

U. S. G. S. WILL MAKE FURTHER TESTS OF BURNS, OREGON, TIN

IN AN EFFORT to find the answer to the question, "Is there tin at Burns, Oregon?" Dr. W. C. Mendenhall, director of the United States Geological Survey, has announced that further tests are to be made of the Burns "tin" deposits. Tests also are being made at the present time by the Oregon State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries in cooperation with the Oregon State College.

The added investigation is being made by the U. S. G. S. at the request of Senator R. F. Holman of Oregon, who urged that certain "cyanide fusion" tests be made which, according to the Oregon tin proponents, bring out the metal which otherwise eludes detection.

Dr. Mendenhall informed Senator Holman that his staff will make further cyanide fusion tests as requested, although convinced that "if any tin at all is present, it is in such small quantities as to be insignificant."

Other tests used by the survey are more reliable and would have shown tin if as little as one pound per ton existed, but none of the 16 samples reacted positively, Dr. Mendenhall declared.

The Burns deposits are held by private interests which have been involved in a dispute with federal agencies as to whether or not tin exists.