

## Sale of Mining Property Made

Owen Jones of Grants Pass today announced purchase of the Kerby Queen copper property from George Clark of this city. The mining property is located west of Cave Junction, near Hanneford gulch, about 43 miles from Grants Pass. No mention was made of the purchase price.

Production at the mine was about 2,000 tons between 1930 and 1935, Jones told the Courier. The ore was then taken from the upper levels of the property. A 700 foot tunnel toping the ore body has been run about 500 vertical feet below the old workings, he said.

Jones announced that work is to resume at once, and shipments to a Tacoma smelter will start as soon as loading facilities at Grants Pass are completed.

Owen Jones owns the Mammoth mine on Mule creek and the Cash Entry mine near Roseburg and holds an interest in Gold Plate on Evans creek.

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Kathleen,

The enclosed copy of a newspaper article from long, long ago is for your Kerby Queen file. The second article, at the bottom of the page, refers to the mine as the "Drager - Collard". Do you have anything at all in the mine files under this name? Please call me.

Thanks!

Ron Parker

Happy St. Patricks Day.

**SHIP ORE TO SMELTER AT KENNETT****Kerby Queen Mine Sends Ore  
Forty Miles By Wagon and  
First Car Will Be Billed  
Out of This City Tomorrow**

It takes pretty good ore to stand a haul by wagon forty miles to the railroad and then another 150 miles in the car, to pay all transportation charges, and then return a profit to the mine owners. But that is the kind of ore that is being taken from the mines in the Waldo district. A car is now being loaded at the siding near Sixth street in this city with ore hauled from the Kerby Queen mine, formerly the Sowell property, in the Illinois valley. This ore, from 12 to 15 per cent copper, and also carrying good values in gold, is brought 40 miles by team, the first teams arriving for the loading of this car Friday evening, and others coming Saturday. The ore is placed in the car direct from the wagon, and the shipment is expected to be made Monday. It is being sent to the Kennett, California, smelter, to which considerable ore from the Waldo district went last year.

The Kerby Queen mine is owned by parties at Salem, and is under the management of C.W. Buckner. It is expected that the mine will continue shipments during the summer, but arrangements are being made to load the cars at Wilderville and cut off ten miles of the wagon haul.

**Comment**

The California and Oregon Coast Railroad was completed several miles past Wilderville to a terminal at Waters Creek in about December, 1915 (it never got any farther than that). It is well documented (in photos) that ore from the Queen of Bronze Mine was hand-shoveled from wagons into gondola cars at this point, but I am unaware that any ore from the Kerby Queen was similarly shipped. Also, as indicated in the following brief article, the supposed owners noted in the article above apparently leased the mine to its previous(?) owner several months later.

**Illinois Valley Notes**

The Drager - Collard copper mine, formerly the Sowell mine, has been leased to Joseph Sowell, who is putting a crew of men to work to operate the mine. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skeeters, former residents of the valley, but now of Medford, are expected at the mine this week, Mr. Skeeters as one of the workmen and Mrs. Skeeters to run the cook house.