

October 17, 1933

Mr. Everett H. Seaver,  
3149 Wilshire Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 10th regarding the possibilities of the Llano de Oro placer mine in Southern Oregon as an hydraulic proposition -- in the hands of a practical hydraulic operator who can operate economically this property should pay, provided the best of the ground has not been removed by the former operator.

I have not visited the property for twelve years and therefore am not familiar with recent operations.

Very truly yours,

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EVERETT H. SEAVER

LOS ANGELES

October 10 1933

Mr. Lewis A. Lavensaler,  
c/o American Smelting and Refining Co.,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

A proposition has just been submitted to me in connection with the property known as the Llano de Oro Placer Mine, in Oregon, located near Waldo. According to the information submitted, you appraised this property in 1916 and again in 1921.

If you feel so inclined, I would sincerely appreciate a frank expression from you, which would be treated as strictly confidential, as to what you think of the possibilities of this property as a hydraulic mining proposition.

The former manager of the property having recently died, the owner has agreed to sell the property, and is anxious to start immediate development. I have been approached in connection with financing the work, and before going any further, I would appreciate any information that you care to give me which you think may be of interest and help.

Thanking you for the courtesy of a reply, I am

Very truly yours,

EHS. HEM

3149 Wilshire Boulevard.

June 23rd, 1933.

Mr. Lewis A. Levensaler,

1110 Hoge Building, Seattle, Washington.

Dear Lewis;

I was very gratified at the report you were able to give me of the assay. I am enclosing a map showing the holdings Mr. Leatham has seven claims; he is a poor man and has been doing the work on them alone, and says that they are not developed enough to show an Engineer. He claims to have gone to Dawson in 1898, and to be experienced in mining. He thinks in the event of anyone becoming interested in his claims, he might be able to purchase those adjoining that have the same showing his have.

He was reluctant to name a price, but finally said he "would not take less than \$30,000.00 for them as they are now" If you are coming into this vicinity, or are sending one of your men, it might be wise to take a look and see just what he has. It is within riding distance from here, and I could furnish a horse for the trip. He has a Water Right for a Mill.

Mr. Hales has been in Los Angeles recently but did not come here. Ever since George went, he has been spending time and money with F. E. Hughes (Whom I think is worthless, a man with whom Dr. Reddy has been associated) now he has definitely turned him down, and we may be able to interest responsible people. Could you or would you direct operations here, should it be decided to complete the work that George had almost finished, which would help to put the place into big production?

He has permitted G. L. Allen a man hired by George as choxe man on the place, to work on a "bed-rock pay" basis, which has been no benefit to the property. Please return this map. Shall I send samples of the various deposits?

Cordially yours,

*McEllin*

CHARLES MCKINNIS

LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA

829 Glendale Blvd.

February, 17th. 1932.

Mr, Lewis A. Levensaler.  
Hoge Building.  
Seattle Washington.

Dear Levensaler:--

Some friends of mine want me to join then in taking over the Esterly mine in Oregon. Called the LLano Del Oro, or something equally hard for me to spell. In their kit they have a report supposed to have been made by you. It is not an original, being signed on typewriter. Knowing how easily such reports are distorted in the copying would appreciate it very much if convenient to do so if you would send me copy of the report as made by you. I feel there must be something seriously wrong with the thing or it would not be kicking around as it is. The report supposedly written by you would indicate the property might easily be made to pay a fair return. The price asked is \$300,000.00 this seems high to me but terms are very lineant.

If not too much trouble would like to have a copy of your findings that I could be sure was as written by you.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter I am.

Sincerely yours.

*Charles McKinnis*

February 24, 1933

Mr. Charles McKinnis,  
829 Glendale Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear McKinnis:

Answering your inquiry of February 17, I made an examination of the property referred to in your letter in 1916 and quite thoroughly prospected a section of it by sinking over ninety shafts. I did not write a report on the property because I was at that time interested in it myself. I did, however, submit to my associates a complete log of each shaft and the results of tests.

My recommendation was that further testing should be made before purchasing the property. However, I was overruled and my associates went ahead and bought it and I dropped out.

I believe that the property has merit as a moderate scale hydraulic operation but do not believe it can be successfully dredged.

I should appreciate very much seeing a copy of the report that you claim I made.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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