



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



More Oregon Treasures Just Waiting to Be Found

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Coos County – According to legend, some forty thousand dollars in gold bars were buried by miners during an Indian attack halfway between Sugar Loaf Mountain and Coquille.

Clackamas County – In the area of Government Camp at the base of Mount Hood, a cache of stolen treasure is said to be buried.

Clatsop County – Overlooking the river in Astoria is a landmark on Coxcomb Hill called Astoria Column. Before the 125 foot monument that commemorates westward expansion was built in 1925, a cabin stood along Coxcomb Hill Road. Here, lived an elderly man who upon his deathbed, revealed that he had placed \$10,000 in a coffee can and hid in a tree stump near his cabin.

The cabin stood along the edge of a hill. Though at the time of his death in the 1920s, searches were made for his buried money, it was never found.

Curry County – Where the Rogue River meets the Pacific Ocean at Gold Beach, a number of treasures have been found in the past, leading to possibilities of more.

Crook County – In the 19th century, there was a popular campsite for miners and settlers located on the north side of the Ochoco River near Skeleton Rock and about two miles east of Prineville. Legend has it that buried in the area is an estimated \$50,000 in gold bars and coins.

Douglas County – Near the small town of Days Creek, miners were

said to have buried pouches of gold nuggets in the late 1800s. The old mining camp sits at the confluence of Days Creek and the South Umpqua River about seven miles northeast of Canyonville.

Douglas County – Over a dozen lost gold mines are said to be located in the Steamboat Mountains in the vicinity of Deadman and White Rock Butte, between the South Umpqua River and North Steamboat Creek.

Douglas County – Located just below the mouth of Salt Creek was a mining camp called China Bar, named such because it was worked by Chinese prospectors. The Indians, who had long called the area home, were unhappy with these intruders and an ongoing war was taking place between the two factions. During one vicious attack, the miners fled with their gold to a cave near China Bar but were chased down by the Indians and killed. Their gold is still said to be hidden in the cave, which has not been located. China Bar is extremely remote, located on logging roads deep in the mountains in an area called Scuzzy Creek in Fraser Canyon.

Harney County – In the Owyhee Desert, an arid region of canyons, volcanic rock, sagebrush, and grass, that lies not only in Oregon but also in northern Nevada and

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Secretary's Report October 21st, 2018

President Mike Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

At the request of Mike Lewis, Charlie Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance - 40 attendees and 1 visitor were present.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the October newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasury Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report for October. The motion was approved by the members present.

Correspondence - We received the monthly Newsletter from Eastern Oregon Mining Association.

Club Merchandise - We still have Club patches available for sell for \$6.50 each. Gretchen Lewis has volunteered to sew them or iron them on for people if needed.

Election - Our Election is coming up again for 2019-2020 and we have some open positions. We are needing a Vice President, Secretary and 4 Board Members. Various people have showed interest and have been nominated. Make sure you make it to the next meeting so you can vote on who you would like.

Gold Show 2019 - Jerry Johns discussed the upcoming Gold Show to be held in March 2019 here in Portland at the Expo Center. We need Volunteers to be on the Committee. The S.W. Washington and Brownsville chapters will be helping too. The first Committee Meeting will be on Sunday October 28th at 1:00 P.M. People will meet at the Elmers restaurant on Sandy Blvd. in the Banquet Room. The Committee will meet monthly until

the show. We encourage people to participate so that we can have the best show ever!

Grizzly - We now have a new Grizzly that we can use at Tyroy thanks to Steve Lewin. It is being stored right now at Ken Burn's house until we can get it to our Claims next year.

Tyroy - Dave Chiara has filed all the necessary paperwork for our Tyroy Claims. He just has to pay the BLM \$45 for the 3 Claims because it costs \$15 a Claim.

Library - A couple Books were donated to the club by Jim Dorning. We are getting quite the collection of good reading material. Remember, if you check something out just bring it back the following month so that others may enjoy the material also.

Highbanker Raffle - Congratulations to Warren Oly Swenson who won the Highbanker! He wasn't present at last month's meeting when we had the drawing but he was sure to get it this month. Hope he finds some good Gold with it!

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Betty Bench was the lucky winner of the \$5 Raffle for the Gold Nugget.



The Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

October, 2018

Hello, fellow prospectors!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Cape Disappointment Outing on October 13th. We had a nice turn out, great weather, and people finding some color! A great combination!

If anyone has any pictures from our outings or other get-togethers, please send them to our newsletter and website editor Tim Snyder at wrshpmzshn@gmail.com.

As we discussed at the October chapter meeting, Jerry Johns is coordinating our participation in the 2019 Gold and Treasure Show which will be in Portland at the Expo Center with set-up on March 29th, and the show on March 30th and 31st. We had our first organizational meeting on October 28th, which included members from the SW Washington Chapter. We need all of the help we can get to make sure the show set-up and take-down run smoothly, as well as making sure there is a solid presence of the chapter during the show. Thank you to all of you who have already signed up to help with the show! As mentioned previously, we will continue to have a sign-up sheet at the monthly Chapter meetings. This is a major project for the Chapter and also a primary source of income for the Chapter.

▶ Please note that elections will take place at the November chapter meeting, with voting for the following offices: Vice President, Secretary and four Board Members.

We are also getting ready to organize the Chapter's annual potluck, which will be held at the January, 2019 Chapter

meeting. Any and all help is appreciated. I would like to scheduled the first planning meeting in early December. We will discuss it further at the next chapter meeting. Any ideas are appreciated.

Hope to see you at the next Chapter meeting on November 18, 2018.

Thank you and Happy Prospecting!
Mike Lewis
President
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southwestern Idaho, is said be a hidden mine. In the 1870s, soldiers stationed at Fort Harney were called to fight an Indian uprising. While camping in the Owyhee Desert, one of the soldiers found gold nuggets. With more pressing duties, they were not allowed to explore further. Upon their return to the fort, they told of their find, but anyone who searched was not able to locate the mine again. Some four decades later; however, a sheepherder came upon the same location. While lying on his deathbed, he told about finding the mine but didn't provide the specific location. After his death,



Lost Forest in Lake County, OR

numerous gold nuggets were found with his belongings.

Hood River County – At Horse Thief Meadows near The Dalles,

\$25,000 from a stagecoach robbery is believed to be hidden.

Jackson County – In the 1860s, an old miner was said to have buried some \$8,000 worth of gold dust near Jacksonville. He returned years later to get the gold, which at that time was said to have been in the vicinity of J.N.T. Miller's field. Though he dug up a large amount of the field, he could never find his buried cache.

Josephine County – Fifty thousand dollars in gold nuggets was said to have been buried by a miner within three hundred yards of the ghost town of Golden.

Josephine County – In 1878, a German prospector named Karl Meyer took shelter under a rock ledge during a storm along Miller Creek. While waiting out the rain, he spied a badger disappear into a large hole in the nearby rocks. When the rain stopped, he widened the hole and crawled through into a cave. There, he was excited to find a large vein of gold. Breaking off several pieces he soon had it assayed and found it would be worth \$415,000 per ton. He then returned to his camp on Miller Creek but was unable to find the cave. He continued to search for the elusive cavern for the next six months, without success. He later died of tuberculosis, having never found the cave.

Lake County – The Lost Forest Mine in south-central Oregon was discovered by a cowboy who was rounding up cattle in the early 1900s. He planned to

meet up with other wranglers at Sand Springs near the Lost Forest. The first to arrive, he found an interesting rock while waiting for the others. Afterward, he took it to Lakeview to be assayed but never returned for the rock or the results. Too bad he didn't return because the rock was found to have been at least 50% gold. When the assayer tried to find the cowboy, he was unsuccessful and the exact location was never known. It was speculated; however, that the gold still lies at Sand Springs.

Lincoln County – There is a pirate treasure that is said to be buried near Cascade Head near Lincoln City on the Pacific Coast.

been found on the sandy shores at Nehalem Beach, leading historians to believe this is where the wreck washed up.

Umatilla County – A March 1915 newspaper tells of what was called Old Squaw's Buried Treasure on the Umatilla Reservation near Pendleton, Oregon. The tale was told by an old Indian woman upon her deathbed, alleging that she had buried a significant amount of gold some two decades before. After telling her story, numerous farmers and Indians searched for her cache, and one can containing \$1,100 in gold was found on land, that at the time, was farmed by P.F. Kirckpatrick. Though the old woman insisted there was more,

From Dave Chiara:

Hi Guys

I got a call from Dave Urick (makes/sells the Spin-Off) - he's got about 25 ozt of Pomrenki (Steve) from Nome, Alaska that he got in a work agreement with Steve this summer in Nome.

Dave will be back in Portland (Camas) tomorrow and has indicated he will be selling the gold at "spot" prices (has fine gold and I think some "picker" type pieces).

Dave treats our folks well and can use our support.

He indicated he's going to be at Cape Disappointment this week when he gets back but can be reached at his cell #.

Best way to contact him is: 907-434-0733 (cell #).

Thanks,
Dave



Neahkahnie Mountain, Tillamook County

Tillamook County – Somewhere on the base of Neahkahnie Mountain, now located north of Manzanita in Oswald West State Park, is said to be a buried pirate treasure, hidden in the late 1500s. Clatsop Indian legend says that the pirates buried a treasure chest on the slopes at the base of the mountain and marked the spot with an inscribed rock. Legend further has it that the treasure is guarded by the ghost of a man who was killed and buried with the loot.

Tillamook County – Legend has it that a Spanish ship carrying a large amount of gold disappeared in a storm in 1679. Through the years, a number of artifacts have

she was too weak to provide more details and died without the rest ever being found.

Umatilla County – In Umatilla Meadows between Pendleton and Stanfield, at a place called Stage Gulch, a stagecoach was robbed in the early 1900's. The bandits made off with about \$1,200 in gold but were quickly captured. The two were to be hanged for their crimes, but before their execution took place, one of them confessed that the loot was buried near the scene of the holdup. Though, he surely hoped for a reprieve the pair were hanged anyway. Though the treasure was searched for, it was never found.



Brad Gary found his own hidden treasure when his coin landed on the gold pan in the Coin Drop. He pulled the vial containing the kernel of corn!

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by Robert W. Service

I strolled up old Bonanza, where I staked in ninety-eight,
A-purpose to revisit the old claim.
I kept thinking mighty sadly of the funny ways of Fate,
And the lads who once were with me in the game.
Poor boys, they're down-and-outers, and there's scarcely one to-day
Can show a dozen colors in his poke;
And me, I'm still prospecting, old and battered, gaunt and gray,
And I'm looking for a grub-stake, and I'm broke.

I strolled up old Bonanza. The same old moon looked down;
The same old landmarks seemed to yearn to me;
But the cabins all were silent, and the flat, once like a town,
Was mighty still and lonesome-like to see.
There were piles and piles of tailings where we toiled with pick and pan,
And turning round a bend I heard a roar,
And there a giant gold-ship of the very newest plan
Was tearing chunks of pay-dirt from the shore.

It wallowed in its water-bed; it burrowed, heaved and swung;
It gnawed its way ahead with grunts and sighs;
Its bill of fare was rock and sand; the tailings were its dung;
It glared around with fierce electric eyes.
Full fifty buckets crammed its maw; it bellowed out for more;
It looked like some great monster in the gloom.
With two to feed its sateless greed, it worked for seven score,
And I sighed: "Ah, old-time miner, here's your doom!"

The idle windlass turns to rust; the sagging sluice-box falls;
The holes you digged are water to the brim;
Your little sod-roofed cabins with the snugly moss-chinked walls
Are deathly now and mouldering and dim.
The battle-field is silent where of old you fought it out;
The claims you fiercely won are lost and sold;
But there's a little army that they'll never put to rout —
The men who simply live to seek the gold.

The men who can't remember when they learned to swing a pack,
Or in what lawless land the quest began;
The solitary seeker with his grub-stake on his back,
The restless buccaneer of pick and pan.
On the mesas of the Southland, on the tundras of the North,
You will find us, changed in face but still the same;
And it isn't need, it isn't greed that sends us faring forth —
It's the fever, it's the glory of the game.
For once you've panned the speckled sand and seen the bonny dust,

Its peerless brightness blinds you like a spell;
It's little else you care about; you go because you must,
And you feel that you could follow it to hell.
You'd follow it in hunger, and you'd follow it in cold;
You'd follow it in solitude and pain;
And when you're stiff and battered down let someone whisper "Gold",
You're lief to rise and follow it again.

Yet look you, if I find the stuff it's just like so much dirt;
I fling it to the four winds like a child.
It's wine and painted women and the things that do me hurt,
Till I crawl back, beggared, broken, to the Wild.
Till I crawl back, sapped and sodden, to my grub-stake and my tent —
There's a city, there's an army (hear them shout).
There's the gold in millions, millions, but I haven't got a cent;
And oh, it's me, it's me that found it out.

It was my dream that made it good, my dream that made me go
To lands of dread and death disprized of man;
But oh, I've known a glory that their hearts will never know,
When I picked the first big nugget from my pan.
It's still my dream, my dauntless dream, that drives me forth once more
To seek and starve and suffer in the Vast;
That heaps my heart with eager hope, that glimmers on before —
My dream that will uplift me to the last.

Perhaps I am stark crazy, but there's none of you too sane;
It's just a little matter of degree.
My hobby is to hunt out gold; it's fortified in my brain;
It's life and love and wife and home to me.
And I'll strike it, yes, I'll strike it; I've a hunch I cannot fail;
I've a vision, I've a prompting, I've a call;
I hear the hoarse stampeding of an army on my trail,
To the last, the greatest gold camp of them all.

Beyond the shark-tooth ranges sawing savage at the sky
There's a lowering land no white man ever struck;
There's gold, there's gold in millions, and I'll find it if I die,
And I'm going there once more to try my luck.
Maybe I'll fail — what matter? It's a mandate, it's a vow;
And when in lands of dreariness and dread
You seek the last lone frontier, far beyond your frontiers now,
You will find the old prospector, silent, dead.

*You will find a tattered tent-pole with a ragged robe below it;
You will find a rusted gold-pan on the sod;
You will find the claim I'm seeking, with my bones as stakes to show it;
But I've sought the last Recorder, and He's — God.*

No Disappointment at the Cape!



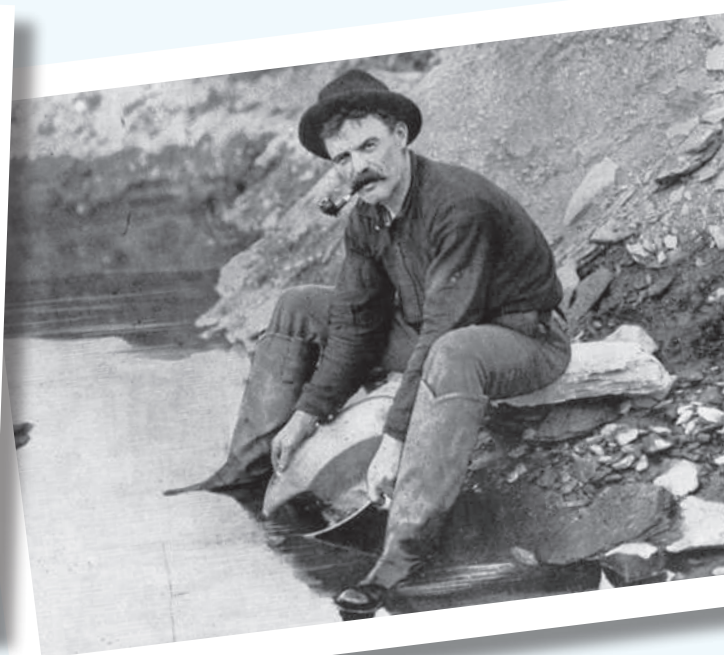
Yes, that's gold!

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Download a copy to print here: [Gold and Fish](#)

2018 – 2019 Events Calendar – Subject to change as year progresses.

November 18th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
December 16th:	PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm
January 20th:	Annual Potluck Dinner
March 30, 31	Gold and Treasure Show - Portland Expo Center



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