

March 8th, 1938.

Mr. John M. Cartwright, Atty.-at-law,
168 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 9th, addressed to Professor J. H. Batcheller, has been referred here for reply.

You inquire about the so-called "Cal-Ore" hydraulic mining property located in Josephine County, Oregon, on Galice Creek. I am personally acquainted with this property, and happen to know Mr. Grant very well. We have made no report on this property; in fact, we are not in a position to make formal reports on any properties unless it be for general information. I think I can, however, with propriety advise you that the imminence of the lawsuit last year between the mining and fishing interests was a handicap to this property. This lawsuit has been settled out of court and I anticipate it will not be re-opened if we pass a law in this State which will give a satisfactory control of the situation. Such a law, as an initiative measure, comes up in the May election.

Regarding the property in question, your inquiry doubtless refers to certain high channels above the bed of Galice Creek. These should contain sufficient gold to make a satisfactory operation, provided a proper water supply can be obtained. In the past, I believe, water has been available at times from the waste supply from the old channel mine located higher on the mountain. This supply, I suspect, would be insecure at this time. However, it is my impression that Mr. Grant had a plan for a considerable supply of water from the north fork of Galice Creek, which would require a relatively short ditch. I cannot advise you as to the amount of placer yardage available, but if the property is on the market and you desire to acquire a hydraulic property, I would be inclined to think you would do well to look the matter over.

I am taking the liberty of placing your name on our list to receive what we call our Clearing-House Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

Earl K. Nixon, Director

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Mr. J. H. Batchellor,
Secretary, State Mining Board,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Batchellor:

I have been informed that the State Mining Board has recently made an examination of the so-called Cal-Ore hydraulic mining property located in Josephine County, on Galice Creek. I believe this is the property of a Mr. W. B. Grant. As I understand it about \$18,000 has been spent in equipping this property; that the debris law caused its shut-down last year, but that presently an agreement has been reached between the sportsmen and miners which now enables the property to be profitably worked. I have heard conflicting reports on this property, and have had nothing submitted to me in the way of samplings which would justify me in having my engineer visit the property.

I have been asked, however, before turning the property down to write you concerning it, as my informant advises me that the State Board made a very favorable report on the property.

Can you put me in possession of some authentic information concerning the commercial possibilities of this piece of ground, obliging

Very sincerely yours,



JMCs