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## New Town Of Three Pines, Oregon

**1905** With the beginning of the year, 1905, another town site will be platted in Josephine County, making five regularly laid out town sites in the county. The new town site is to be known as Three Pines and is located on the Southern Pacific 13 miles north of Grants Pass and four miles north of Merlin. The town site, which is to be platted next week by H.L. Reynolds of Grants Pass, is to be located on the Jeb Anderson farm.

George F. Howland and J.D. Cook are managers of a large mining company which is backing the enterprise. The location is ideal for a town, the land being sufficiently level to give a good surface to lots and streets, yet with grade enough to give perfect drainage and being on an elevated plateau, a grand view of the surrounding country can be had.

A gravity supply of pure water, ample for a town can be had. Near the town is the natural site for a reservoir of several acres in extent, which is in the planning to afford a reserve supply of water for irrigation and as a boating pond. A fine grove of young trees adjoins this proposed lake and it will be cleaned up, trimmed, and made into park. It will make a handsome recreation ground, and being in the hills it will be cool in the summer and the lake will be large enough to afford fine fishing.

Three Pines Park will be accessible for Grants Pass picnic parties. The Southern Pacific will take parties out from town in mornings and back in evenings. The Hydraulic Mining Company will make liberal inducements to persons desiring to build in Three

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## On Southern Pacific Railroad – Shipping Point For Jump-Off-Joe

Pines, but a restriction will be enforced to prevent erections of shanties. The contract has closed for the opening of a large general merchandise store by Garman and Hemenway who now have a large store in Grants Pass and in Cottage Grove. Their building will be 30 feet by 70 feet, with a warehouse 30 feet by 50 feet. Work will be begun in the near future on these buildings and Messrs Garman and Hemenway expect to open with a \$3,000 stock of goods early in the spring. Parties are also negotiating to put in a hotel, livery stable, and a blacksmith shop. The Southern Pacific has already put in a siding at Three Pines and in the spring will erect a depot and have an agent.

The post office department has been asked to establish a post office for the town and is expected to have it in operation early in the spring. A long distance telephone office is to be put in this spring and a rural line will be run to give connection with the mines, mills and farms on Jump-Off-Joe. A planning mill and lumberyard are among the improvements that are planned by the Hydraulic Mining Company. Grounds will be reserved and donated for schools, churches, and a public place. The Hydraulic Mining Company in addition to operating a large placer mine on Jump-Off-Joe has a large sawmill on that stream where they own a large body of timber. On putting in their mill last spring, they constructed the new road that connects the Jump-Off-Joe Valley with the Southern Pacific at Three Pines, and which gives a route to the railroad three miles shorter than the road previously used. This road has an easy grade and is the natural outlet for the entire Jump-Off-Joe Valley.

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## Promoting A Future: 1905

This valley is one of the best timbered districts of Southern Oregon and has considerable good agricultural land, but it is chiefly noted as a mining district. In this district, there are now nine developed quartz mines, those equipped are the Lucky Queen with 10 stamps, Baby with two stamps, Gopher with four stamps, Oro Fino with a 50 ton cyanide plant, Mt. Pitt with a double bed arrastra and the Hammersly with five stamps.

There are six working placer mines, some of which are among the largest in the country. It is conceded by miners familiar with the district, that within the next few years, the Jump-Off-Joe district will be one of the largest and best mining districts in Southern Oregon and the pay roll and the other business derived from these mines will be a considerable factor in the business prosperity of Three Pines. That Three Pines will become one of the prosperous and growing towns of Southern Oregon is quite certain to come to pass, for it has the natural advantage and these backed with the energy and public spirit of Messrs. Howland and Cook, who will insure that it will be a safe investment.

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community history and land use.

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## ***Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission***

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (Hugo Neighborhood). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The Hugo Neighborhood is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### **Land Use & History**

The Hugo Neighborhood's land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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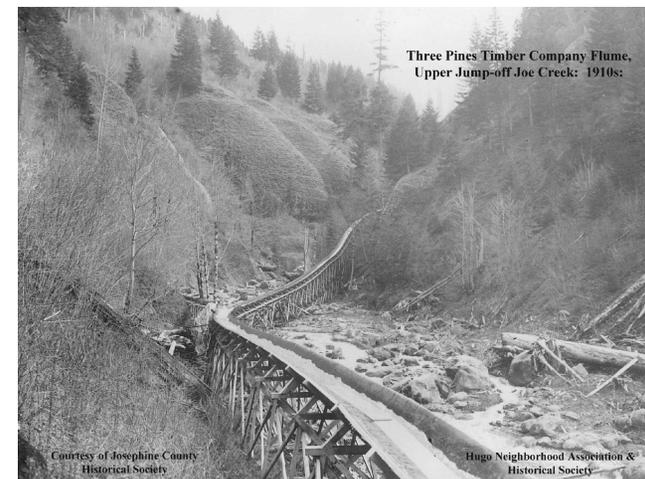
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# **THREE PINES TIMBER COMPANY'S PROMOTION**

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Three Pines Timber Company Flume,  
Upper Jump-off Joe Creek: 1910s:

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