

# State Mining News In Brief

## SEEK BACKING FOR MINE DEVELOPMENT

In the belief that they have a silver-gold mine of potential importance in what is known as the South Comstock district, northerly from Carson City, H. N. Riddle and associates are endeavoring to enlist moderate financial backing to develop the vein system in which one of profitable grade has been found at a number of points.

Equipment already on the property includes a power hoist at the main shaft. Reports by three engineers, together with assay maps, are available.—Nevada State Journal.

## LOST CURRENCY IS RETRIEVED FROM DUMP

Jess Owens, widely known Pershing county miner and prospector, made the richest mine discovery last week, according to an account that appears in the current issue of the Lovelock Review-Miner.

In the news report it was said that Owens when sorting ore at Seven Troughs, ran across high-grade valued at many thousands of dollars per pound. But he does not expect to find any more like it.

It seems that Jess borrowed \$20 two years ago when his finances were rather low. He used it to start work on a dump at Seven Troughs. When he went to use the funds, the bill was gone. Recently he started work on the dump. He had an idea that his lost bill was in the pile and kept a sharp lookout for it. And he found it!

## WOULD FIND MARKET FOR TALCOSE MATERIALS

Processes perfected lately for commercial use of certain talcose minerals may provide a market for the product of a deposit identified as pyrophyllite, a low-grade alumina silicate found in American canyons in Pershing county.

Prospectors have identified the material merely as talc, a classification to which generally they apply all talcose and kaolinized-vein contents, usually found as selvage or "gouge" along vein walls. Tests were said to prove the Pershing county deposit to be of a quality useless for such purposes as the manufacture of spark plugs, but applicable for highest-type marble finish in building construction.—Nevada State Journal.

## AMPLE WATER SUPPLY FOR PORPHYRY GOLD

With prospects of an ample supply of water for several months of operation, placer mining activities have been resumed at Round Mountain by the Nevada Porphyry Gold Mines.

Deposits of auriferous gravel and sand in the flat below the lode mines have been worked for many years by the hydraulic method and in 1935 the company installed a gravel washing plant with capacity of 7500 cu. yd. per day.

During dry years the placer output has been curtailed, the water supply being brought by flume and pipe lines from Jett and Jefferson

canyons on opposite sides of the Big Smoky valley at the north. E. A. Michal, who has been identified with the Round Mountain project for many years, is in charge of the placer mining operations.

## MICHIGAN MEN IN AWAKENING MINES

Officers of the Wolverine Gas Co., a Michigan corporation, were at Winnemucca last week and were said to have secured an option on a group of three claims in the Awakening district.

The Star reported that the company's geologist had recommended the driving of an 800-foot tunnel, for which a compressor and other equipment would be provided.

## BALLIET IS ILL IN IOWA HOSPITAL

Writing from a hospital bed in Des Moines, Iowa, to the mining reporter of The Journal, Letson Balliet, mining engineer and author of technical contributions to the press, describes his troubles as high blood pressure, combined by leaky heart valves.

Doctors, he says, will help a patient only when they have him in pajamas and can hold his clothes for ransom. He adds:

"If I can persuade the nurse or interne to swing a portable table and typewriter over the bed, I'll try to do some more writing. Sick and lost a lot of weight, but still much alive."

## ENCOURAGING RESULTS ON MT. DIABLO GROUP

Encouraging results of development work on the Mt. Diablo group, formerly known as the Mayflower and situated on the north slope of

Rochester canyon, near the upper town, were reported to the Lovelock Review-Miner by Joe Carpenter, G. W. Jones and Virgil Smith, who have been working the ground for some months.

Work has been centered lately on a vein reported to be 14 feet wide and from which a number of cut samples have shown an average of \$10 per ton in gold and silver, approximately in equal value.

## Seeks Receiver For Austin Mine

In the district court at Winnemucca application was made last week by J. W. Dignan, local attorney acting for Walter E. Trent, for the appointment of a receiver to take possession of the Jumbo gold mine and mill in the Awakening district, operated by George B. Austin and relatives.

Several months ago a suit was instituted by Trent, demanding a share in the ownership of the property on the ground that the plaintiff through the late Gurney Gordon, had advanced a small amount of money to secure an option on the claims from Staggs and Taylor, the discoverers.

## THE TAX-EXEMPT PARASITES

"There is growing up a new class, which, by the ownership of government securities, has more privileges and less responsibility than any royalty the world has ever known. They live on the taxes of the people, while they themselves enjoy many tax exemptions," says Arthur Huntington in Public Utilities Fortnightly.

It is probable that not one person out of ten realizes that government borrowings are exempt from taxation. In other words, the man who buys \$1,000 worth or \$10,000 worth of government bonds, is in the privileged class that is not taxed on the income he derives from those bonds. Also, the businesses which the government develops with the money derived from the privileged, tax-free bonds, are wholly or largely tax exempt.

In the state of Oregon, for example, if private electric companies had gross incomes of \$20,000,000 a year, the total taxes they would pay today in support of schools, roads, police protection, army, navy, etc., would be nearly 20 per cent of that sum, or \$4,000,000 annually. If the government's hydro-electric projects now being developed on the Columbia river should earn \$20,000,000 from the sale of electricity, this income would be practically tax-exempt under existing policies.

The privileged holder of tax-exempt bonds dodges his tax obligations, which the masses have to pay. The government's subsidized tax-exempt industries dodge the taxes which all other business has to pay.

Is it any wonder that the cost of government, and taxation of the common people rises as the tax-exempt government borrowings increase, to build bigger and better tax-exempt experiments in all parts of the United States?

Think it over and see where the system will lead our nation.

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Otto Soglow (at left) and Brandon Walsh, famous comic creators, "kibitz" at the city desk while amateur editors Lucille Manners, Gladys Glad and Mark Hellinger go about the business of making up a front page. You guessed it, they are all absorbed in the newspaper game, "Flash-News."