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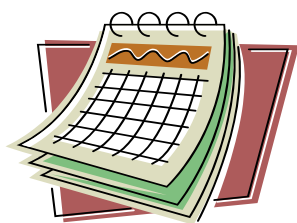
Chapter Meeting:

December, 21st 2014

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd

**Meeting Begins at
--- 1:30 ---**

Dates to Remember...



December, 2014

Our next meeting:

If you bring in 2 cans of food you will receive 1 ticket for our \$1.00 raffle. You can bring in up to 10 cans for a total of 5 \$1.00 tickets. We also have \$5.00 tickets. For better prizes.



From The President's Desk

Come join us on Sunday, December 21st. We'll be discussing outing details for this coming year – you won't want to miss it.

If you didn't see the new highbanker demonstration, we'll have it again (weather cooperating). If you have equipment you'd like to "show", bring it along.

As most know, GPAA's Gold Show will be at the Expo Center in Portland this coming year (Mar 28, 29) and we're working with other local chapters to make it a great success (with a lot of turnout). If you know of vendors and/or groups that would be interested in participating, please let us know now.

If you have friends, co-workers or others interested in learning about prospecting, invite them to join us and find out if it's something they'd like to do as well.

This is a great year to be prospecting and having fun and you can profit by
others involvement and even find some gold. Remember memories
become golden with time.

Sincerely,

David Chiara

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report Nov 16th, 2014

Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, OR

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chiara at 1:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Attendance:

39 members in attendance to the meeting.

0 visiting guests in attendance.

Meeting minutes:

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written and published in the newsletter. The motion was approved by the Association body.

Treasury report: Beverly Parker

The Treasury report was read by the Treasurer to the association.

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as written

The motion was approved by the Association body.

- Two items required association approval due to the cost. These were Annual rental of the Grange and Insurance. The Grange was \$900.00 and Insurance was \$266. Both items were approved for payment by the association body.

Newsletter:

Please let an officer know if you are not getting the newsletter by e-mail. The newsletter has a lot of interesting data and important information about future meetings and outings. Big thanks to our newsletter editor Bill Mutton. He continues to go 'above and beyond' to make the newsletter value added. Great Job Bill!

Claims:

Claims director Ken Burns and President Dave Chiara just returned from Baker city where they submitted our annual paperwork for the Association Claim near there. They visited the claim while there. Work has been done on the road into the claim filling in many of the road ruts and obstacles. They also met with the BLM while there and reviewed what is needed to ensure we are in good standing. All holes have been filled back in properly and the site is considered in good standing. Based on information provided by the BLM, we will work to submit required paperwork early in 2015 for the upcoming mining season.

A list of outings has been captured for the 2015 season. We expect to have this list organized, dates placed against the outings and outing owners selected by the New Year. This will be posted in the newsletter in January. The list currently includes the following sites.

- T.Y. ROY (Oregon)
- Beverly Beach (Oregon)
- Rice Museum (Oregon)
- Gold and Treasure Show (Oregon)
- N. Fork Santiam River (Oregon)
- Day Break Park (Washington)
- Cape Disappointment (Washington)
- Long Beach (Washington)
- Lewisville Park (Washington)

Safety:

No safety topics this month.

GPAA:

No update this month

Elections:

Annual elections were held during the November meeting. As part of our standard two year election rotation we had two officer positions up for election and three board members at large positions. In addition to these elections we had one additional 'board member at large' position open to replace a member that is no longer with us. That position will be for one year at which time it will be back up for its standard two year rotation.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

- Bob Burns will cover the board member at large position (that was vacated) until it is back up for its two year election rotation in November of 2015.
- Charlie Foster – Elected as Board Member at Large for a two year term
- Bill Bench – Elected as Board Member at Large for a two year term
- Penny Parsons – Elected as Board Member at Large for a two year term.
- Melinda Dorning – Secretary for two year term.
- Jerry Johns – Vice President for two year term.

Library: Joe Weber

Joe continues to do a great job with the Library. This month we had two additional books added to the library. These items were requested by an association member. If you would like to see something added please contact Joe!

Gold Show – Joe Weber

The Gold Show for 2015 will be in Portland. The dates are March 28th and 29th and it will be held at the Expo center. Our association of miners is participating in the planning phase. If you are interested in being part of the planning, please contact Joe.

Annual Banquet: Jerry Johns

January is our annual banquet. It will be potluck style and the club will provide roast Beef. The Planning committee will start meeting in December. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Jerry Johns.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

Be on my committee

Outings See Ken Burns

Need volunteers to help check out, select and run outing events.

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Article of the Month

Arizona Gold

Yuma County, Arizona comprises an area about 156 miles long by 87 miles wide. It is made up of broad desert plains, ridged with sharply eroded fault-block mountains that predominantly trend north northwestward. Most of these ranges do not exceed 35 miles in length and with exception of the central and northern portions of the area are narrow. They attain altitudes 2,000 to 4,000 feet in the southern and western regions, and more than 5,000 feet in the Harquahala Mountains, in the north-eastern part of the county.

The area drains to the Colorado River, which is the only perennial waterway in this region. The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railways cross Yuma County. Various highways, improved roads and desert car trails traverse the area and lead to the **Yuma County Mining Districts**. Because of the ruggedness and aridity most of the mountain areas are difficult to prospect, particularly during summer.

YUMA COUNTY GOLD DEPOSITS

Yuma County, which ranks fourth among the gold-producing counties of Arizona has yielded about \$13,250,000 worth of gold of which nearly \$10,000,000 worth came from lode gold mines. The greater part of this production by the **Kofa Mine**, **Fortuna Mine** and **Harquahala Mine**.

The gold districts are mainly in the northern, central and southwestern portions of the county. With few exceptions, the deposits of economic importance have been found near the margins of the mountains on pediments or gentle slopes rather than on mountain sides or high ridges.

CIENEGA DISTRICT

The **Cienega District**, in northwestern Yuma County, northeast of **Parker**, contains several copper and gold deposits, a few of which have been of economic importance. From 1870 to 1929, inclusive, the district produced 1,182,473 pounds of copper, 1,935 ounces of silver, and 7,125 ounces of gold. The largest copper producer was the **Carnation Mine**.

In this district, a thick succession metamorphosed limestone, shale, and quartzite is intruded by granitic masses and overlain, at the southern margin of the district, by basalt. The limestone is from the Carboniferous age.

The **Arizona gold deposits**, which occur within shear zones in the sedimentary rocks, consist of small pocketed bodies of brecciated country rock, with chrysocolla, malachite, limonite, specularite, and flaky gold. Some of the pockets that have been found were very rich with gold. The deposits have mostly been worked to shallow depths.

Billy Mack Mine: The Billy Mack mine is 8 miles by road northeast of Parker. The mine made an estimated \$65,000 before 1909. From 1909 to 1911, some copper ore was shipped from the property to Swansea, Arizona, smelter. Between 1917 and 1920 the Illinois-Arizona Copper Company made a small production from the mine.

Lion Hill Mine: The Lion Hill mine, held in 1934 by W.H. Manning and others, is south of the Billy Mack Mine and 7 miles by road northeast of Parker. Between 1917 and 1920 the Illinois-Arizona Copper Company shipped some ore from the property. From 1927-1930, the Lion Hill Gold Mining Company shipped several cars of rich gold-copper ore. During 1931-1934, H. Sloan operated a 25 ton amalgamation mill on the property. The total production according to Mr. Sloan amounts to about \$30,000 in gold.

The deposit outcrops near the top of a low ridge of metamorphosed limestone that has been considerable faulted and jointed. Its underground workings include about 2,000 feet of drifts.

Rio Vista Northside Mine: The Rio Vista Northside property of twelve claims, is west of the Lion Hill mine and 5 miles by road northeast of Parker. In 1918-1919 a 275 foot tunnel was put in and three cars of gold-copper ore were produced.

Capilano Mine: The Capilano property is west of Rio Vista, at the end of a low ridge. The mine had a small production of rich gold-copper ore.

Sue Mine: The Sue Mine is about a half a mile north from the Rio Vista property. It has been worked on and off over many years having produced some rich ore.

PLANET DISTRICT

The Planet copper mining district, the vicinity of the Williams River, north of Bouse, has produced a little bit of gold.

During 1933-1934, M.W. Martinet, R.W. Geitlinger, D.M. Wenceslaw, and E.L. Craig, lessees, mined more than a car load of rich gold ore from a newly discovered deposit on the Planet Copper Mining Company's ground, about 2 miles south of the Williams River and 28 miles by road north of Bouse.

ELLSWORTH DISTRICT

Bonanza Mine/ Harquahala Mine and Golden Eagle Mine:

The Bonanza or Harquahala Mine is in the southwestern portion of the Harquahala Mountains at an elevation of 1,800 above sea level. It is accessible by the railway at Salome, by 9 miles of road. The Golden Eagle mine is about a mile northeast of the Bonanza mine.

The Bonanza and Golden Eagle veins were discovered in 1888 and sold to Hubbard and Bowers who organized the Bonanza Mining Company. It is reported that \$36,000 from a weeks run of a small amalgamation mill. A 20 stamp amalgamation mill, erected in 1891, made an estimated \$1,600,000 in bullion within three years.

In 1893, the Harqua Hala Gold Mining Company Ltd., a British syndicate, purchased the property for \$1,250,000, remodeled the mill and sank a new shaft. During 1895, a 150 ton cyanide plant was built to treat the accumulated tailings which ran from \$3 to \$5 per ton. Both the ore body and tailings were exhausted by the end of 1897, and the mine was sold back to Mr. Hubbard in 1899. Total production of the British company was \$750,000.

Smaller productions came and went over the years. The Golden Eagle can be found about a mile northeast of the Bonanza mine and contained a 400 foot shaft.

Socorro Mine: The Socorro mine, located at the southern base of the Harquahala mountains, is accessible from Salome by 11 miles of road.

The Socorro Mining Company acquired this mine in 1901 and within 4 years sank a 375 foot shaft. A 20 stamp mill was built in 1904. Intermittent operation carried on from 1906 until 1914, yielding about \$20,000 in gold.

In this vicinity, sheared, coarse-grained granite is overlain by about 150 feet of quartzite, followed by several hundred feet of metamorphosed yellowish-brown limestone and shale. The Socorro vein has been reported to occupy a fault fissure within the granite and sedimentary rocks and has a width of a few inches to a few feet. Free milling ore, consisting of white quartz and oxidized gold bearing iron minerals, was mined above the 250 feet level. Below 250 feet there is pyrite instead of gold found in the material.

San Marcos Mine: The San Marcos mine is located at the northern base of the Harquahala Mountains, and is 5 miles by road to southeast of Wenden. A small production was made here mostly prior to 1906. A shaft of 540 feet was sunk during that time-frame.

Hercules Mine: The Hercules mine, located also at the northern base of the Harquahala Mountains, is 5 miles by road southeast of Salome. Up to 1909, production was around \$10,000 in gold.

Hidden Treasure Mine: The Hidden Treasure mine consists of three claims and is located near the southern base of the Harquahala Mountains, in northeastern Yuma County. It is accessible by 5 miles of road that branches eastward from the Salome-Hassayampa road at a point 11 miles from Salome. The deposit was located in 1932. It yielded 22 rail cars of gold ore, thus being a decent producer.

Alaskan Mine: The Alaskan mine, discovered in 1920, is located on a plain south of the Harquahala Mountains in northeastern Yuma County. It is accessible by 8 miles of road that branches eastward from the Salome-Hassayampa road at a point of 13 miles from Salome and continues to Aquila. A small production of silver ore and gold ore was produced here.

This came from the Finding Gold in Arizona part on the Oregon Gold. Net site
Someday I would love to go there for a few weeks and try my luck at finding some of that yellow rock.



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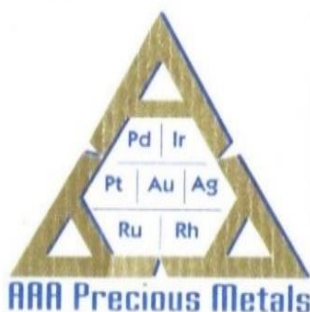
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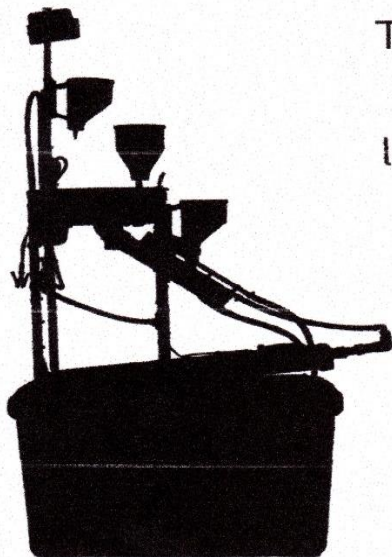


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All members note:

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