Oregon

A small hydro-electric plant will be installed at the Utopian and Sweepstakes mines, according to present plans. An experimental electric smelter is being installed and after the war a mill will be purchased. The hydro-electric plant will power both mine and mill. The property is located near Cottage Grove, Oregon, and is being operated by the owners, Ray E. Nelson, Gena Nelson, and Robert L. Nelson, all of Cottage Grove. Values are in lead, zinc, gold, and silver. Development work has been carried to a depth of about 900 feet below the outcrops and approximately 1,800 feet of tunneling have been done on the two groups of claims.
Only development work will be continued at the Utopian and Sweepstakes mines near Cottage Grove, Oregon, by Ray E. Nelson and Robert L. Nelson, both of Cottage Grove, owners of the property. Values are in lead, zinc, gold, and silver. An experimental electric smelter, designed by the Nelsons, has been installed and after the war plans call for the installation of a mill and a larger smelter if the experiments prove successful. Mine development has been carried to a depth of 900 feet and an 1,800-foot tunnel has been driven.