

Mr Earl Nixon
Bureau of Mines
~~Salem~~ Oregon.
Portland
Gentlemen:

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& MINERAL INDS.

3001 York
Denver Colo
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There are a group of us who have over 230 mining claims in Lane Co., near Eugene. These claims contain valuable deposits needed in the defense program. There are about 14 western states including Oregon that are organizing for their development & should like to see Oregon get busy at once. For several years we have been contacting various private parties to lease on a royalty basis but so far have not succeeded in getting the right party. However we have contacted a party who has a method which saves all these minerals and they had expected to put in an 8000 ton mill this summer but have been delayed.

There is plenty of timber and water on this property. It has an overgrowth from 3 to 7 ft varying on various parts of the hill. It is to be handled by shovels & draglines.

These minerals are: gold, silver, quicksilver, Silicon, Aluminum, Magnesium, Titanium, Calcium, Manganese, Sodium, Copper, Potassium, Cobalt, Radium, Nickel, Chromium, Strontium, Platinum & Tin.

On one of my claims there is a large quantity of something we don't just know what it is and I believe other valuable minerals will be found when it is worked on a large scale. (This is a greenish blue one)

A number of samples of our ore has been sent to the college at Corvallis and found to be O.K. These claims vary as to amounts and quality. Some run good in quite a silver but less amounts of others. Some run higher in gold than silver and vice versa. I have a copy of a test made by a laboratory in Los Angeles and showed Aluminum 50.00 Silicon 10.00 Titanium 12.00 or 72 and smaller amounts of the above named minerals. N.G.

One lady who has 4 claims sent some samples to Spokane and showed gold 63⁰⁰ some tin and platinum. A friend of mine made a lot of tests of this ore and he said his lowest is 6 high #27 for gold and silver. He thinks average will be better than #10 for gold and silver alone.

I had a number of samples shipped to me here in Denver and is as follows. A real engineer made these tests and said the ore was highly mineralized.

Assay No I	ores	050	oz per T.	@ \$20 old pr.	10.00
	Silver	19	" " "	@ .64 " "	12.16
					<u>22.16</u>
Assay No II	Gold	025	" " "	@ \$20 " "	5.00
	Silver	8	" " "	.64 " "	5.12
					<u>10.12</u>
Assay No III	Gold	025	" " "	@ \$20 " "	5.00
	Silver	41	" " "	@ .64 " "	26.24
					<u>31.24</u>
Assay No IV	Gold	040	" " "	@ \$20 " "	8.00
	Silver	10	" " "	.64 " "	6.40
					<u>14.40</u>
Assay No V	Gold	075	" " "	@ \$20 " "	15.00
	Silver	20	" " "	.64 " "	12.80
					<u>27.80</u>

All of these claims vary and should be handled in a big way.

We are all working hard to put this proposition over. The way this land lies makes it cheap to operate. While the rate per ton of Federal Gold is 30¢ per ton nearly all engineers say it will be nearer 50¢ per ton.

The parties we contacted who had the method to save these values were given all money needed to put in an 8000 ton mill. (The Frisco office also the Wash. D.C. office)

There is plenty of labor available in the locality to handle on a large scale. This would reduce the large amount of people on relief.

I was given your name as a person who might help us.

There was a meeting here this week of 5 of the 14 western states. They are to be given $3\frac{1}{2}$ million to get these minerals out for the defense. The 14 states are divided into groups. Oregon Wash and Calif. compose one group. This group will meet in Salem Monday.

Would like for you to do all you can to help us get this property in operation at the earliest date possible.

Sincerely
Harold White.

August 25, 1941

Mr. Harold White
3001 York
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. White:

We are very interested to hear of your property in Lane County and would appreciate a more detailed report as to the location of the claims, together with any engineering reports that you may have upon the property. We would be glad to make copies of these reports for our files in this office.

It is the custom of the Department in cases where we can make recommendations on properties to have one of our engineers visit and report upon the property with no charge to the owners. In order to facilitate this visit and investigation, we would appreciate your filling out the enclosed Request For Inspection of Property blank. An engineer will visit the property, take samples, have them assayed in our State laboratories, and this report will be made available to you and to anyone who is qualified to obtain this information. Within the next two months this laboratory will be equipped with a new spectrograph which can make detailed analyses of all materials of value, and it may be that such analyses will be of value to you.

Very truly yours,

John Eliot Allen
Geologist

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Hon. Governor
Salem, Oregon

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STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY
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3001 York
Denver Co
Aug 23, 1941

My Dear Governor,

As the government is in dire need of strategic minerals and I understand there is to be a meeting in Salem Monday, I would like to tell you what we have in Lane Co., Ore.

A mining district, known as the Winfer mining District composed of mining claims.

We have been told these claims contain the following minerals, gold silver quicksilver selenium Iron Aluminum Magnesium Titanium Calcium Manganese Sodium Copper Potassium Cobalt Vanadium Nickel Chromium Strontium

Platinum and Tin. One of my claims contain a large quantity of some mineral which is unknown.

The claims all differ as to values and kinds of minerals.

One of my claims is Fairlane in Section 27 T. 19 R. 2 E. The others Border on or are near by. Two of my claims are described in Book 13 Page 457 at the Court House in Eugene.

We are desirous of leasing on a royalty basis and feel the other claim owners will be willing also.

August 29, 1941

Mr. Harold White
3001 York
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. White:

Our geologist, John Eliot Allen, replied to you under date of August 25th without knowing, apparently, of the series of claims to which you allude in your letter. A letter written by you on the same date, August 23rd, and directed to Governor Sprague has been referred to us for reply. In this letter you identify the mining district as the Winberry.

I may as well inform you in all truth that there have been in the past years many exaggerated statements made about the possible future of the Winberry district and about precious metals values contained in the ores. A tremendous number of samples from this district have been assayed by all kinds of assayers. Some of them have been assayed in our State laboratories, and I must say that the results we have obtained have for the most part not borne out representations of various individuals in the past who have tried to promote the district with the idea of "mining" the investors rather than mining the ores in the ground.

We are slightly inclined to feel that you have been given an unacceptably favorable impression of conditions in the district in question because one or two highly competent engineers have made examinations in the district and have turned it down.

However, our attitude is absolutely open-minded in the matter, and we shall be pleased to carry out a program of examination as indicated in Mr. Allen's letter if you will return to us the blank he sent you.

I feel duty bound to speak rather plainly at times because it is just as much my job to give sound advice to mine owners as to mining companies.

Cordially yours,

EKN:ac
cc Gov. Sprague

Director

3001 York
Denver Colo
Sept 13 1941

Mr John Elst Allen
702 Woodlark Bldg
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter as I have been getting the necessary information for you.

I had 3 shipments of ore sent to Denver and all 3 were tested for gold and silver only. These ranged from \$2.10 to \$31.24. The parties here had no other means for testing for other minerals but said the ore was highly mineralized. All of these claims vary in minerals and values.

One of my claims has a light green ore on it I do not know what the substance contains. It is in large quantities.

The list of minerals found so far are as follows
Gold, Silver, Quicksilver, Silicon, Iron, Aluminium, Magnesium, Titanium, Calcium, Manganese, Sodium, Copper, Potassium, Cobalt, Vanadium, Nickel, Chromium, Strontium, Platinum and Tin. I believe these minerals will be found when this property is worked on a big scale. Do not know what the quantities are.

It seems that a method of recovery is what needed. A party in Seattle has a method which will save these minerals but are unable to lease for a while yet.

Yours truly
Harold White.

Mr J. R. Robinson knows every inch of this land.

September 15, 1941.

Mr. Harold White,
3001 York,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. White:

I have just received your letter of September 13, including the visit request blank. I have gone over the information contained together with other correspondence of August 23 in our files.

We have intended visiting the Winberry mines for some time because of the doubt apparently existing in the minds of several reputable engineers who have visited the property of the presence of any minerals in economic quantities.

I will try to go down there and get in touch with Mr. Robinson sometime within the next month, but our schedule for mine visits is so full that I cannot promise an immediate visit. So far all the information that we have been able to collect concerning this property has been unfavorable, but since the object of this department is to promote mining in the state, we are still maintaining an open mind until we have visited and examined the property in detail ourselves.

Very sincerely yours,

John Eliot Allen
Geologist

JEA/t

October 9, 1941

Mr. Harold White
3001 York Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. White:

I have at hand your request for inspection of the Winberry mines.

Before making this trip, I would like to say that we already have in our files a report, consisting of some thirty pages and made in March, 1938, by a competent geologist, Mr. L. L. Ruff, on the property in which he has gone to considerable length in the summary of all the possibilities present.

In this report Mr. Ruff concludes that there is a small gold content in the rock but that it does not contain consistent values and cannot be expected to average more than a few cents to the ton. The earlier assays on the property are believed to be unreliable and the claims that there are values present in economic amount other than gold are in no case substantiated. Mr. Ruff spent considerable time on the property and he went into the problem more thoroughly than I would be able to do in the short visit which I would be able to make. I know Mr. Ruff personally and have confidence in his conclusions.

If you still care for me to visit this property, I would be glad to do so sometime this fall and will take my own samples and have them analyzed in this office, but I feel sure that the results will not be altered.

Very sincerely yours,

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John Eliot Allen
Geologist

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3001 York
Denver Colo
Oct 18 1941

Dear Mr Allen

STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY
& MINERAL INDS.

Your letter of the 9th at hand and will say that I am not at all satisfied with Mr Lloyd Rupp's report on Winbery.

I am in receipt of other sources that Mr Ruff was not a mining engineer when he made the tests. He was a geological student at the University at Eugene and not sure of his report. The University took samples from all over the hill and they were sent to their chemist. It was 6 to 10 in gold alone on a #20 basis (not 35).

I would still like to have you make a thorough test using your spectrograph. This ore is a difficult one and can not be given an ordinary test as other ores for true values in Denver. I have had 3 or 4 tests made here in Denver and it ran from 2⁷⁰ to 31.2% in gold alone on #20 basis.

In regard to assaying please write Mrs Hetherington Parrish 218 Miner Bldg Eugene, Oregon. She can give you a lot of valuable information. Also please contact Mr J. R. Robinson R-2 Eugene who can tell you all about this ore and will go needed for you to stay. There are a number of cabins if ~~this~~

Will there be any charge for this. I have
3 very good prospects for developing this pro-
ject. With it in operation it will be a big
thing for Lane Co, and the State for the
purposes.

Besides gold silver and quicksilver there
are others but don't know if they can be saved.
I quoted them to you in a former letter.

A spectrograph test of some samples sent the
were Aluminium 50, or Silicon 10⁰⁰ Titanium
#12 = #72 and smaller amounts of many others.

Will you please mention to Mr Robinson about
the greenish ore on one of my claims.

Would appreciate an early report as the
weather might get bad. I believe it
will be a big feather in your cap after you
examine this ore. Have been told you are
a wonderful engineer.

Sincerely Yours
Harold White

October 30, 1941

Mr. Harold White
3001 York Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter of October 18th which I find on my desk upon returning from an extended field trip.

I am putting your Request for Inspection of Property blank in the files and will make the trip as soon as I can, taking samples and having them assayed to determine possible values of the ore. I also plan to save separates of these samples and have them analysed by our spectrograph as soon as it is in working condition. Due to priorities, we are having trouble getting it completed so that this analysis may be delayed until some time early next spring. This test will be conclusive as all values must show in a spectrographic analysis no matter what the type of ore.

Yours very truly,

John Eliot Allen
Geologist

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STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY
& MINERAL LANDS

3001 York
Denver Colo.
Dec ~~Oct~~ 12, 1941

Dear Mr Allen

On Nov. 1st I received your letter of Oct 30th saying you expected to make the trip to Eugene so I mentioned that Mr J.R. Robinson R.D. 2 Eugene would take you up. He knows every inch of the property. Did you contact him for a time to go?

I have not heard from you since your 10/30 letter and am getting anxious to hear. I have a very good prospect who will develop this property but am holding up everything to tell you of our report. A big demand is needed for the minerals up there.

Kindly let me hear from you as soon as you have made the trip.

If you have not made the trip yet, you might contact Mr J.A. Plummer 1029 Willamette St Eugene. but Pre for Mr J.R. Robinson. R.D. 2.

Mr Allen, It seems some are against the property but I have had several tests made here in Denver and these engineers are very much interested. It seems to be the particular kind of ore which presents the difficulties. Please don't hold a wrong impression. This property will make many millionaires as soon as it is in operation. The cost per ton has been set from 30 to 50¢ for handling.

Sincerely
Harold White

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LOYALL R. RUGH, PRESIDENT
LOTTIE N. RUGH, SEC-TREAS.

Dec. 11/41

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STATE DEPARTMENT
& MINERAL

Mr John Eliot Allen
Portland Ore.

Dear Mr. Allen

From a mutual friend I understand you are very sincere in your work, I appreciate that, and I dont want you to do anything that will in any way hurt you present good reputation, This Winberry district is seemingly quite a contention between ~~the~~ of us that feel we know that this district is a commercial mining district, and certain mining men that have tried to make out we were trying to promote a fake deal. I presume you know that a student Of Warren G. Smith of the University already has a pamphlet on file with the state , claiming that the ore ~~is~~ of such low value that it is not at all in the commercial ore. He also shows a number of assays to back up his claims. I am enclosing a copy of an number of assays that Dr. Smith himself and members of his class took from different properties. I know this to be a fact for I was with them that day. Later that week several of his students staked claims in the district, after they recieved this report, Later MR Smith repudiated the whole thing, claiming I understand that they were salted, That was very foolish on his part as he cut the samples and sent them to Lazell himself, and had the returns mailed to the University address.

The Success or failure of a report on Windberry depends just on one thing, viz The ability of the assayer to recover the gold in this ore. The gold is verry fine, so fine that unless handled just right the fire assay will show just a tract, yet the values may be verry good.

I would say this, a adverse report from you would not be of any damage to the district, as Mr. Smith has quite well covered it now, but I will admit that a favorable report will open up a great industry for Lane Co. I will be glad to help you in any way I can, if you wish to ^{see the ore} ~~see~~ and have your assayer see what he can do with the rock, I can send you quite representative samples, and will go up into the hills and get any quantity you wish for testing and examination, I think it would be well for you to become acquainted with the ore before come down, If Your assayer can recover values that you think would be commercial then I believe that you will do the state a good survice to make a extensive examination, but on the other hand if he cannot recover the values it would be best for all that you forget all about it. I am not a assayer but for several years I have been ~~not~~ working on how to recover the gold with the quicksilver that is in the ore and think that I will have it about worker out so as to prove it by a practical operation. Think it over and if you want some ore I will send it to you.

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Plummer
1029 - Willamette St.
Eugene Ore

December 12, 1941

Mr. J. A. Plummer
1029 Willamette Street
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mr. Plummer:

Mr. Allen has just shown me your letter of December 11th in which you in effect say that if we think our assay laboratories can recover the gold in the Winberry rock and if we think we could write a favorable report on the property, you would like to have us make an investigation. Isn't this a rather odd request on your part?

As a matter of fact something has come up which will make it absolutely impossible for us to do any further work on the Winberry deposit for months to come because as a result of the press of war conditions the Board of this Department has agreed that we must alter our policy immediately and defer work which is not directly in connection with the development of strategic war materials until some future time. After January 1st almost all of our activities will be in connection with chromite, manganese, quicksilver, etc., and we do not class the Winberry deposit as one that might produce strategic minerals.

Your business presumably is real estate; ours pertains to mining, metallurgy, and the like. We are sure that the assays carried out at our laboratories and the samples taken by our men are acceptable, and we have very excellent reasons for failing to accept the theories held by some people that gold comes in some fancy combination that requires special treatment by assayers. If you take your samples properly and send them to a good assayer, and there are a number of them in the country, you don't need to worry about the results.

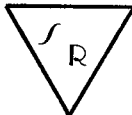
Yours very truly,

Director

EKN:ac
cc Mr. Harold White

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STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDS. TELEPHONE 76

Dec. 15/41

Mr. Earl Nixon
702 Woodlark Bldg.
Portland Ore.

Dear Mr. Nixon,

I was somewhat surprised that you answered a letter that I considered a personal letter to Mr. Allen, I understood that he was planning to make a report on Winberry soon, I am not asking the Dept. to make any report, my past experience has given me some good reasons not to do so. I suggested to Mr. Allen that it might be a good idea that he have the assayer try working some this ore before spending any time in the district, if they found values all well and good, but if they did not the best thing was to forget it. I knew in advance that if he used the State Assayers what would be the result, and it would be better that he find that out before he spent too much the states money, on a project that would not do either him or the state any value. I only wrote him the second letter because I had a personal reference to him by a mutual friend that spoke very high of his fairness and real desire to serve the State.

Yes I am in the real estate Business, but that does not necessary imply that I am DUMB on other lines of work, and while I have have conducted a business for several years, yet I realize that I do not know it all, and might learn something from thoes that are not necessary in the same work as I am. I agree with you that your assays may be Acceptable, but that does not mean that they are true and accurate, I have Known for years the attitude the Department

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towards this district. and this attitude, and the unwillingness to find out the truth of the situation is holding back one the greatest undeveloped low grade firelds yet discovered. I know your attitude regarding the testing of gold that comes in a different form then just a certain form that was but in the books forty years ago, but I am supprised to see you put it in writing, I really gave credit the State of having men at the head of the department that would use better judgement.

I think that you have around you man that could work out the a flow sheet on the Winberry that would put this state clear out in the open as a mining state, but any one of them trying it under the present management, and attitude you take towards the treatment of that ore, would only just sticking his neck out, and that is the reason I wrote Mr. Allen as I did. I feel sure that Some of your men could do some good work for the state, if they were permitted to have a free hand, or take a few suggestions from someone out side the department.

Yours Sincerely



January 2, 1942

Dr. Warren D. Smith
Department of Geology
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Dr. Smith:

Attached is a letter from a Donald Duck of Eugene, maybe you know him. I don't, although I took occasion to answer a letter recently written by him to John Allen. The letter was of such caustic nature that John brought it to me for reply and I expressed myself in what I thought not too unreasonable terms. I have not answered the letter which I am sending you.

The man probably is a crack-pot. Perhaps you can give me some information on him. I would like to put him in his place but cannot do it on paper very well, and I do not want him to go around talking nonsense about the Department.

Help!

Very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Director

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Encl.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

EUGENE, OREGON

January 3, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
Division State Department of Mineral Industries
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I have your letter with enclosure concerning Winberry District. I had not known Mr. Plumber before but talked with him over the telephone and I think he is hopeless. His mind is fixed with regard to the value of that district, and nothing can change him. I told him that I agreed with you people in your estimate of the district and that I thought he would do better to stick to the real-estate business. I think that he is now madder with me than he is with you, so you may not hear from him further. He will probably spend most of his time from now on cussing me out.

I am leaving tomorrow for Pasadena to spend a couple of months at Cal. Tech. I would be glad to get a letter from you occasionally. I will try and write you and tell you what is going on in California.

I hope I have not messed things up too much with this man Plumber, but I think he is the kind of a fellow who needs to be stepped on hard.

With best wishes for the new year,

Sincerely yours,

W. D. S.

Warren D. Smith

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Please excuse this letter. New stenog. not very good at dictation & I was in a hurry.

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Winberry District

December 15, 1941

Mr. Harold White
3001 York
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. White:

You have probably received by this time a copy of a letter from Mr. Nixon, Director of this Department, to Mr. Plummer who has written us concerning your property.

As Mr. Nixon indicated, all our efforts must needs be turned towards strategic or war minerals so that deposits of gold must needs be from now on neglected.

Of course, we are interested in the development of any mining property in this State and will do all we can to promote such development. However, we could be of little help to you in this particular case as the most we could do would be to visit the property and take further samples for analysis. If these various minerals which you see are present do not yield to ordinary analytical procedure, I am afraid that our trip would be of little value to you.

Very sincerely yours,

John Eliot Allen
Geologist

JEA: jr

Mr John Eliot Allen
702 Woodlark Bldg
Portland, Oregon

3001 York
Denver 5 Co
April 9, 19

Dear Mr Allen,

I understand you recently received word about a mining property near Eugene from Miss Gudrun Anderson 1309 Columbia Av Eugene. I would like to see you further examine the said property. Just now all states are investigating all resources, especially the western states.

I corresponded with you in 1941 and at that time you half way promised to do so. At that time, you stated you only seeked strategic war minerals. However I'd like to say there are strategic metals on this property. Mr Dixon was prejudiced but

now that he is out of the states employ I just you will go ahead in the very near future. as soon as the roads have dried up

It is the belief of 7 of 10 that War III near at hand and a large number minerals on this property will be

needed.

If you will get in touch with Miss Anderson, she will let you know when to go. There will be cabins to stay after you get to the property.

I have 2 very good prospects who are desirous of leasing but first we want your report

I have had a number of shipments sent to Denver for assay and they prove very good.

Would appreciate hearing from you soon

Sincerely

Harold White.

University of Washington

School of Mines

Feb. 4, 1938

To whom it may concern,

I, Bill Roberts, while employed at the Music Mine in the Bohemia mining district of Oregon, ran 26 assays for Kenneth Watkins on or about June 29, 1937. The rock assayed was a volcanic agglomerate and was said to be from Winberry Creek.

The results of the 26 assays were as follows: eight blank, eighteen gave beads that were too small to weigh accurately. By combining the eighteen, the results determined were \$0.47 (forty seven cents) per ton for the 26 assays.

Signed Bill Roberts

Witness to signature James C. Jacobsen

witness to signature Donald Kotschevar

copy

1737 Naomi Pl.

Feb. 8, 1938

Dear Lloyd,

I have finally completed this thing I hope it is what you want. I also tested the most likely looking sample for copper no. 3 and didn't find any indication of any present.

Sorry to have kept you so long,

As ever,

Jim Jacobsen

copy