

Greenback Mine at Ashland

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F. W. Wickham, owner and operator of the **Ashland Mine at Ashland**, has leased the **Greenback** mine and is starting operations. Operations at the **Ashland** mine and mill will continue.

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Greenback, Josephine

Work has been started on the Greenback mine 23 miles north of Grants Pass, Oregon, by H. Anderson and Jeff Wimer, who recently leased the ground from L. E. and Pearl E. Klumpp, both of Grants Pass. Values are in gold and silver. Until last fall the mine was operated by P. B. Wickham, who dismantled the mine and mill equipment which he had installed when he gave up the lease.

P. B. WICKHAM ^{9/1} TELLS OF PLAN AT GREENBACK

Confirmation by P. B. Wickham, leading southern Oregon "hard-rock" gold miner, that he will operate Greenback mine was made by Mr. Wickham late Wednesday.

The Greenback, now partly dismantled, will at first resume as a smaller operation, Mr. Wickham said, with not less than 10 stamps and probably more.

Jewel Morrison, field geologist for the state department of geology and mineral industries, said Thursday he approved the following release:

The Greenback mine is recognized as the largest lode gold mine of Josephine county, with a past production record estimated in excess of three and a half million dollars. The mine has nearly two miles of underground workings, exploring the vein system for a length of some 1500 feet and to a depth of more than 1000 feet. The milling plant of 40 stamps formerly treated as much as 150 tons per day and the mine and mill when in full operation provided employment to as many as 100 men.

Wickham states that the first several months will be devoted to re-opening, repairing and exploration of the mine to be followed by rebuilding of the milling plant, supplemented by additional equipment, power plants, etc. The progress of this program, however, will depend much upon effecting a road connection between the new CCC road and the mine as the old roads have become almost impossible for the transport of heavy loads. Some preliminary work has already been done on the project and timber cutting for underground needs is now under way. Gas power unit and one compressor will be taken to the mine within a few days and bids are being invited for contract prices on retimbering of No. 9 level.

P. B. Wickham is generally regarded as the leading mine owner and operator of this section and his holdings besides the "Greenback" include the "Standard Metal Mine" and "Standard Placers", on Rogue river at Alameda in Josephine County, the "Shorty Hope Mine" and the "Ashland Mine" near the city of Ashland in Jackson county, the latter being at present the largest lode gold producer in southwestern Oregon with continuous operation under present ownership since 1931.

Wickham declined to make any forecast concerning the result of his undertaking at the Greenback Mine but his record as a mining operator offers good reason to feel that the mine will be successfully operated.

P. B. Wickham of Ashland, Oregon, has leased the **Greenback** mine near Graves Creek, Oregon, and is starting immediate operation. Wickham



is the owner and operator of the Ashland and Shorty Hope mines, near Ashland, where work will be con-

tinued. The Greenback is opened by over two miles of underground workings and bids are being invited for contract prices on retimbering the ninth level. A 40-stamp mill, with a capacity of 150 tons daily, is on the ground, but at first only about 10 stamps will be used. Road construction and rehabilitation work will be necessary before the mine can be put into production again.

P. B. Wickham of Ashland, Oregon, owner and operator of the Ashland mine reports that in spite of winter weather



both mine and mill have been running steadily. During 1936 the lower levels of the South shaft were unwatered and the past season, 1937, was devoted to new development and continued reopening of old workings. About 1,000 feet of

new workings were driven during the year, work being concentrated on the 900, 500, and 300 levels of the mine, with some work on other levels. Values are recovered by amalgamation, but cyanidation may be installed this season to treat the new tailings, now in storage. Additional ground adjoining the Ashland on the southwest was acquired last year.

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Some equipment will be added and operations expanded during 1940 at the Ashland mine at Ashland, Oregon, which is owned and operated by P. B. Wickham, Box 501, Ashland. Work is being resumed after a two-month winter shutdown. Ore values are in gold and silver and from six to 10 men are employed. A 20-ton amalgamation plant is on the ground and Wickham plans to install cyanide equipment to treat the tailings.

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Further increase in the scope of operations at the Ashland mine, Ashland, Oregon, is planned by P. B. Wickham of Ashland, owner and operator. The cyanide plant is being moved to a point below the retaining cribs and additional equipment will be added for the treatment of material impounded there. It is estimated that there is a year's supply. Some leasing is being done in the upper workings of the mine, with irregular production. The company employs seven men in work on its own account. The operating force includes J. L. Pierson of Ashland, assistant general manager; William G. Davis, Phoenix, Oregon, assistant mill superintendent; and Roy Bushnell of Ashland, master mechanic.

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Reported Floyd Powell, purchased
20-ton on Ashland mine from Ken Conners.