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The Ore Bin
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To the Editor, Sir; On page 109, of the June issue of The Ore Bin, you have a picture of a small steam locomotive, with the statement that this was Oregon's first rail-road, with the date, 1862.

I would like to quote, from the Coos County Archives. Quote, "In 1856, Captian William H. Harris, Nelson Northrope, and a man named Simonds, built a rail-road to the Eastport mine, this was the first railroad in Coos County and possibly the first in Oregon" end of quote.

In 1853 the first coal was dug at East-port and shipped to San Francisco. This was later known as the Libby mine, When Patric Flanigan wanted a post office at the East-port mine he found that there was already an East-Port Post Office in Oregon, so he changed the name to Libby, the name of an Indian Squaw who lived near the mine.

The Libby mine changed hands a number of times but was in operation till about 1920.

I have ben doing historical resurch on the early history of SouthWestern Oregon, I gave a talk on the early gold mining of this aeria, to the Coos-Curry Historical Society last Feburary, and by the time I was ready, I had 11pages of notes.

Very truly Yours

George C. Welch

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Dear Mr. Sell:

Thank you for your most interesting letter on a talc deposit in Coos County.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Len Ramp, who is in charge of our Grants Pass field office. He may want to contact you sometime to see if there is any possibility of visiting your deposit again.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond E. Corcoran
State Geologist

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✓ cc Len Ramp

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Francis E. Sell
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State Department of Geology
And Mineral Industries,
1069 State Office Building,
Portland, Oregon, 97201

Gentlemen:

I have read your report on minerals in Coos County with a great deal of interest.

In this report there is an observation that no Talc deposits are found in Coos County.

In 1932, while logging on the headwater of between Bill's Creek and Two Mile Creek, the late Cash Doyle, a rancher in this section gave me a sample of a white substance. I sent this along to the then called experimental station at Corvallis for analysis. The report showed this to be Talc producing a 85% indication of lime. This substance was interspersed with what appeared to be white quartz.

At the time there was a great deal of interest in finding a cheap source of lime for agriculture purposes, so I ask my Doyle about the quality of talc in the deposit. He told me that there was a "whole mountain of it."

I found this after burning a slash to make more range. A severe rain storm occurred shortly after the burning, and the water running in around the base of a stump caused the stump to heave out of the ground, exposing the talc deposit.

At present this land is owned by a timber company as a reforesting.

While I do not know the exact location of the deposit, I can, I think pinpoint it to within a quarter mile.

While logging here, I also had a report on Oil Shale. When I examined this it proved to be the cropping of a very low grade of coal, with enough tar in it that an individual piece could be lighted with a match.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 1964

Board of County Commissioners
Coos County Court House
Coquille, Oregon

Attention: J. J. Geaney, Chairman

My dear Commissioners:

This is in response to your letter of January 24 asking this Department to assist you in an evaluation of mineral rights which Coos County might wish to sell.

This Department would be most happy to cooperate with the County of Coos in this respect under the following conditions:

- (1) That requests for evaluation will be grouped when possible in order that one trip can take care of them and that the time of the field men will be conserved.
- (2) That no out-of-pocket expense will be accrued by the Department - that is, the County of Coos will take over the responsibility of paying mileage to and from the job and while on the job, as well as the food, lodging, and other incidental expenses of the field men.

Any report written would be only for the purpose of advising the Commissioners in this respect. Conferences with the field men are invited. It is understood that the assistance rendered by this Department will be assistance to another governmental agency - in this instance, the Board of Commissioners - and it is not for private use.

If these terms are satisfactory, we would request that you submit any request to the Portland office. The Portland office in turn will probably assign Mr. Len Ramp (Resident Geologist at the Grants Pass field office) or any other geologist whom it might feel best suited to the project.

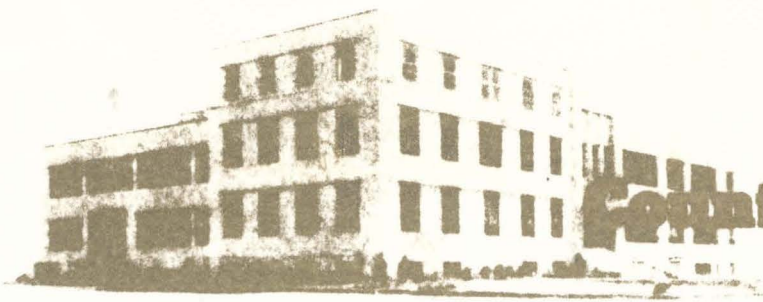
We will look forward to cooperating with you.

Sincerely yours,

Hollis M. Dole
State Geologist

HMD:jr

cc Len Ramp



County of Coos

COQUILLE, OREGON

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J. J. Geaney
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January 24, 1964

Hollis Doyle, Director
Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries
1069 Portland State Office Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir,

We have had several requests to sell mineral rights that Coos County hold on many of the properties in the County.

Is there any information that you may have in your department or any suggestions you would care to make that would help to establish a fair price to charge for the mineral rights.

We would appreciate any help you could give us.

Yours sincerely,
Board of Commissioners

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July 15, 1975

R. E. Corcoran, State Geologist
1069 State Office Building
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Andy:

I have sketched the geology of Section 36, T. 28 S., R. 9 W., from Baldwin (1973) on the enclosed map. The Flournoy Formation consists of rhythmically bedded sandstone and siltstone. The Tyee Formation is thick bedded micaceous sandstone and some siltstone.

To the best of my knowledge there is no known coal or other mineral resources in this immediate area. In my judgement you can be reasonably certain in advising the Coos County Commissioners that no special value should be attached to the mineral rights.

Sincerely,

Len Ramp
Resident Geologist

LR:rep

Encl: (1) Coos Cty Comm ltr of 7-1-75
(2) Sketch map