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A pitch for outside help in the development of South County gold deposits was made Friday morning in Roseburg at a press conference held by Myrtle Creek's Ron Moore, spokesman for the recently rediscovered Nugget City Mine on South Myrtle.

Moore, president of the Heirloom Nugget Gold Co., also reiterated his contention that the development of gold deposits could provide a new boon to the area's economy, and announced the invention of an adjustable wrench insert device to be manufactured by a newly established firm named the A&B Insert Tool Co.

As for progress on the Nugget City Mine (formerly known as the Little Chieftain Mine), Moore reported that a new quartz vein has been discovered. Inasmuch as it runs north-south while all other known veins have run east-west, Moore said he is virtually certain the vein is a previously undiscovered one.

Core drilling results, new assay reports and offers of development are still being made in conjunction with the mine. "We're still weighing our options," said Moore.

Friday's press conference, held at the Windmill Restaurant conference room, attracted media representatives from KPIC and KOB TV, KRSB and KRNR radio, and the *News-Review*, as well as officials from the Roseburg office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Moore said the "bottom line" behind the press conference was to flush out parties interested in developing the area's gold. "Oregon has a wealth of minerals covered up by foliage," he said. "There's too much of it for our company or any one company to take care of. The secret of success is to share the wealth with those who can help to develop it."

Moore provided the making of a list of available local machinery which might be used to help in development. He said he has been in touch with mining companies from Montana, Nevada, Washington, Arizona and California regarding possible development. He added that



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Moore read articles published in the defunct *Roseburg Plain Dealer* in 1904 and 1905 which suggested that the absence of refined mining of South County mines in the 19th century was due to uncertainty over how to economically work the mines, a lack of capital for experienced men and machinery, and a general public prejudice against oil and gold entrepreneurs.

In response to questioning, he said the belief that the cost in extracting existing gold deposits is simply too prohibitive is false. Today's gold values, versus those in the first half of the century, mean that gold can be successfully mined at exceedingly low-grade levels, he contended.

An eastern Oregon firm (unnamed by Moore) is successfully mining ore tailings with only .02 ounces of gold per ton, he claimed. Assays from the Nugget City Mine have shown gold densities of 13.04 ounces per ton, and new assays not yet completed are expected to show even greater densities, he said.

"The gold is there—we have all the evidence pointing to that," said Moore. "There is no reason why the Myrtle Creek gold fields should not become as famous as the Cripple Creek Mine of Colorado."

Moore conceded that there would be environmental concerns and deep core drilling involved in development, but characterized those concerns as "not insurmountable."

Moore, who is a neighbor to Dave White, the rancher on whose land the Nugget City Mine rests, was quizzed more than once on what his role is in seeking development of the mine in particular, and in encouraging gold development in general. "I'm not a broker, you could call me a self-appointed recruiter," he said. "My role is simply to share our findings."

What happens next? "After this press conference, I hope I just wait for the phone to start ringing," said Moore.