

ASH PROSPECT (quicksilver)

Gold Hill area

Location: secs. 35, 36, T. 33 S., R. 1 W., and sec. 1, T. 34 S., R. 1 W.

"E. E. Ash has some claims in secs. 35 and 36, T. 33 S., R. 1 W., and sec. 1, T. 34 S., R. 1 W. These claims are on the south side of the Rogue River, across the river from the highway, but a small bridge was being built in 1930. The

workings include an open cut and three short adits, each about 50 feet long, at vertical intervals of about 200 feet, on the northwest side of a gulch. The open cut is about 100 feet above the Rogue River, and the top or No. 4 adit is about 700 feet above the river. About 50 feet above the top adit there is a shaft 36 feet deep with a short drift about 12 feet long at the bottom.

"The rocks in all these workings are altered volcanic flows, in which the original feldspar phenocrysts have changed to white spots of clay in a gray-lavender groundmass. Very irregular iron ribs as much as $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide cut the rock. Limonite-stained chalcedony similar to that of the iron ribs occurs also as spherical masses 2 to 3 inches in diameter with a hollow center filled with powdery limonite. A fault that strikes S. 74° E. and dips $85^{\circ} - 90^{\circ}$ S.W. has been explored by adit 4 and by the shaft and the 12-foot drift. Some smeared cinnabar was seen on the slickensided fault plane."

Reference: Wells & Waters 34:48 (quoted).
Wilkinson, 40:4.