

Marshfield, Oregon.

October 2nd, 1939.

Mr. J. E. Morrison,  
State Assay Laboratory,  
Grant's Pass, Oregon;

Dear Mr. Morrison:-

Seeing an item in our local paper some weeks ago that Mr. Nixon, the State Geologist, was to visit here to examine certain deposits, especially chrome, in the Seven Devils district, I was audacious enough to write him concerning some minerals that might possibly be found on a ranch of ours, at the head of South Inlet, consisting of about 1862 acres. We knew that coal, and black sand are found there in great abundance, though neither of these has ever been examined or investigated. We also believe that oil exists there.

In regard to the Seven Devils district, which was specifically mentioned in the item referred to, I might say that we own an undivided one-half in about 6000 acres there. This has been drilled in a very sketchy fashion for chrome, and I understood that it was found to contain chrome.

I almost hesitate to tell you upon what basis I think that possibly chrome and radium may be found on my ranch on South Inlet. Some years ago, immediately following my husband's sudden death, a quiet sort of man, a geologist who had been about this part of the country for some months, came to see me. He had gone over all our properties. I had never met him before. He told me that we had something very valuable on our ranch. I replied that it must be gold and platinum, -but he said it was something far more valuable than that. I remarked then that it must be radium, -and he did not contradict me. This man had been badly injured in a fall shortly before I met him and he was in bad health then. He told me he was leaving the country and going to enter a hospital. Later, I wrote him for more particulars, -but my letter was never answered or returned. I rather think the man died.

Now, for some years I practically forgot all about this little incident. Then one day, I read a very scientific article about radium, -which said it was found in serpentine. One day a former tenant of the ranch remarked that there was nothing there but serpentine. Naturally, I put these two ideas together. Now, I do not want to cause a lot of trouble in your department about investigating this, for it may be merely a 'wild goose chase'. But after all, stranger things have happened than this would be. If there is any expense connected with this survey, I fear I shall have to be 'counted out' as we have not money, - not in land, -and that seems practically worthless.

I have a tenant on the ranch who would, be glad to go with some representative of the Department and show him about the place. He could also provide sleeping accommodations and food, I think, -though I could not assure anyone that these would be at all luxurious. In fact, they would probably be far removed from that.

This man comes into town once or twice a week, and I do not always see him, as he is busy and does not visit me invariably. If I knew when a representative from your Department was about to arrive, I would attempt to get in touch with my man.

I would suggest that anyone coming here for the purpose of examining the property get in touch with me. This ranch is located about 8 miles from here, and in the summer the road to it is very good. After the rains set in, it is almost impassable.

It was Mr. F.W. Libbey of your Department who suggested that I write you in this connection, I greatly appreciate Mr. Libbey's kind and underatdning communication.

hoping that I am not causing you a lot of unnecessary and ill-advised trouble,

October 9, 1939

Sincerely yours,

*Agnes R. Sengstacken*  
*(Mrs. Benny.)*

Mrs. Agnes R. Sengstacken  
Marshfield  
Oregon

Dear Mrs. Sengstacken:

Upon my return from Coos County I find your letter of October 2. If I had only known about it I could have looked at your property on that trip.

The personnel of the Grants Pass laboratory are taking their vacations during October. As soon as there are sufficient inquiries from Coos County to justify a trip to that district, I will make an examination of your property.

I will notify you a week or so in advance when I will be over.

Yours very truly,

J. E. Morrison,  
Mining Geologist

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April 25, 1940

Mrs. Agnes R. Sengstacken  
Marshfield  
Oregon

Dear Mrs. Sengstacken:

I expect to arrive in Marshfield Monday, April 29 to take care of several requests for inspection of property. Will you kindly contact me in care of the Chamber of Commerce, so that we can make arrangements to visit the property as you requested.

Yours very truly,

Ray C. Treasher  
Field Geologist

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