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begin operations in 10 days.

The property is located three miles northeast of Gold Hill, near the Rogue river. It comprises 132 acres. Its principal vein averages 18 to 40 feet wide and extends for several miles beyond the company property. There are 18 fissure veins adjoining the principal vein.

The mine was taken over by the company only last August, but it has a history of yielding some \$500,000 over many years. It hasn't been worked since 1935.

General development is by shaft and haulage tunnels. Depth of the workings is 900 feet on three levels and operations extend literally to about 2500 feet. The company will use a flotation type of recovery and has an ample water supply from the Rogue river, where it has built a 4000-gallon storage tank.

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