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EMERGENCY MEETING

Chairman Joe Holman Announces Chrome Miners Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 10 A.M. V.F.W. HALL

234 S.W. "L" Street, Grants Pass, Oregon

This is a very IMPORTANT MEETING. As miner Ed Carlson says, "Drop your picks and get here—if you don't you might as well throw the picks in the hole, it's deep enough!"

That's the story. BE HERE and get it yourselves, or prepare to forget your chrome mining. It's fire in the hole with a short fuse.

The meeting was called on Sunday for your convenience.

If you plan to stay overnight on Saturday or Sunday—or both—send us a card for reservations.

A new year has started and we wish you rock-in-the-box for 1953.

The winter was long and dreary (you boys think you got troubles!) the flour low-in-the-barrel, your secretary with a bad case of cabin-fever—grounded by your chrome car being repossessed for non-payment of rent—telephone disconnected "temporarily" (YET). No "Stockpile issued since October 28, 1952, the last mimeographing bill proving insurmountable.

Typically, it was Ruth and Bill Robertson who faithfully pay their four bits a ton on each settlement who came to the rescue with a \$300 advance payment. The sun shines again and your secretary takes fresh hold—but sorely needs more plasma—\$\$\$\$\$\$.

Mr. A. B. PARSONS has come out with one of the most feasible plans for Government purchase of chrome yet revealed. It is called the "FOB PLAN" to operate on DMPA funds and to run into 1957. Car lot buying would save the Government considerable expense. We hope Mr. Parsons can attend the meeting here with Joe Holman who did the survey work and explain the plan fully to us. From what we have heard of the plan we HEARTILY ENROSE it.

STOCKPILE HOURS

GSA will announce soon the busy season hours of the depot. The six day seventy-two hour week is a great advantage to the shippers, but must not be abused

as the success of many of the miners depends on getting and keeping the added hours.

CONGRESSMAN CLAIR ENGLE as usual is "busting the harness" for the West. He is ever watchful to see that the programs to develop domestic mining don't get "shot down on the runway". Thank you and your friends in Congress, Clair, for seeing to it that the boys trusted to administer the programs do it the way Congress intended they should.

We thank you, BILL FREEMAN, for sitting on the dough committed to our program. We know it is a hot seat, but if the Administrator will announce the extension you won't have a dime to sit on by June 30, 1955. Several hundred straight honest American miners will have traded you chrome for the full appropriation. Keep faith. We're gaining momentum every sunny day.

Your secretary, Bill Robb, has been invited to attend the CONGRESSIONAL SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE HEARING in Denver this month to present the chrome problems—but the way the bank account looks he'll be lucky to get to the meeting in Grants Pass. We should be represented.

Nineteen new shippers to the Depot. That many more and our circulation will have risen from 250 last June to 1,000 readers with chromitis!

Mr. Faye Bristol, President of the Oregon Mining Association, has requested that the editor of the STOCK PILE announce his name more often as he feels that some of our articles fighting for the small miner and mining in the West express too strong a feeling against foreign ore suppliers and might be attributed to him or Mr. Sam Williston, the Oregon Mining Association's Vice President, who is active in many other mining organizations. So here it is:

BILL ROBB, Editor
THE STOCK PILE

Secretary to the California-Oregon Chrome Producers' Association, an independent committee devoted only to chrome, having even its own bank account, thanks to Chairman Joe Holman.

MONTANA MIX

Way back in April, 1951, General Service Administration figured out a far-seeing plan for the use of Montana chrome concentrates should such an emergency arise that the nation need a high-iron low-chrome supply. They would mix it with stockpile chrome in the following proportions:

- 5 tons Russian
- 3 tons Montana (Mouat)
- 2 tons Philippine.

(Since then we have heard that a Canadian outfit is able to use a limited amount in the making of Chrome X.)

We ask this. Wouldn't a mix of ton for ton from Oregon and California be simpler?

Mont. Max.	G. P. Aver.	Combined
Cr2O3 38%	47.75	42 plus
Cr:Fe 1.5 to 1	2.6 to 1	2 to 1 plus

The Grants Pass Depot could pull the Montana concentrates up to the Grants Pass minimum passing on a ton for ton basis!

This is further argument in favor of the A. B. PARSONS "FOB" PLAN, which in itself is a great saving to the government on freight.

It is now evident to all the chrome shippers that by the end of 1954 shipments should reach a 100,000 ton per year schedule which could be maintained for the length of the Montana program—matching ton for ton. All that is need is equivalent time. We remind you that California and Oregon financed their own mills and receive \$4.18 per ton less than Montana. Add that to the Parson Plan freight saving and the government would have something.

Too logical to be considered? Maybe not, with a sensible Westerner like TOM LYON one of the judges. We hope the President signs Mr. Lyon's appointment to the Bureau of Mines promptly.

For The Benefit Of You Who Came In Late

For the benefit of YOU WHO CAME IN LATE—here is a brief outline of the domestic chrome program (Grants Pass Chrome Purchasing Depot) from the start to what we hope is not the finish!

PAST

January 1951. The Department of Interior nominated a group of domestic chrome miners as members of a chrome advisory council to the Defense Materials Administration. These advisory members were read a telegram inviting them to Washington to confer on this country's chrome problems. "Your service, which will be in an advisory capacity only, will involve travel expense for which you will be reimbursed by the Government."

February, 2, 1951. The council members flew to Washington, D. C. to attend the meeting which opened with the reading of the telegram to which the word "not" had been added! ("for which you will NOT be reimbursed")

Ways and means to obtain a worthwhile amount of domestic chrome were discussed at the meeting. The general opinion was that the price necessary to get the closed mines into production on any worth while tonnage would be approximately \$120 base price per ton lump ore—\$130 per ton concentrates. Five years would be necessary for a Certificate of Necessity (tax amortization).

Mines can not be turned on and off like spigots. Financing, road building, camps, equipment, assembling crews, winter months, mill building—all take time. Few mines could afford to operate at a lesser price of \$95 lump ore, \$110 concentrates. Three years would be necessary to build shipments up to maximum production.

Charts were furnished to Defense Materials Administration showing the effect on tonnage, time and price.

March 19, 1951. DMA requested DPA for permission to set the price of domestic chrome at base price \$75!

April 5, 1951. DMA requested DPA for permission to set the price of domestic chrome at base price \$95 lump ore, \$110 concentrates. Permission came back, sanctioned by DPA, NPA, NSRB, etc.,

to set the price which would produce the desired production—no limit! DMA was given a free hand to set the price of domestic chrome in spite of its specifically worded request for a limited price!

April 17, 1951. Mr. James Douglas had the courage to battle through red tape to set the base price of domestic lump chrome at \$115.

The price of concentrates was left at \$110 pending a report from the San Francisco office of the Bureau of Mines. The report came through eventually verifying a price of \$130 (or higher) for concentrates would be justified—but the \$110 had already been established. The "FOR SALE" signs on many of the mills which have shipped to the stockpile are mute verification of the accuracy of Mr. Spangler Ricker's report.

PRESENT

DMA had no funds of its own at that time, (April, 1951) so certified the program to General Service Administration to be paid from stockpile money immediately available for the full amount of the total commitment.

The program was limited to the purchase of 200,000 tons, or to the end of the time period—which ever could be reached first. The present program will run until June 30, 1955, "PROVIDED . . . that the Administrator (of General Service Administration) may terminate the program as of the close of business on December 31, 1954, upon giving public notice of such termination not later than **December 31, 1953.**"

The program was limited to 2,000 tons of chrome or concentrates per "source" per year. August 4, 1952, by Amendment No. 1, the Administrator, Mr. Jess Larson, raised the limit from 2,000 tons to 5,000 tons per source.

You are all familiar with 'he present Grants Pass Purchase Depot and its efficient functioning.

FUTURE

Our immediate problem is to learn this. **WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR OF GSA USE HIS AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM TO JUNE 30, 1955—OR END IT DECEMBER 31, 1954.**

A definite announcement NOW would mean more chrome—or less

chrome. If the Administrator keeps us danging until December of this year for his verdict—the result can ONLY be LESS chrome.

There are two sides to every question. On THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SIDE are these irrefutable facts.

The program has run from August 1951 through March 1953—nineteen months of a total possible forty-six months—yet only roughly three million dollars of the twenty million dollar appropriation have been used. From the Administrator's (or Munitions Board's) point of view it would be wise to terminate this program as soon as possible to release the funds for foreign chrome buying. These percentages would panic any conscientious statistician.

THE MINER sees these elapsed months differently. He knows that mines don't reach their full capacity until the third year. ((All that is panicking him is the shortness of the program!))

August to December, 1951—1 month of decent weather — 3 months of hell. The rains and snow landed before most mines even got their finances promoted.

1952 The worst winter since 1916-17. Most miners unable to reach their mines before July. 6 months lost.

August 4, 1952 The limit raised from 2,000 tons to 5,000 tons so mill building could be seriously considered.

Even the "Feds" were mired down in August getting the Depot paved.

1953 This is the year the mines start to get rolling (their second) and change that 20,000 tons per year capacity to 60,000 tons.

1954 100,000 tons is the conservative prediction. The year which will really only be the third—and expected full production year—PROVIDED the miners aren't trying to get their brakes on in time to come to a squealing stop because the Administrator panicked waiting for their production.

The Administrator hesitates—the miners hesitate . . . like a Korean Peace Treaty.

NOTE: The time necessary to equip a mine and build a mill was fully recognized in the Montana chrome contract. No one expected one ninth of their deliveries the first year of the contract. In fact NONE were expected. (Montana contract 1952 to 1961).

The entire Western mining industry and especially chrome has suffered a great loss by the death of CHET WITHINGTON. His understanding and generous heart was equalled only by his congenial force and ability to band men together for common good. We miss you, Chet.

FEUDIN'

It is sincerely hoped that the dispute starting in court April 21 over property lines (Bowers vs. Bielenberg) on Chrome Ridge will be speedily settled. Ore tied up that way might as well be in the hills of South Africa or far off New Caledonia as far as aiding this country during an emergency.

We miss John Armstrong jumping up at our meetings to read prepared speeches from the importers Blue Book. Isn't our chrome low-grade enough for your company, John? Come back, anyway, we always enjoyed you.

June is the time for J. P. HALL'S Western Mining Council Meeting in Yreka. Watch for the date.

WARNING: The "Feds" have done and are doing all they can to expedite ore payments. The man an out-of-town shipper appoints to act as his attorney-in-fact should be well chosen and not someone who carries the check around in his pocket for days to dazzle the local waitresses. It is very important to some operators to get their money in the bank as soon as possible.

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OCTOBER	Bank Balance Forward	\$ 13.98
RECEIPTS—Shippers		
\$ 86.50	Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")	
140.00	Ruth Robertson — Cyclone Gap	
3.00	Austin B. Brownell	
2.50	Ernest McTimmons	
14.72	Eastlick and Richter	246.72
RECEIPTS—Contributions		
10.00	C. E. Higgins	10.00
RECEIPTS—Advertising		
10.00	Fred Hale	10.00
		<u>\$ 280.68</u>
DISBURSED		
25.00	Salaries	
45.28	Miscellaneous	
74.02	Traveling Expense	
101.49	Telephone and Telegraph	245.79
	Bank Balance	\$ 34.89

Accounts Payable		
61.47	Telephone and Telegraph	
55.00	Office Rent	
10.00	Typewriter Rent	
400.00	Car Rent—Daily's U-Drive	
941.00	Salaries	
\$ 1,467.47		

NOVEMBER Bank Balance Forward \$ 34.89

RECEIPTS—Shippers		
\$ 225.00	Ruth Robertson—Cyclone Gap	
32.50	Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")	
7.00	J. N. and Max Grissom	
10.00	E. K. McTimmons	
20.00	Inman and Leonard	
3.50	Elmer Weeks	
21.00	Langley and Dean	
20.50	W. A. Orsini	
20.45	Eastlick and Richter	\$ 359.95
RECEIPTS—Contributions		
10.00	C. A. Sherman	
12.00	E. H. Sanders	
5.00	Bill Gilmore	27.00
		<u>\$ 421.84</u>
DISBURSED		
26.00	Office Rent	
28.29	Office Supplies, Printing	
210.00	Salaries	
6.14	Miscellaneous	
56.54	Travel Expense	
44.43	Postage	
64.12	Telephone and Telegraph	435.52
	Bank Balance	Overdraft \$ 13.68

Accounts Payable		
500.00	Car Rent—Daily's U-Drive	
15.00	Typewriter Rent	
55.00	Office Rent	
62.46	Telephone and Telegraph	
42.10	Knutson Agency—Mimeographing	
1,304.00	Salaries	
35.05	The Bulletin—Printing	
\$ 2,013.61		

DECEMBER	Bank Balance Forward	Overdraft \$ 13.68
RECEIPTS—Shippers		
\$ 14.00	Smith and Plummer	
100.00	Rice Bros. Chrome Milling Co.	
50.00	Holman and Powell	
306.00	Ruth Robertson—Cyclone Gap	
37.00	Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")	507.00
RECEIPTS—Contributions		
1.00	J. E. Hamlin	
1.00	Ernest Wells	2.00
		<u>\$ 495.82</u>

DISBURSED		
25.00	Office Rent	
335.00	Salaries	
10.00	Typewriter Rent	
1.80	Miscellaneous	
17.63	Traveling Expense	
62.46	Telephone	451.89
	Bank Balance	\$ 43.43

Accounts Payable		
600.00	Car Rent—Daily's U-Drive	
10.00	Typewriter Rent	
25.00	Office Rent	
50.70	Knutsen Agency—Mimeographing	
44.00	The Bulletin—Printing	
1,569.00	Salaries	
103.55	Telephone and Telegraph	
\$ 2,402.25		

JANUARY Bank Balance Forward \$ 43.43

RECEIPTS—Shippers		
21.42	Eastlick and Richter	
25.00	H. L. Roberts	
2.00	Walt Freeman	
49.00	Langley and Dean	
12.50	Roy Jackson	
200.00	J. and W. Mines	
100.00	Eugene R. Brown	
49.00	Ruth Robertson—Cyclone Gap	
9.50	Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")	
5.00	R. F. Reuss	476.42
RECEIPTS—Contributions		
35.00	Dean Axtel	
10.00	Grants Pass Chrome	
1.00	J. E. Hamlin	
2.00	(?) lost name	48.00
		<u>\$ 564.85</u>

DISBURSED		
26.00	Rent	
435.00	Salaries	
2.36	Miscellaneous	
75.87	Traveling Expense	529.23
	Bank Balance	\$ 25.62

Accounts Payable		
600.00	Car Rent	
15.00	Typewriter Rent	
50.70	Knutsen—Mimeographing	
44.00	Bulletin—Printing	
1,734.00	Salaries	
209.14	Telephone and Telegraph	
25.00	Office Rent	
\$ 2,677.84		

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MARCH Bank Balance Forward	\$ 27.46
RECEIPTS—Shippers	
100.00 Holman and Powell	
100.00 Eugene R. Browa	
6.00 Tri-County Mining and Concentrating Corp.	
25.00 Chrome Milling Co.—Rice Bros.	
50 Elk Camp	
17.50 Holiday Mine	
30.00 Al W. Tieman—San Luis Mining Co.	279.00

RECEIPTS—Contributions	
32.76 Grants Pass Chrome Co. (Telephone charge—not deposited)	\$ 306.46

DISBURSED	
26.00 Office and P.O. Box Rent	
98.75 Stationery and Printing	
94.27 Salaries	
17.21 Miscellaneous	
16.75 Travel Expense	
14.00 Postage	
37.04 Telephone and Telegraph	304.02
Bank Balance	\$ 2.44

Accounts Payable	
600.00 Car Rent—Daily's U-Drive (7-8-52 to 1-8-53)	
5.00 Typewriter Rent (2-17-53 to 3-18-53)	
11.05 Knutsen Agency—March Mimeographing	
295.26 Telephone and Telegraph (Dec.—Jan.) Disconnected	
25.00 Chamber of Commerce—office rent (9-19-52 to 10-19-52)	
19.70 The Bulletin—Printing—March	
2,284.73 Salaries	
\$ 3,240.74	

FEBRUARY Bank Balance Forward	\$ 25.62
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RECEIPTS—Shippers	
350.00 Ruth Robertson—Cyclone Gap	
29.00 Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")	
10.00 Fay I. Bristol	
10.00 Tri-County Mining	
27.11 Eastlick and Richter	
7.50 Hillis and Pieren	
10.00 Eggers and Tyler	
25.00 E. K. McTimmons	
100.00 Holiday Mines	568.61

RECEIPTS—Contributions	
25.00 Home Gas Co.	25.00
\$ 619.23	

DISBURSED	
25.00 Rent	
555.00 Salaries	
1.77 Miscellaneous	
10.00 Travel Expense	591.77
Bank Balance	\$ 27.46

Accounts Payable	
600.00 Car Rent—Daily's U-Drive	
20.00 Typewriter Rent	
50.70 Knutsen—Mimeographing	
44.00 Bulletin—Printing	
209.14 Telephone and Telegraph	
1,779.00 Salaries	
25.00 Office Rent	
\$ 2,727.84	

On paper (signed pledges) your California-Oregon Chrome Producers Association is solvent — but your secretary found those paper pledges as useless for saving the car and phone as the MUNITIONS BOARD may find its foreign

chrome commitments (for the making of stainless steel) should the British again need the South Africans trains for a coal shortage or the sea lanes be clogged or cut off.

What Chrome Miners Are Doing In California And Oregon

PROGRESS

MILLS: Though some operations have fallen by the way-side because of inability to be profitable others have taken hold and are putting down figures on the right side of the ledger. Whether in the over-all picture they will show a profit or not depends on the length of the program. It takes five years to write off a mill on taxes.

DRILLS: Much comment has been made on the number of properties being drilled. More will be drilled as the boys get their compressors paid for and enough for a down payment on a drill rig. This shows what a definite program will do and no telling how much ore will turn up in this unexplored mineral belt. We may develop enough ore to export instead of importing ninety-nine per cent of the chrome used in this country.

Many new plants are making their initial shipments to the depot at the present time.

PALO ALTO MINING COMPANY has delivered and is nicely under way.

EL DORADO CHROME COMPANY has shipped and is tuning up the mill to produce at least forty tons of concentrates a day.

ALLIED MINING COMPANY expects to be going in about thirty days on about the same scale from their mill.

LINIUM COMPANY at Auburn is shipping and should produce fifteen tons a day.

JOE HOLMAN at Coalinga is going great guns with a smaller mill and will ship a car a week.

PIERCE BROTHERS are shipping as usual from Morro Bay and **H. L. ROBERTS** from Paso Robles should be coming in soon, as should **HELMKE** and **JANNSEN** from the Oroville area.

The **CONCONELLY BOYS** of Red Bluff are back on the road again after some bad weather.

CASTLE CRAIGS, since **CHET WITHINGTON'S** death, stands still.

LAURENCE WILSON is setting up a small mill at Ashland for local and Klamath River ore.

ASHLAND MINING is underway, but the mill still hungry.

DEWEY VAN CURLER reports he's taking care of that.

LAUGHLIN ENGINEERING, of Eagle Point, finally got under way and shipping.

BIRDSEYE MILL, down.

"F" STREET MILL in Grants Pass milling as the ore comes in.

WILDERVILLE MILL, down.

FREEMAN & TWOMBLY, **ERNIE FOSTER**, **ROY JACKSON** (**HAYES MILL** moved to Six Mile Creek) and **BOB MCCAULEY** mills in the Illinois River district all getting started.

CHROME MILLING, **O'Brien**, down. **RICE BROS.** concentration ratio was twelve tons to one to as high as twenty to one, something the experts said couldn't be done (profitably)—but the boys did it. "FOR SALE"!

INTERMOUNTAIN MINING CO. is setting up a portable sink and float plant out of **O'Brien**. Plans are to process five hundred tons daily.

McCLENDON & BRUNK, Smith River, are down.

TRI-COUNTY MINING AND CONCENTRATING CO. at John Day, are down for a month and plan expansion—to triple.

BURT HAYES MILL — no report. **KING MILL** — no report.

SOURDOUGH MILL — **BEN BAKER** has practically wintered up there and has things in good shape. Shipments have started. You're safe to come home now, Ben.

DURAND HALL is reported to be starting his ore through the big mill at **SAN LUIS OBISPO**. **H. AND J.** have been sending in about three cars a week from **INTERNATIONAL METALLURGICAL CHROME CORP.**

MAJOR WAITE had tough luck when a slide took out the county road between Seiad and the mill at Scot Bar.

Several more are getting equipment together in hopes the program will be extended long enough to let them at least get it paid for.

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REPORT ON MEETINGS

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 18, Hon. HARRIS ELLSWORTH (Ore.), in whose district the meeting was held, was delighted to get a first-hand view of the chrome program. He is well informed and ready to help us in Washington - where we elect him to represent us. Busy as he is, he stayed to spend a great deal of time with the miners.

Hon. CLAIR ENGLE (Cal.), who is chiefly responsible for the present interest in domestic mining gave one of the best talks yet heard covering the reasons why the "Stockpile Act" was written and why it is of utmost importance for reasons of security to keep mining in this country active. His talk was in answer to a newspaper editorial quoting a Federal Official as saying "the less chrome bought at the Grants Pass depot, the better for the taxpayers of the nation generally. !!! CLAIR certainly threw a skunk in that "Fed's" hen-house! Mines are not developed by the mere signing of an order by a bureau in Washington - it takes incentive, time and a hell of a lot of work.

Both Congressmen visited the purchase Depot and were shown the property and its operation by Dan Beyer, local G.S.A. Agent.

Cal-Ore Chrome Producer's Chairman, Joe R. Holman, Stephen S. Ridgely, Sr., W. S. (Bill) Robertson, Dewey Van Curler and several others made short talks from the floor. The meeting was conducted by Fay I. Bristol.

J. C. O'Brien, ME, well and ably represented the California Bureau of Mines. Salem G. Rice came up from the San Francisco office. Many of the shippers, though living in Oregon, are operating over the state line.

The "Feds" included G.S.A's W. N. Grabill and Dan Lillis from the Seattle office. (We returned Grabill's donation to keep our record clean "no Federal Aid" for the program. He shot it back with "Who knows? I might be a chrome miner too someday!") He gave us a fine talk at the afternoon meeting.

THE IMPORTANCE of MAINTAINING and SUPPORTING your organization was stressed by every speaker. We need unity to hold what we have, let alone to gain more for the program.

"Regrets"

BILL FREEMAN, G.S.A. "in Rio de Janero"

"THE DUKE", Francis G. Wells, U.S.G.S. "in Algiers"

GEORGE B. HOLDERER, D.M.P.A. "in the Mediterranean"

FAY LIBBEY, Oregon State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
"another meeting to attend"

AL J. WALSH, G.S.A. "Mr. Jim Hopkins is likewise engaged in other work at this time"

Meetings - continued

DENVER Sept. 22-25 THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS did a wonderful job in arranging and handling some 6000 members and visitors. The speeches and following discussions were carried out by some of the brightest and best informed men in America.

The equipment display was said to be the greatest ever assembled at one time in the world. Working models of every type of machine pertaining to mining were shown by the manufacturers' most-obliging personnel.

Fay Libbey read the chrome paper at the Strategic Minerals Meeting. We thought it a little on the Milquetoast side compared to Fay's usual forceful fight for domestic mining. Why didn't you come right out and tell them, Fay, that withholding the announcement of years four and five for the Grants Pass stockpile cuts the dog's tail off by inches?

Your secretary was lucky enough to get enough of his back salary at the Grants Pass meeting to make the trip to Denver at his own expense to thus be better informed to help the miners.

Esther and Fay Bristol were prominent at the convention - then went on East.

John Garner of Cal-Ore Machinery of Medford made some very good dealer connections.

Dorothea Reddy Moroney got a chance to talk with several of her Washington and mining friends.

The next year meeting of AMC will be at Seattle. Make it by all means. It is so well worth while and field trips an education.

Many manufacturers' catalogues are coming into this office for your convenience as a result of this trip. If you can't read -they got pictures.

WESTERN MINING COUNCIL Oct. 10, Weaverville. As usual with a J. P. Hall meeting the discussions centered on Gold. If and when the price of gold is raised in the U. S. to a fair balance with the world market it will be because of the efforts and persistence of such men as Hall.

C. F. "Lucky" Starr reported on the manganese group and their efforts in the state and government offices in San Francisco.

A very serious and heated discussion evolved from a speech by State Senator Ed Regan who was quoted in the California Mining Journal as favoring certain changes in the mining laws sponsored by Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to gain more control and power over the miner who is trying to develop the country. An outstanding example of abuse by the bureaucrats was sited in the "Pearl Woods Case". A fund was established to aid her in her fight and thus ward off further infringements by the so-called servants of the people.

A report by your secretary on the problems and progress of the chrome program and the Grants Pass stockpile was of interest to the Trinity Chapter as there are many fine prospects ready to be opened up in that area.

At both the afternoon and evening meeting Hall impressed the importance of the Mariposa meeting Nov. 8 and 9 to the gold interests. State Senator Randolph Collier is handling the question and U. S. Senator Knowland will be a speaker.

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\$\$\$\$\$\$ It was unanimously voted at the Grants Pass Sept. 18th meeting that all
THANKS those having an interest in chrome contribute one dollar per month to
\$\$\$\$\$\$ support the committee - miners, truckers, lawyers, assayers, supply
salesmen, bartenders, etc. (but no "Feds" allowed - badly as we need
it!)

HIGH PLATEAU: Genial Eugene Brown hit his plimsol mark on taxes (2000 tons) and another body of highgrade at the same time. This week will probably see the last of Gene's deliveries to the stockpile for this season.

CITY LIMITS: McKee & Littell are ball mill shopping after burning out the second dry paddle mill in their plant at the west end of "F" Street. They have done very well on beneficiating some difficult ores.

RANCHERIE CREEK: The Hayes outfit, who have been milling in the Illinois River district are going again after a short shut-down. McCaleb is now running a mill on his own property.

MT. SHASTA: Floyd Munson of Callahan, California, is bringing in some beautiful lump ore and it is reported that he has lots of it. Another logger gone mining.

PEARSOLL PEAK: The Weeks boys who learned their chrome at Orleans are doing their stuff at Pearsoll Peak with Foster. Ernie Foster hasn't gotten his mill going yet. Has 2800 feet of pipe to weld and Forest Service says "woods too dry".

CHETCO: The boys were a little disappointed in their operation and have shut down. Plans are for drilling next spring.

CYCLONE GAP: More and more ore is being drilled ahead by that Robertson man. The mine has passed the two thousand mark - all high grade.

HOLIDAY: Rommey Ullian, Ed Carlson and Leo Dressler are really bringing in some nice ore and lots of it.

ILLINOIS RIVER: Shipments of highgrade lump ore from this district are being led by Robertson Chrome Mine. This mine shipped to industry as late as 1948 and is going strong again. Everett and Ernie McTimmons are both getting nicely underway. Art Strickland has a fine showing, but needs a little help. Many more are getting going in the valley.

SO. CALIFORNIA: Not much information has been sent in from down that way, but we notice that Chairman, Joe Holman, is shipping again. International Metallurgical Chrome Corp. is sending in about three cars of concentrates a week. Let's hear from you boys.

AUBURN: Information is meager from this area too. Shipments are coming in. Walter Hoppe's gang is bringing ore to the depot and we understand a mill is being erected. Forest Hills in Placer County shipped in '18; the last war, and now is at it again in this one. Let's hear.

ALASKA: No shipments reported as yet. We know there is a lot of 50% on Kenai Peninsula. We are in touch with a couple of the boys up that way.

NO. CALIFORNIA: Fred Storey, et al, are milling on the old Kleinsort property at Red Bluff. W. A. Orsini, Redding. Hallaway & Merrick, Moffat Creek. Eastlick & Richter, Gazelle. Hatcher & Hazeltine, Fort Jones. Don Erickson, Seiad, Smith & Byrd, River-view. - AND many others are getting the sun off their backs and ore to the depot.

JOHN DAY: Burt Hayes will have his new mill grinding soon, so along with Tri-county, who are milling over there, and one other - the district has three plants.

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Congressman Harris Elisworth was amused to learn that that mythical \$40 saving the "Feds" make on imported chrome is offset by the approximate \$40 TAX the domestic shipper pays on his ton of chrome!

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Congressman Tom Martin of Iowa promised your secretary at Den-

PALEY REPORT - 3 ways to be taken. It all depends on what you want to believe. The Policy - the Facts - the Recommendations. It is truly a congressional report. As Ben Johnston once said in settling a country folk's controversy "Much can be said on both sides". Much will be said on all sides and it's just a case of pay-your-money-and-take-your-choice when it comes to trying to pin an answer down by using this report for reference. Both sides can show where they are right with an answer left over.

MORE GRANTS PASS MINING MEETING: Joe Holman, Louie Rice and Steve Ridgely split honors on check grabbing at the dinner after the meeting. Ruth and Bill Robertson had two nice loads of high-grade on display and "Queenie" Moroney had a beautiful load of milling ore from Maguffey Creek at the meeting hall.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AUGUST 1952

Bank Balance forward \$ 6.24

RECEIPTS - CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 50.00	U, S. National Bank	
1.00	Dean Axtell	
20.00	R. F. Hagaman	
20.00	Mike Seiler	
50.00	Paul Brunk	141.00

RECEIPTS - SHIPPERS

\$ 19.76	Onion Springs Mining Corp.	
100.00	Beatrice Brown - High Plateau	
4.00	Stephen Ridgely	
100.00	Holman & Powell - South Slope	
35.50	Van Curler Bros. - Ashland Milling Co.	
42.50	Everett K. McTimmons	
100.00	Rice Bros. - Chrome Milling Co.	
20.00	Carl Stevens	
13.00	Austin B. Brownell	
36.25	Bill Robertson Chrome Mine	
98.25	Ruth Robertson - Cyclone Gap	569.26

\$ 716.50

DISBURSED

\$ 41.28	Telephone & Telegraph	
67.60	Stationery & Printing	
475.00	Salaries	
12.06	Miscellaneous	
136.34	Travel	
8.00	Postage	740.28

Bank Balance - OVERDRAFT \$ 23.78

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

\$ 25.00	Office Rent
300.00	Car Rent
705.00	Salaries
55.89	Telephone & Telegraph
<u>1,085.89</u>	

(Cash not deposited June 18, 1952, from J. R. Holman, Garvey's Office Supplies \$ 4.90)

Bank Balance forward OVERDRAFT \$ 23.78

RECEIPTS - CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 90.00	Dean Axtel	
10.00	R. H. Cremere- American Forge Co.	
4.00	Herman Heller	
1.00	Francis Hibbard	
25.00	Manchet's	
7.00	S. B. Lewis	
1.00	Bob Askow	
5.00	E. S. Dirrett	
1.00	J. R. Elder	
.50	W. N. Grabill	
1.00	J. W. Graham	
5.00	Wm. F. Johnson	
1.00	Carl H. Riblett	
10.00	Roy Hansen	
1.00	Melvin Wallace	
5.00	D. D. Austin	
1.00	E. W. Knippel	
1.00	Dr. D. G. Mackie	
1.00	J. C. O'Brien	
1.00	J. Pat McCourtney	
20.00	Home Gas. Co.	191.50

RECEIPTS - SHIPPERS

\$ 22.43	Eastlick and Richter	
5.00	Roy Sharples	
14.50	W. A. Orsini	
16.00	J. N. and Max Grissom	
185.60	Ruth Robertson - Cyclone Gap	
31.00	Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")	
25.00	Fred Storey, Kleinsort property	
27.00	Pierce Bros., Morro Bay	
73.61	Van Curler Bros. Ashland Mine	
70.00	Stephen S. Ridgley	
18.00	S. H. & S. Mining Co. - (Don Erickson)	
15.00	Arthur Strickland	
30.00	Inman & Leonard	
50.00	Dale Franklin - Southwest Mines	
10.00	W. D. Bouser	
20.00	Holman & Powell	
501.00	Holiday Mines - Ed Carlson	
2.00	Walt Freeman and Vern Twomly	
2.00	Arthur Strickland	
5.00	Everett K. McTimmons	
14.50	Burt S. Hayes	
9.50	Austin B. Brownell	1,147.14
		<u>\$ 1,314.86</u>

DISBURSED

\$ 50.79	Rent	
55.89	Telephone and Telegraph	
13.65	Stationery, Office Supplies	
981.00	Salaries	
17.00	Miscellaneous	
161.87	Travel Expense	
20.00	Postage	1,300.90
		<u>\$ 13.96</u>

Bank Balance \$

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

\$ 30.00	Office Rent
5.00	Typewriter Rent
300.00	Car Rent - Daily's U-Drive
339.00	Salaries
101.49	Telephone & Telegraph
8.95	The Bulletin - Printing
<u>\$ 784.44</u>	

Your Secretary should be fighting the monopoly for more time instead of the creditors. SEND IN YOUR DUES.

POSTERS AT THE GRANTS PASS CHROME MEETING * * * *

Your Chrome Dan Says
It's got the Pip?
Montana awaits with
Acceptance slip!

Mining in Grants Pass
You lost your shirt?
Haul to Montana
And add some dirt \$ \$ \$ \$

If to your Chrome
Our Dan says "NO"
Truck to Montana
You're in the dough!

If to your Chrome
Dan B. says "onus"
Haul to Montana
You'll get a bonus!

Twelve more shippers signed their 50¢ per ton pledges at the Grants Pass meeting. Are you an odd one?

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HAGEMAN

Box 1415, Medford, Oregon, Ph. 2-6656
is still willing to do drilling

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You can lead the life of Reilley if
you shop at MANCHEL'S
New and Reconditioned household High-Grade
232 NW 6th Street for the Best in the West
Phone 4437

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JOHN BAKSHAS - Home Gas and Egyptian Motel is helping us - so fill your tanks on 99 South. He is also now alone in Grants Pass Chrome keeping John Long for assaying and Jack Gray for the engineering.

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This space is reserved for YOUR ad, so send in \$10. and tell us what you want to sell.

The Stock Pile

CAL-ORE. CHROME PRODUCERS

Committee of Oregon Mining Ass'n

GRANTS PASS, OREGON

Volume 1 - No. 3

August 28, 1952

ADDRESS CHANGES: Your Cal-Ore Chrome Producers finally found means to afford a Post Office Box. You can reach us now at Box 255, Grants Pass, Oregon.

DAN BEYER, Bossman at the Depot, announces his new mailing address.

General Service Administration
Chrome Ore Depot, 1151 Highway 199
Grants Pass, Oregon.

We have Dan to thank for rearranging his crew so that we may now unload from 7 to 7. Monday through Friday. It helps a lot and will continue as long as we keep shipping.

CORRECTION

Our report of the price paid for Montana concentrates was as incorrect as the Paley report!

We reported Montana as receiving 3¢ per ton less than the Grants Pass stockpile - IF Grants Pass would accept chrome so low as 38% Cr₂O₃ - 1.5 to 1 Cr:Fe ratio at \$35.

THE TRUTH Montana receives \$4.18 per ton more than Grants Pass! Their price is \$34.97 per SHORT ton.

You add it, boys,

THE ANSWER is \$39.15 per long ton - or \$4.18 MORE THAN THE PRICE PAID AT THE GRANTS PASS DEPOT

Two more concessions are \$1,815,000 worth of equipment and a 4% loan of \$950,000.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The long awaited visit from the "FEDS" is to take place Sept. 18th at 10 AM at the Veterans' SEPT. 18th - 10 A. M. Hall, 234 SW L St., Grants Pass, Oregon.

It is most important that all chrome interests be there. Your future depends on your attendance. Too few willing horses have pulled the load --- pull your share now.

Remember to ride your loaded trucks in and come to the meeting as you are. Its important.

Your dough rents the hall --- You fill it.

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The miners of California and Oregon sincerely hope that BILL FREEMAN, who came West a year ago to open the stockpile, can be with us again at this meeting. Bill believed in us against advice from other Government Agencies and Bureaus who said that no chrome existed in the

True, we have not shipped as much ore as we reported we would (though we passed the B. of M.'s estimate for the first year - in the first six weeks!)

This can be attributed to the two months extra winter we had this summer - the failure of the big Klamath River properties to get underway as yet - lack of miners experienced in the mining of chrome - positively no help from the ACCESS ROADS boys and lack of confidence by capital in the program due partially to tax problems and partially to the shortness of the program. We hope to make up our shortage, Mr. Freeman, so that we may keep faith with you as you have certainly done with us. We want you here to see first hand. You're always welcome at any western mining camp.

OUR REPORT TO BILL FREEMAN

- 23 Chrome concentrating plants have been built in California and Oregon.
- 3 More mills are being completed.
(not one dime of government financing)
- 1725 Tons per day is our total tonnage capacity
- 2000 Tons per day will be the tonnage capacity when the three new mills are completed.
(This is TWICE the capacity of the government financed Montana Plant)

The government pays us \$4.18 per ton LESS than it pays the Montana plant, chops our program off in three years (or five?), lets Montana run nine years.

Our chrome is averaging 7 points higher than predicted by the Bureau of Mines and 11 points higher than Montana!

Our iron averages 5 points better than predicted by the Bureau of Mines and 12 points better than Montana!

Our plants will just be getting the bugs out when winter will close most of them. BUT, next year, Bill, we'll hit our stride. You and that other pioneer, Mr. James Douglas, will be proud of us.

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YOU CONCENTRATE SHIPPERS remember, the five ton minimum acceptance means five long dry tons. Moisture content of friable ore has been running from nine to fifteen percent - so allow for it.

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If ECA operated as slowly and poorly as the ACCESS ROADS boys we would have at least one more front to fight! What happened? NOTHING! Summer gone - another round for the "Pinks" and "Joe".

The JOHN DAY COUNTRY in Eastern Oregon is sending in concentrates from two mills. Burt Hayes & Hazeltine and the Tri-County Mill.

FEAR NOT It is reported that twenty-two major steel furnaces are now in full production in Europe. It is reported that at least four more large ones are being completed. The U. S. during the past decade has been the purchaser of at least 55% of the world's chrome ore - for national consumption. Our purchases for the plants we have built in Europe with American Tax Dollars might well exceed that amount.

ATTENTION: BUREAU OF MINES Could be that U. S. ore will supply foreign furnaces in the not too distant future? We may benefit by the Marshall Plan!

Dan reminds us: If the producer is a partnership, the Depot and Bank must obtain and retain in their files a certified copy of the assumed name certificate for the purpose of identifying the properties of the enterprise and the depot and bank must obtain a Power of Attorney executed by all members of the partnership evidencing the authority of the person or persons authorized to deliver and sell chrome ore or chrome concentrates; and execute receipts and draw drafts for the purchase price thereof.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Your secretary now has a set of books and a bottle of red ink with which to keep them!

Here's June (the month we started)

<u>Receipts</u>	
\$50.00	Holman and Powell
62.00	Oregon Mining Assn.
100.00	Rico Bros.
<u>\$212.00</u>	
<u>Disbursed</u>	
Rent	\$25.00
Stationery & printing	57.45
Salaries	50.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Petty cash	<u>25.00</u>
	\$162.45

July

<u>Receipts</u>	
\$2.50	Hillis & Piron
100.00	E. R. Brown
5.00	A. E. Akstrand
10.00	Tommio's Super Service
50.00	First National Bank in Grants Pass
50.34	Eastlick & Richter
31.25	Ray Holmko
6.00	O. W. and Leo Stumpgos
131.50	Ruth Robertson (Cyclone Gap)
54.25	Robertson Chrome Mines ("Bill")
3.00	Austin B. Brownell
<u>\$443.64</u>	
<u>Disbursed</u>	
Stationery	\$4.78
Salaries	420.00
Miscellaneous	.55
Travelling expenses	37.12
Postage	19.70
Entertainment	<u>5.00</u>
	\$487.15

(bank balance \$6.24)

<u>Accounts Payable</u>	
Telephone	\$41.75
Office rent	25.00
Typewriter rent	5.00
Stationery	45.05
Salaries	380.00
Car rent	<u>200.00</u>
	\$696.80

REMEMBER Shorman Smith advises us your contribution of fifty cents per ton shipped is deductible as your dues to a non-profit organization, either as a "managerial Fee" or "advertising".

The August financial statement looks brighter - as you'll see when enough dough comes in to publish the next issue!

MANCHEL'S

If you chromites find you have "traded-your-bed-in-for-a-lantern" to take advantage of the short mining season - remember the "high-grade" FURNITURE at MANCHEL'S. Manchel's stands ready to furnish your whole house if necessary. You won't regret your chrome-season recklessness when you see their stock. Four complete departments. 232 NW 6th Street MANCHEL'S Phone 4437

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SMOKE SIGNALS say: Hageman hit a five foot stringer on Ted Tyrell's Little Dipper. Ted plans to go in on it this winter.

STEVE RIDGLEY should be shipping concentrates soon from the Campbell area.

PIERCE BROS. are grinding away at Morro Bay.

<p>THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY OF KNOWING WHERE YOU ARE GOING -</p> <p><u>HAGEMAN DRILLING CO.</u> P.O. Box 1415 Medford, Oregon.</p> <p>Expert in drilling chrome ores.</p> <p>PHONE 2-6656</p>	<p>Take advantage of civilization, pension that packhorse and have your prospecting and mining needs dropped at your campsite.</p> <p>FRED HALE'S GRANTS PASS AIR SERVICE can do it all. His rates are reasonable.</p> <p>GRANTS PASS AIR SERVICE Highway 99 N., Phone 2235</p>
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GEORGE BEERS, M.E., was in town on the affairs of International Metallurgical Chrome Corp. in San Luis Obispo County. They are shipping about three cars of concentrates per week.

STUEMPGES BROS. and some others are holding claims in the Roseburg district showing some nice samples.

BILL AND RUTH ROBERTSON, our busiest Chromites, are on the go night and day but never too busy to make out a check to the Cal-Ore Chrome Producers for fifty cents a ton on each settlement they get.

ERNIE FOSTER will soon have hot coffee for visitors on the Illinois River where his mill is getting under way.

We wanted to list the mistakes made by some of the mills we've seen to prevent duplication but decided in favor of the paper shortage.

Its too hard to get a copy of a Russian Newspaper to find out exactly what has been put in the depot here but we do know that we're way behind our quota so keep digging "Hardrocks" while the weather is good.

We remind you again - each mine should have a mine serial number for the sake of priorities as some of the boys are now finding out in their ordering.

Write in and tell us what is going on around your diggings. A hint or two may help the next miner. The more that comes in, the brighter the future for all of us.

J. CHARLIE O'BRIEN, the hardrock we like most to see walk into camp, is making his rounds - but not often enough to suit us. Guess that's because there is only one of him and too many places to go to.

Chrome Concentrate Price Schedule

(For Lump Ore Add \$5.00)

Grants Pass Base Price												Montana				
Chrome	CHROME TO IRON RATIO															
	3	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1	to 1
48%	\$110	\$107	\$104	\$101	\$ 98	\$ 95	\$ 92	\$ 89	\$ 86	\$ 83	\$ 80	\$ 77	\$ 74	\$ 71	\$ 68	\$ 65
47%	107	104	101	98	95	92	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62
46%	104	101	98	95	92	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59
45%	101	98	95	92	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56
44%	98	95	92	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53
43%	95	92	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53	50
42%	92	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53	50	47
41%	89	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53	50	47	44
40%	86	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53	50	47	44	41
39%	83	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53	50	47	44	41	38
38%	80	77	74	71	68	65	62	59	56	53	50	47	44	41	38	35*

\$62.00 Rejection Point Grants Pass.

\$34.97 Rejection Point Montana Ore.

The Stock Pile

CAL.-ORE. CHROME PRODUCERS

Committee of Oregon Mining Ass'n

GRANTS PASS, OREGON

Volume 1 - No. 2

July 20, 1952

The Stock Pile can be a stockpile of information to the industry if you contribute.

The "have-not" boys are busy again. Get the June 30 copy of Time magazine. (pages 78-79-80)

The "Buy American" act is called "a relic of depression psychology"! Leaving ore stored in the ground is recommended as "the best kind of long range stockpile."!

Have the lessons of world wars 1 and 2 been forgotten so soon? Must our Planning Commission plan us in to riding for the same fall? Write your Congressmen what you think about this.

See the attached price schedule for concentrates and retain it - a labor saving device for our mill operators - but figured to show you how your Grants Pass stockpile compares with Montana on grade and price.

Two of our government officials in Washington have just been heard to say " Grants Pass chrome costs us \$110 - Montana \$34.97 " ! This schedule should help them correct their error. Montana concentrates are three cents per ton less than Grants Pass. The Montana grade is nine points lower than the Grants Pass rejection point. 50% of the Montana project is government financed !

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Walter Hoppe, Chairman of the new Stockpile Committee, has been a very busy guy in his efforts to get better service for the areas of Central and Southern California. He has already lined out a feasible spot in Sacramento with all the necessary facilities and is working with the State and C of C powers to reduce the penalty of the long haul and the added restrictions of crossing the State lines.

Fay Bristol is working with GSA to try to get the stockpile open longer hours. This would help us all and the country would get more high grade chrome.

DEPOT: Repaving of the area is under way. It is also reported that the property is soon to be fenced. Some small inconveniences may result in removing rejects and sorting, but remember Dan Beyers and his gang have extended themselves for us and it is a

SHIPMENTS: Deliveries have been slightly below expectations during the past two weeks. The lack of a greater increase has been attributed to the recent rains and the other kind of water during the Fourth of July celebrations.

MINING: Bill Robertson, chairman of the Committee on mining, is certainly doing his part. Busy as he is with four properties under way he still finds time to help the new-comer and well he can as Bill has mined and shipped more Chrome than anyone else in these parts. His Cyclone Gap operation is a Masterpiece.

One of the local Mill men was asked what his "heads" ran. After finding out that "heads" and mill feed were the same, he remarked " I just throw it in, Chicken guts, feathers and all. When she runs I make a buck a minute."

ACCESS ROADS: No word has been received for over a month by those who applied. The roads are badly needed and this is the time of the year to build them. Hope to have more information by next issue.

MONEY: The following have paid their 50¢ per ton during the past month:
Bill and Ruth Robertson lead the field with \$100.00 from Cyclone Gap and \$33.75 from the Robertson Chrome Mines - Holman & Powell, Sunny Slope \$50.00, - Eugene R. Brown, High Plateau, \$100.00, - Rice Bros., Chrome Milling Co. \$100.00, - Roy Hillis & Pieren \$2.50, - Jack R. Brownell on Robertson lease \$4.50 and A. E. Ekstrand, who works at Cyclone Gap says "Chrome feeds me so I'll feed Chrome" and gave \$5.00. Incidentally, Ekstrand has a very fine thought. Your Committee has and is doing a lot for Chrome mining and can only work efficiently when well fed. Send in your checks no matter how small for the tonnage you've shipped.

Sixty four sources have shipped to the stockpile since the first of the year with California and Oregon having about an equal number. With completion of roads and development work, that figure should double by the end of the season. Keep digging fellows - a big mine is the result of a little prospect and remember no one knows how much ore is in the ground until they dig it out.

Some of the smart boys have been raising the grade of their ore by washing it.

To win a war ---- have domestic ore and have it stored for use.

Many questions have been asked concerning the government purchase contract of ore from this source.

After discussing the matter with some of the best authorities on the chrome program and an engineer who operated in that area during World War 11 some can be answered.

Our fellow miners in Montana fought long and hard as did some of our committee members to enlighten the Federal Government of this country's serious need for chrome. We are happy to see them succeed and to help avoid the terrific loss of men, ships and ore due to the lack of the development of domestic mining. During the last war 63 of the first 68 ore ships were lost, not counting the warships destroyed while trying to protect them. A high cost for very little chrome. The present "peace - time" price for imported ore, foreign mines many of which have been financed by the U. S. dollar, is only about thirty dollars less than the domestic price - notwithstanding the much cheaper labor and freight. The average American chrome producer pays at least thirty per cent income tax - so that the government is actually getting ore for the same price. Also, until the Montana contract was granted, none of the taxpayers money was spent developing or producing domestic chrome.

There has been much comment on the fact that the government officials have made mistakes buying foreign ore too low in chromic oxide, too low in chrome to iron ratio and too high in silica content and were forced to make the Grants Pass stockpile requirements very high, (2 to 1 chrome iron ratio, 42% chrome - less than 10% silica), to help build up the national reserve of "metallurgical" chrome, so important to the steel industry in peace time and vital to the war effort.

Your Grants Pass stockpile averages 47% ! As over 40% of the chrome used is of this type, then why should the government buy and contract for chrome of the Montana grade? An answer could be this. The country's chrome consumption, 55% of the world's production, uses 17% of the ore chemically, i.e. paint pigment, plating, etc. Also a Canadian company can use about 700 tons per month of the 1,000 ton per day output of the Montana chrome for making Chrome X.

Another question asked is why is Montana chrome taking a beating on price? Study the attached chart. Figuring the penalties on Grants Pass basic price for 48%, 3 to 1, (profitable for o-chrome plants, the largest users, require at least 45% - remember your Grants Pass stockpile averages 47%) The Montana project is THREE CENTS (3¢) per ton less.

News from the hills

High Plateau: Eugene Brown who shipped at a loss along with Dorothea "Queenie" Moroney of Klamath River during the thirties to prove to the nation that chrome existed in the West has shipped over fourteen thousand tons of some of the highest grade ore (around 55% Chromite and 3.5 to 1 iron) this country has been able to purchase. Even the Bureau of Mines says that that is some "POD". Gene has enough ore blocked to ship the two thousand tons he desires this year with his partners, his wife Beatrice and daughter Wanda. The property is being drilled at present though no luck yet.

Twenty feet of snow still blocks "Queenie" from getting into the Kubli lease from the Seiad side ---- Dan Beyers would probably welcome a few loads of it these past few days at the stockpile. Ed Kubli and seven men had a rough time clearing trails to get their pack horses to the mine.

...concerning the government purchase
...this source.
...the past authorities on the
...the matter with some of the past authorities on the
...and an engineer who operated in that area during
...world war II some can be answered.

Chetco: The boys have put in a low water bridge at the end of the twelve miles of road they built across the Illinois and are now hauling.

Sunny Slope: Joe Holman and his Monterey boys are still shipping and looking. Despite the heavy rains in that district this past winter they managed to keep the trucks coming in.

Visitors: Dr. T. Granville Jensen and his summer school group on Natural Resources from Oregon State College were recent visitors to the stockpile. Their interesting questions were ably answered by Fay Eristol. The Doctor is still in a quandry over the definitions of a "subsidy" and "an inverted tarriff". The government doesn't have to put the money out first. Free enterprise, that built this Great America, will take its own risk and forge ahead if there is even the smallest chance for a profit with which to buy better living.

A word and a visit from the Greeks. George Aronis, of the Geological Survey of Greece, and George Marinos of the University of Athens visited several Chrome Mines in the area and spoke very highly of the prospects for the future.

The Grants Pass Cavemen are hatching some new Tiger eggs with added L. T. (less tobasco) for chum and member George Holderer's (D.M.P.A.) next visit to our rock diggins.

Fred Hale's Grants Pass Air Service is still flying in parts and hunting up over due equipment.

Johnny Long at Oregon Chrome is a great help to the boys who need assaying in a hurry.

Rice Bros. have put on another shift at their mill and are opening up more properties leased from Bristol and Baker.

Van Curler Bros. are running full time on Chrome and sending in some nice concentrates.

Dean Axtell is not only doing an excellent job hauling but has been a great help to out of town shippers in handling their affairs at this end.
