the relief of the refugees as they came within the confines of the international settlement for they were confident that the large combined army of foreign defense forces would serve to prevent any organized attempt at attack.

Those entrusted with the protection of the international settlement are preparing for all eventualities, as strong feeling against foreigners is evident everywhere in the native city. Anti-foreign posters and fiery speeches by students keep the Chinese in such a frame of mind that anything is likely to happen.

The barriers of the international settlement are being strengthened and the various generals are arranging for closer co-operation in the event of untoward incidents. Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, commanding the American marines, inspected the defenses yesterday in company with the British.

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GRATERS, CAVEMEN SET APR. 4 FOR RACE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Medford, Mar. 28.—Following a conference Sunday between H. S. Duell, "Big Eruption," of the Crater Club, local booster organization, James E. Grieve, of Prospect, Oregon, and E. C. Jerome, of Medford, the Crater Club leader announced that Grieve and Jerome had agreed to stage the Medford to Grants Pass marathon they are promoting, Monday, April 4, the date on which the Crater Club previously had been invited to a meeting in Grants Pass as guest of the Cavemen.

The marathon will be run to settle a wager between Jerome and Grieve, made during a discussion of the projected race between San Francisco and Grants Pass over the Redwood highway. The loser of the bet will be forced to pay the runners taking part in the race.

The contestants will leave Medford in time to arrive in Grants Pass shortly after the dinner hour, according to plans announced yesterday and their progress will be reported from various places along the highway. The exact number of runners participating has not yet been arranged.

According to Duell, the Crater Club members will cooperate with the Grants Pass Cavemen in acting as observers and officials of the grind, and all possible support of the clubmen will be given in order to create as much interest as possible in the event.

VENETA SUSPECT ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Eugene, Mar. 28.—On trial for his life, on a first degree murder indictment, Albert Brownlee sat in circuit court here today apparently unmoved while a jury of 12 men and women was being selected to decide his case. Brownlee is charged with the murder of Eston Hooker, possessor, in the manhunt which followed the robbery of the Veneta pool hall.

Up to noon today but four jurors had been selected. They are Van Macy, Stacy M. Russell, Mrs. Arthur Pengral and Earl Ivy.

Bees in "White Chests" Rout Nanking Raiders

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Shanghai, March 28.—A flash of humor amid the grim events at Nanking appeared in the stories told today by the refugees.

Cantonese soldiers looting the home of the American, Dr. W. E. Macklin, of the United Christian Mission Society, found behind the house what appeared to them to be a number of fine white chests, and smashed them with their gun butts. They were beehives. The soldiers fled.

Portlanders Race To Sandy Smelt Run

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Portland, March 28.—"Smelt running in the Sandy" the word came to Portland this morning and the newspapers announced it to the city. Motorists with nets, baskets, screens and other contrivances for scooping up the fish begin their annual race for the Sandy.

Weepah Gold Hunt Declared at Standstill

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Pendleton, Mar. 28.—The gold hunt at Weepah is at a standstill, states Donald Robinson, local man, who with two companions visited the Weepah fields. Mr. Robinson states that the region is staked out in a ten mile radius from the spot where Trainor and Horton made the find and that this claim is protected by an armed guard all the time. Mr. Robinson stated that there were perhaps 700 people in Weepah and that carpenters are busy putting up restaurants, dance halls and other buildings.

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