

EMPIRE MINE (quicksilver)

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Briggs states that the ore has been traced underground for 400 feet, yet it will be noted that his underground workings of 65' + ~~54~~ 45' + 35' total 145'. So I would be inclined to question his opinion of the size of the ore body.

The tunnels were caved at time of visit, but are being reopened. Could not get underground. I stated that we would be glad to come out and look over the property when it was opened and Briggs indicated that he was not interested; in fact, he would prefer if we did not; that everytime anyone looked at anything of his, his taxes went up. Besides, he was developing the mine for his own use and did not care for the information to be broadcast. He will not lease, but will sell "if I can get my price". Bob Betts looked at it and stated that if he would drive an adit about 150 feet lower in elevation that Blackbutte would give him \$30,000 for the property. Just like that!!! Some of the "ore" was seen; small specks of cinnabar could be detected, but I could form no opinion as to the quality of the ore, and certainly none as to quantity.

Briggs has quite a local reputation. He is in the business of jumping claims and what not, according to local residents, and seems to be in considerable disrepute. I'm not vouching for these stories, - ~~these~~ they are given as "straws in the wind".

I got stuck leaving the property, - had to back down a road that rises some 1000 feet in half a mile, and I got off to one side. At one time, I thot I might spend the rest of my life on the mountainside, and a short life at that, as the car began creeping over the edge of the road in slippery mud and there seemed to be little I could do about it.

Ray C. Treasher.
4/16/40

EDWARD MINING COMPANY

Grants Pass area

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Grants Pass area

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GRANTS PASS DISTRICT

Owner: Lester R., Lela, Uleda, and Loris Briggs, Route 2, Box 520, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Location: center sec. 3, T. 36 S., R. 7 W., elev. 1500 feet.

Area: Four claims, 80 acres, held by location.

Development: One adit of 65 feet; one of 45 feet; one shaft of 35 feet; all caved at present. Three men are working, reopening the lower adit.

Some of the ore is stock-piled at the portal.

Equipment: Two ore bins, one 8 by 10 feet; the other 12 by 16 feet. Four hundred feet of 20 and 40 pound rail. One-half ton ore car. Small tools.

Geology: Country is "porphyry schist", the vein is "porphyry". The cinnabar is disseminated through the rock. Width of the ore body is eight feet, and has been traced on the surface for 1500 feet, and in underground workings for 400 feet. The ore is classed as 1 percent cinnabar ore.

Informant: Lester Briggs, 4/16/40

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Report by: RCT.

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