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4	64	36 X 48	4	32	28 X 36
5	468	36 X 48	5	16	28 X 36
5 6 7	48	36 X 48	6	60	28 X 36
7	32	36 X 48	7	80	28 X 40
8	208	40 I 48	8	88	28 X 36
9	40	36 X 48	9	32	28 X 36
10	704	30 1 48	10	120	28 X 40
11	32	40 X 48	11	216	28 X 42
12	70	36 X 48	12	32	30 X 42
13	56	36 X 48	15	80	30 X 42
14	208	38 X 48	14	64	30 X 42
15	56	44 X 48	15	64	32 X 42
Total,	1726		16	96	32 X 42
,	2.20		17	28	32 X 42
			18	128	50 X 42
			19	64	30 X 42
			20	48	30 X 42
			21	96	30 X 42
			22	192	30 X 40
			23	112	30 X 40
			24	60	32 X 42
			25	112	30 X 42
			26	34	34 X 54
			27	88	28 I 42
			28	32	30 X 42
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			30	48	30 X 42
			31	48	30 X 42
			32	192	30 X 40
			Total	4226	

September 1st 1923.

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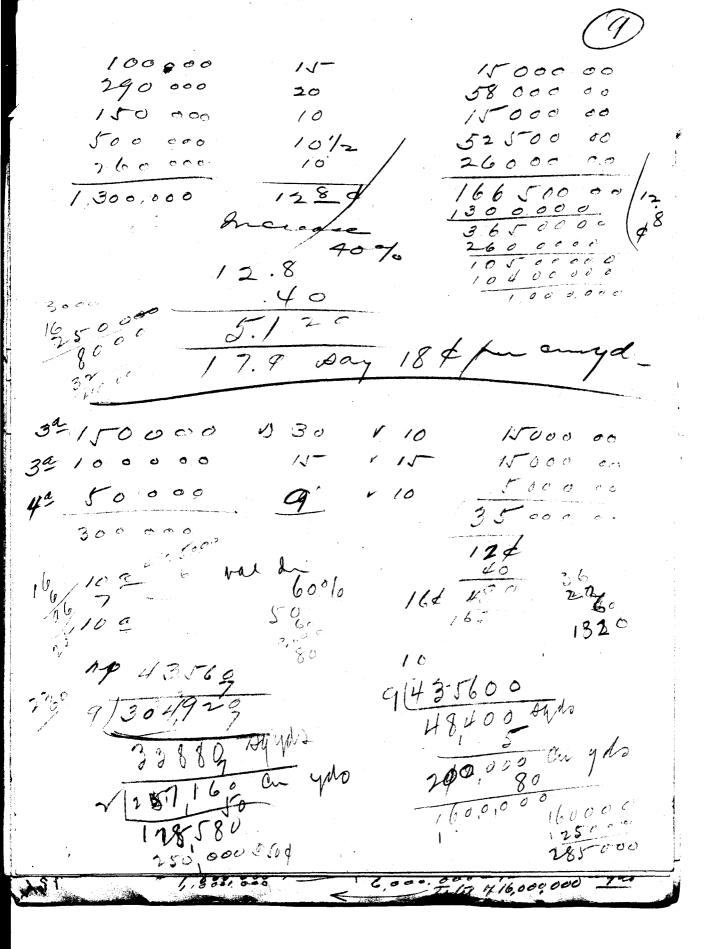
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52y 184 20g; then: \$234, 600. gross. @2020/g; in, x30: \$7,020,000 @ \$600./g.

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37,500,000 yd?

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(2) deposits in narrow gulches traversing Tertiary conglomerate, and (3) transported deposits to which the Tertiary and other formations have contributed material. Deposits of the first group were largely worked out during the early days, so that little is known regarding their productivity. Good examples occur in the SE. ½ sec. 21 and the SW. ½ sec. 10, T. 40 S., R. 8 W., where the gold collected on serpentine bedrock. Deposits of the second type are well illustrated by the placers of Sailor and Allen Gulches. They were richly productive but, like the deposits of the first group, were worked by the early-day miners, and hence little is known of the amount of gold they produced. Most of the gold and platinum in recent years has come from the deposits of the third group, illustrated by the Llano de Oro and Deep Gravel mines and portions of Fry Gulch.

LLANO DE ORO MINE

The Llano de Oro mine, formerly the Logan, Simmons & Cameron mine, has for many years been the most productive gold-platinum placer in Oregon. The property includes over 3,000 acres of land in secs. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, and 27, T. 40 S., R. 8 W., although practically all of the mining has been confined to the S. ½ sec. 15, the S. ½ sec. 22, and the N. ½ sec. 27. The property is operated by George M. Esterly, of Waldo.

The first important work on the Llano de Oro property was done south of the highway near the center of sec. 27 by early-day miners. C. H. White, who was acquainted with one of the miners, states that they mined gold worth \$80,000 from this place. Later George Simmons, Frank Ennis, and Theodric Cameron took \$110,000 out of Carroll Slough.⁵³ J. T. Logan mined the gravel on French Flat from 1907 to 1917, when the property was sold to G. M. Esterly. Mr. Esterly has worked the property almost continuously, during the mining seasons, up to the present time. He estimates the production in gold and platinum since 1917 at about \$225,000 and the total production of the entire property at about \$500,000.

Since 1907 most of the work at the Llano de Oro mine has been confined to the vicinity of French Flat. Four pits have been excavated, covering in all an area of over 30 acres. The depths of the pits vary considerably from place to place. For example, the depth to bedrock in pit 3 is about 8 feet on the west side and about 18 feet on the east side, whereas the average depth of the Logan or no. 1 pit is more than 30 feet, and at one place in it the tailings were elevated 50 feet. The company owns three ditches known as the upper, middle, and lower, together with three water rights to 500, 518, and 1,100

miner's inches from the East Fork of the Illinois River.⁵⁴ The total length of the ditches is over 15 miles. During the mining season, which averages about 7 months yearly, sufficient water is available to operate 2 giants in the pits, 2 hydraulic elevators, and 1 giant for stacking tailings. When the plant is operating steadily from 15,000 to 30,000 cubic yards of gravel, depending largely upon the seasonal water supply, is washed each month.

Both the Tertiary conglomerate and the Quaternary Llano de Oro formation have been worked at the Llano de Oro mine, but the latter has been by far the most productive. In only one place on Llano de Oro ground, in the SW. ¼ sec. 15, has the Tertiary formation been washed for its gold content. At this place the formation is well exposed in several cuts, where it can be seen resting upon serpentine in fault contact. The fault, which in part defines the eastern boundary of the Tertiary formation, strikes north and dips 65° W., whereas the normal contact dips 20° W.

The Llano de Oro formation consists of gravel, sand, and clay, is in general poorly sorted, and ranges in thickness from less than 1 foot near the edges to nearly 50 feet, but within the prospected areas on French Flat averages about 18 feet. Few boulders with diameters exceeding 6 inches are present. The bedrock varies at different localities. At several places it is Tertiary conglomerate; at other places serpentine or Horsetown (?) sandstone. The gold and platinum are concentrated near bedrock, although prospect holes show that some gold is distributed throughout most of the formation.

Most of the gold is angular and is associated with platinum chromite, magnetite, ilmenite, hematite, limonite, epidote, zircon, and other heavy minerals. Chromite was abundant enough in some of the areas of serpentine bedrock to be troublesome in the sluice boxes. The platinum occurs as flattened scales with rounded corners, which range in size from tiny grains to pieces over 2 millimeters in cross-section. Picked grains of platinum from the concentrate were analyzed by E. T. Erickson of the chemical laboratory of the United States Geological Survey, who reports that "the sample consists largely of platinum and ruthenium with smaller proportions of iridium and osmium. A small quantity of gold and slight quantities of palladium and rhodium were also detected." According to Mr. Esterly, platinum accounted for one tenth of the value of the clean-ups when it was worth \$110 an ounce. In other words, the ratio of platinum to gold in the mined areas on French Flat is about 1 to 50.

In 1921 L. A. Levensaler, mining engineer in charge of prospecting for Mr. Esterly, estimated that the unmined gravel on French Flat

¹¹ Historical data furnished by C. D. Cameron and G. M. Esterly.

⁵⁴ Hornor, R. R., op. cit., p. 29.

within the prospected areas would average about 18 cents to the cubic yard. According to Mr. Levensaler, the value of the ground worked by J. T. Logan in the upper (No. 1) pit averaged 22½ cents a cubic yard, and that worked by Mr. Esterly at the other places in the same pit averaged 33½ cents a cubic yard. Kay 55 states that the gold content of the gravel mined in Carroll Slough was about 12½ cents a cubic yard.

DEEP GRAVEL MINE

The Deep Gravel mine is in Butcher Gulch, in secs. 16, 17, 20, and 21, T. 40 S., R. 8 W. Four deep pits covering a total area of approximately 50 acres and shallow pits covering well over 15 acres constitute the principal workings. The deep pits are designated, from north to south, Joe Smith Gulch, Wadleigh No. 2, Weimer, Wadleigh No. 1, and Johnson pits. The mine was first worked about 1874 by George and Walter Simmons. W. J. Weimer and sons purchased the property in 1878. In 1900 the ownership passed to the Deep Gravel Mining Co., in which Mr. Weimer retained an interest. In 1911 the Waldo Consolidated Mining Co. obtained an option on the property, but when the payments were not completed the ownership reverted to the Deep Gravel Mining Co. A. E. Reams, of Medford. Oreg., at present owns two thirds of the stock and acts as the representative of the company. Mr. Weimer stated that until-1908 about \$130,000 had been expended on the property and it had produced \$250,000.56 Since 1907 the mine has produced about \$26,316 in gold.⁵⁷ The Deep Gravel Mining Co. owns 350 acres of patented placer land, 410 acres of land held by mineral location, and a water right to take 2,800 inches of water from the East Fork of the Illinois River at a point a short distance west of Takilma.58

Most of the production of the Deep Gravel mine has come from the Llano de Oro formation, but recently Charles Johnson, of Takilma, excavated a small cut in Tertiary conglomerate in the S½ sec. 21. The Tertiary formation is here almost identical in appearance with the exposures at the Cameron mine, in Scotch Gulch. The lower beds are purplish conglomerate and sandstone; the upper beds are tan conglomerate composed of poorly sorted, coarse boulders which are fairly well indurated with sandy material. Like those at the Cameron mine, the boulders of the Tertiary conglomerate in the Johnson cut are for the most part highly decomposed. On the west they are in fault contact with Cretaceous sandstone.

At the Deep Gravel mine, as elsewhere, the Llano de Oro formation is composed of gravel, sand, and clay and except in the lower 10 feet contains but few boulders over 6 inches in diameter. Stratification is well shown in some places. The thickness of the formation ranges from less than 1 foot near the edges to over 80 feet. Joe Johnson, of Takilma, assisted in the sinking of two prospect pits south of Mr. Potter's house. According to Mr. Johnson, the shafts passed through sand and clay containing lenses of fine gravel and at about 70 feet entered sandstone bedrock. A 2-foot layer of gravel on bedrock prospected very well, but above this layer the gold was sparsely distributed. So far as known, the bedrock in the various pits is either Cretaceous sandstone or Tertiary conglomerate. According to Kay 50 the bedrock in Joe Smith Gulch was 30 feet below the stream bed of the West Fork of the Illinois River, and hence hydraulic elevators were necessary to lift the gravel after the coarse gold had been removed on the riffles of a short sluice. After being elevated, the gravel was washed through another sluice 400 feet long in which the finer gold was collected. According to Kay 60 the average value of the pay gravel over a period of five years was about 25 cents to the cubic vard.

FRY GULCH

Fry Gulch is in secs. 28 and 33, T. 40 S., R. 8 W. Much of the gravel in it was worked in the early days, but some unworked ground remains. Two northward-trending branches of Fry Gulch join near the quarter corner between secs. 28 and 33. Both branches, as well as the main gulch for about 1,500 feet below the junction, have been mined. The east branch heads at the High Gravel mine, and the gold in it was clearly derived from the Tertiary conglomerate. The west branch heads near a flat summit close to the quarter corner of secs. 32 and 33. The boulders in it are similar to those in the east branch, but the source of the gold is not known, although it probably came from a patch of the Tertiary conglomerate, now completely eroded. Like Sailor Gulch and other small gulches receiving the wash from the Tertiary conglomerate, Fry Gulch was undoubtedly a rich placer, but, because much of the mining was done in the early days, no records of production are available.

In 1930 A. L. Bailey was working in a small cut near the mouth of the west branch. The gravel in the cut is composed of dark-red sand with pebbles of greenstone, serpentine, granitic rocks, sandstone, hematite, and chromite. The material is principally sand, and only a few of the boulders exceed 6 inches in diameter. Patches of unworked material of this sort extend up the west branch for about

²⁵ Diller, J. S., and Kay, G. F., Mineral resources of the Grants Pass quadrangle and bordering districts, Oreg.: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 380, p. 74, 1909.

^{**} Kay, G. F., op. cit., p. 74.

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[™] Hornor, R. R., op. cit., p. 32.

Field Notes

3-3-Fº CAVE JCT. PLACERS - OLEGON Jim Bentley, Carl Matthews, Ges. Sintay (Don)

A Ariz? Jack Devault, Box 1898, Wickenburg (602) 684-5514 # Need from Sunskine: - Engineering - expertise; A - & for property requisit - Plant \$ - Explor. / developt \$ 1 They provide: - poss some & - local presence, contacts - loc. experience - property (eg., Esterly No. 1) & Limited partnessing (their present set-up) - 4 lim. prtns -) gril prtrus - GWS --- some do interest? * Have invested in Devault: - \$ 2,000 - 2,000 per Jim - prob more like \$15,000 per GUS # Dezl on S.W. Ore: - They "have The say;" They oper ---- 50/so net profit split (I suggested (65/35) # Liferature. USGS 841-0 (Map -good); Can Jet - 1954, 15" guzdij Dogami. Dull 100 # Victor Mining Co. - ditch? - from Desiper Mts. MT?; have ("failed to establish credibility) (per Jim).

Lessor - Esterly No. 2 - 5 Ac. - washing tailings

Billman -

- unpet)

- "surprise" @ sheek - but 2021! (old man coming up to mine, /bist)

5-8 mill yd + 7-8 teres centestel (per GUS)

- le se "avail." (but - ro - see above)

- 30 K front (be buy out ?? ...)

- 15% net putit yr #1; then 25%.

- \$3 mill buy-out

- Hy volus

- phoney side hill closelye w/ 2 drzg/ins - consust set-up

- Quick look e "bost"

* Esterly:

- 2 parts: (1) 500 Az cender roget; 200 Az inine ble, +

- Total 1. voo to 1.3 vo to (both parcels)
- On "based" parcel. (not really leased as yet)
- 50,000,000 yes (I question that). (maybe biz mill.)

- 20' deep zig (not proven, overs11).

- 200 Ac. minezble" (Anh ok).

- 18 d-37 d (20.67, or 35.00/02.?) (GWS dug 30+ holes; att not yet 211 zyed).

Serious question - Arez of remaining gravels - look et maps - looks like just restricted are on Estery No.1 (much is befrock!)

CAUE SET OM. 3-3-FO

Permitting - regulation:

- DEQ Dept Environ. Qual

- Reclam Plan (? - prob not rg'd if was mined earlier)

- Loning Commission

- Claim They are in good shape.

Sailors Diggings.

- hippie problem

- avail for lease

- tested - deep; gold @ base

- Loning ok

- at "secondary" interest - potential problems.

Jim - 12 notes from 50 mi. N. of John Day - 50,000 Ac

Intercoastal Engry C.? Seattle (plant)

Concentrator: (clean-up)

= 3 - tier table (Wilfly) - for 3 sz. frace

- Mt placed in 3 blue @ outside (how size ??)

- Est. from 5 to 20 16 of concentre from washing plant per yeld of bank-run gravel

- Approx. Aug. 5 16 of black sand + free gold per yel? of

bank - run

- Blk-52nd concentr, after free gold removed, valued @ \$ 150. - \$ 400. per ton

(4)

Esterly #1 > 1320 Ac. (est in 4/2) 500 Ac. (miredly) 20m. + Esterly #2 Billman Others
10-12 claims = gravel + Area 320 + Ac 20' × 320 Ac 1/d3 (50 m. poss?) 18-37 d, 20. 27 d (@ 20 = w35=2) ~ 30 m. yol? 7 m. yd3+ 4048e? Grade -do yd 3/d 24 5 mg /0,000 + - do day/yr 300 + - do -29 4. ut 500,000 Front \$ = \$ 150,000 (1) \$30,000. + 6/0,000 /40 MK? Net Po Fit Royzity 50%. NISA Wet profit/ 63 mill. \$ 500,000 ? Buy-out Explo. Option \$10,000? \$100,000. Exploration \$ /00, oou 6/10,000 Pres. Ment (2) \$ 1.1 million Rozds Oper. cost/yd' 254(-) Royalty 5,000. Reclam: 50,000! 52W. Equipt Salv. Land 50,000 ?

(1) They have 31 (?) lest pits; rm 215 ays eyet; for-ft entos Could get zoother test option?

(2) Aggree that 375, over Under trap 15, over Precise 50, over Under trap 15, over Sluries 25, over Rump 10, over 5, over Cenerator 50, over 0, over Union 25, over Uni

CAVE JCT. ONE. PLACENS 3-3-80

They don't know what grade to expect - think 274/yd is (was) at 350 /or. - when - prob was at 20 27/12. ?? # Testing of Their Beiley property -- say They just went to 12 ft. u/ backher - if so ... no data on bedrock ?? (defor needs further defin, per / cenchem conversation: - closer pits than dow' - to bedock - Calveld zuger - Cross - sectioning - clefte for - (1) reserve (2) mining plan # Claim They have \$ 800, one into it now (borround against Jim Bentley's /2nd?) * Jim Bentley - his father a smelter engineer? # Esterly No. 1: Say 30 m yd 3 @ 27d @ 20.67/03, a \$ 810/4d @(m = 243,00 goodso Szy: gruss verence: 200,000,000 Property - 500,000 Plant - (100, ore Explor. - 100,000 Open cuit @ 504/9d3 - 15,000,000 Legal permity rectan 53, or Selig equipts Level

183, 395,000

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Esterly No. 1 - "exercise"

200 Ac Land - minestle 200 Ac Say 28 Ac. par mirely leaves C av. 15 thk = 1613 x 180 x 15-22 d x 30 = 6.66/yd 1 so Ac 100 4, 355, 100 yel 1,617,000 4,839,00 28, 743,660 25, 519, 294 4,35, 100 Recover 96 sto: Say \$ (000 / day sper, costs = 5,000 40/dy: 12 \$ (4d3 25, 6, 9, 296 - 522, 6/2 = Szy / gd oper corb - 4,355,00 25,3/6,682 \$21,514,194. 3,224,000 5/20 1,100,000 p/20t 1,100,000 1,805,000 1,805,000 \$ 19,709 194 589. Sunh 9,854,597.

Dut - question.

1) overall grade

2) ... yolum.

3) throughput; ..., cost, per yand prod fig - could be several \$/yd3. !

Follow-up Recom.