

Mormon Basin
Basin

Prospectors Find Gold

Precious Metal Reported at Vale

V A L E, Jan. 7 (Special)—Working over some abandoned claims in the Mormon Basin region, W. H. Whaley and J. C. Hice of Twin Falls stumbled on to a bonanza which may prove to be one of the most important discoveries of gold ore in eastern Oregon in many years. The Whaley-Hice claims are the old Buckhorn claims on the ridge above Mormon basin.

The first assay indicated returns of \$288 a ton. Other assays have run \$408, \$168 and \$221.90. Mr. Whaley was in Vale Wednesday endeavoring to get some help from the county court in fixing a road into the basin so he could haul in timber and heavy machinery. They are building a mill and living quarters for a number of employes.

Near, But Far

"The old Buckhorn people missed it by a few feet," he said Wednesday. "They were just a little too high. We've uncovered nine good veins and also a pretty good copper vein. The values are getting better the farther in we get."

The court was unable to promise any immediate help, as all its road equipment is busy keeping open school bus lines. It has submitted an application for a WPA project for the Brogan-Malheur city road.

Mill to Be Modern

The new mill to be constructed is of the most modern type, designed by the Sawtooth company. It will have a capacity of 60 to 75 tons a day.

The Condor Gold Mining company and the Pacific Development company of Glendale, Cal., have recently announced plans for large-scale development of claims in or near Mormon basin.

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Two Claim Gold Strike

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VALE, Jan. 8 (INS)—In what may prove to be a bonanza discovery in the eastern Oregon gold fields, W. H. Whaley and J. C. Nice of Twin Falls reported Monday their first assay from operations in abandoned claims of the Mormon basin region totaled \$288 per ton.

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Nine Veins Reported

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The two announced construction of a new modern mill with a capacity of 60 to 75 tons per day. Subsequent with the announcement of the new gold strike, the Condor Gold Mining company and the Pacific Development company of Glendale, Cal., announced plans for large-scale operations in the area.

Upper Buckhorn Basin

Baker Democrat Herald January 24 1940

Mine Operators In Mormon Basin Taking Out Ore

RYE VALLEY, Jan. 24—(Special)
—The mines in the vicinity are showing much activity. The Regan mine crews under the supervision of Rollie Chadwell have struck a large body of ore in the Old Buckhorn mine in the Morman Basin section, owned and operated by Mr. Hise. A very rich ledge has been located.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hise