

HOLCOMB MINERAL SPRING

GOLD HILL DISTRICT

Owner: Thomas R. Rice

Location: sec. 23, T. 35 S., R. 3 W., elevation 1800 feet

Area: 40 acres of deeded land, originally homestead.

History: Discovery date unknown, Taken up by George W. Holcomb about 1920.

Development: Five cabins and bath house. Water is piped about 30 feet. Water is cold, has to be heated for baths.

Economics: In 1938 about 4000 baths were serviced at 50¢ per bath.

Analysis as published by the Holcomb Mineral Springs is:

Magnesia.....	28 grains	per gallon.
Lithia.....	6 grains	"
Sodium Chloride.....	6 grains	"
Sodium bicarbonate.....	4 grains	"
Silica.....	4 grains	"

Mercury, about 0.06 percent.

Informant: Thomas R. Rice, March, 1940.

Report by A. A. Lewis.

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HOLCOMB MINERAL SPRING

GOLD HILL DISTRICT

Owner: Thomas R. Rice, Star Route, Gold Hill, Oregon

Location: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 35 S., R. 3 W., elevation 1800 feet.

Area: 40 acres of deeded land, originally homestead.

History: Discovery date is unknown, but it is known that the Indians visited and used the spring when white men came into the area. George W. Holcomb originally homesteaded the property. It was sold to N. W. Slusser, and it returned to Holcomb in 1933. In 1936 Rice purchased it from Holcomb.

Development: There is a shelter over the spring. There are six small cabins and a two-tub bath house. The water is heated by a small wood-fired furnace. No water is sold - only baths. No wells have been drilled to develop the spring, further.

Geology: The country-rock is meta-sediment that is exceedingly fine grained. Umpqua sandstone outcrops a short distance east of the spring. The meta-sediment is cut by a six-inch shear zone that trends N. 18° E., and dips 65° S. E., and is water bearing. The rock in the shear zone shows evidence of hydrothermal alteration; it is cut by numerous small stringers of calcareous material; and it is heavily metallized with sulfides. Many of the calcareous stringers contain fine-grained pyrite. A small amount of gas is given off, and it has a strong hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg) odor. Colloidal stringers of a white material, reported to be magnesia, "grow" from the walls of the spring. Another spring, on the same trend and about a mile south, is reported but it does not have as heavy a mineral content.

Economics: The flow of water is fairly constant at 2 gallons per minute. In 1938, it was reported that about 4000 baths at 50¢ per bath, were serviced. Analysis of the water as published by the Holcomb Mineral Springs is:

Grains per gallon

Magnesia.....	28
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Sodium Chloride.....	6
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Informant: Thomas R. Rice and Ray C. Treasher, 11/4/40

Report by: RCT 11/5/40

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Mr. Rice appears to be unable, financially, to fix up the spring, cabins and bath house so that the resort will attract the type of people who have money to spend on such recreation. The surroundings of the spring are quite attractive, and it is possible that a good resort could be established. The road from the Crater Lake Highway to the Springs needs some work done on it.

Principal activity at present is occasioned by the analytical work of a Mrs. Joe Moore, Star Route, Gold Hill, Oregon. She is a self-instructed analyst and she has a special process for recovering various metals from the water. She reports gold and mercury. A. A. Lewis has tested the water, by making it a pregnant cyanide solution, for gold, with negative results. He has tested some of the rock from the shear zone to indicate mercury, also negative, or blank.

~~It~~ It appears that Mrs. Miller is either "pulling a ~~fast~~ fast one" or is unintentionally salting her samples, and securing results that cannot be duplicated except by this secret process. According to Rice, there are a group of men who are anxious to buy the property if Mrs. Miller can further demonstrate to them the mineral content of the water. Rice is not figuring on developing the spring for its metal content.

However, Rice is so interested in the metal content of the water that he has spent most of the summer getting Mrs. Miller samples and dabbling with this unique idea that he has been unable to fix up the property.

Ray C. Treasher,
Field Geologist,
November 6th, 1940.

Holcomb Mineral Springs
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 35 S., R. 3 W.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

ASSAY REPORT

Office Number AG-1427

Grants Pass, Oregon

~~Baker, Oregon~~

November 15, 1934

Sample submitted by Ray C. Treasher

Grants Pass, Oregon

Sample description Dark gray, metasedimentary rock, and white calcite containing a noticeable amount of pyrite. 5 lbs. 4 inches.

The assay results given below are made without charge as provided by Chapter 176, Section 10, Oregon Laws 1937, the sender having complied with the provisions thereof.

NOTICE: The assay results given below are from a sample furnished by the above named person. This department had no part in the taking of the sample and assumes no responsibility, other than the accuracy of the assay of the material as furnished it by the sender.

Sample Number	GOLD		SILVER		Mercury		Percent	Value	Total Value
	Ounces per ton	Value	Ounces per ton	Value	Percent	Value			
					None				

Market Quotations:

Gold \$ per oz.
 Silver \$ per oz.
 \$ per oz.
 \$ per oz.

STATE ASSAY LABORATORY

Albert R. Lewis
 Assayer

Holcomb Mineral Springs
Sec. 23, T. 35 S., R. 3 W.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

ASSAY REPORT

Office Number AG-1457

Grants Pass, Oregon

~~Eaker, Oregon~~

November 29, 1940

Sample submitted by Thomas R. Rice

Gold Hill, Oregon

Sample description Metasedimentary rock containing a noticeable amount of pyrite and calcite. 4 lbs. 3 inches.

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Sample Number	GOLD		SILVER						Total Value
	Ounces per ton	Value	Ounces per ton	Value	Percent	Value	Percent	Value	
	None		None						

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Gold \$ per oz.
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GOLD HILL, OREGON

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BOTTLED FRESH AT THE SPRINGS

ANALYSIS

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Sod. Bicarbonate	4	grs.
Silica	4	grs.

About .06 of 1% Mercury.

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