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VAN SCHOLACK, STEWART, ON
EARLY BOHEMIA DAYS.

Cottage Grove, Ore., April 8, 1935.
—To the Editor of The Cottage
Grove Sentinel from two old pio-
neers who know something of Bo-
hemia in the early days.

We were both born in Lane coun-
ty, have lived here most of our
lives and would have lived here
longer if only we had been born
sooner. So Row river is fine for us.
(C. A. Van Scholack was born in
1860 six miles south of Cottage
Grove and J. B. Stewart was born
in 1861 near Cottage Grove.) Row
river has been our home and we
are going to tell you something
about old Bohemia.

Bohemia was not discovered in
1858 as previously stated. Discovery
was made near 1870 by Jim John-
son. He had killed an Indian and
was hiding in the mountains when
he happened to see a small vein of
wily gold that cropped out in
plain view. The word of discovery
soon spread to Portland and here
came Jack Knott, Levi Knott and
Levi Knott's father-in-law. The
firm organized by these men be-
came known as Knott and Ladd.
Their little mill was shipped
from Portland to Eugene. The old-
timers from Row river hauled it to
the Frank Brice ford—and not the
Frank Brice ford. All light materi-
al was packed in by Bawley
Staples. The heavier machinery was

Friday and Saturday Are Bohemia Bargain Days

hauled by a six-horse team of Levi
Knott.

The road was completed as far
as Cat Cock mountain before the
machinery ever arrived. The Knott
and Ladd firm operated for about
two years then they lost the Stark
street ferry in Portland, their out-
side source of income, and went
broke. Everything except the ma-
chinery was brought to the G. R.
Van Scholack home near Dorena
and unloaded, this work being do-
nated by the old-timers here on the
river. Later the machinery was tak-
en to the mines with a six-horse
team. There were others besides
this group that made discoveries in
Bohemia.

Bird Farrier discovered the Ex-
celsior mine, which later proved to
be a good one.

C. A. VAN SCHOLACK,
J. B. STEWART.

P. S.—This Excelsior mine was
located by Bird Farrier and sold to
Knott and Ladd, but was first dis-
covered by Jim Johnson. He was a
Bohemian. Then it was called Bo-
hemia.

To the Editor: We wish to com-
mend The Sentinel and people of
Cottage Grove for the great inter-
est shown in the "Bohemia Days"
celebration. Cottage Grove is out-
standing in its movement, is out-
standing as a mining center and is
also outstanding as a lumber cen-
ter.

Our father and father-in-law, P.
J. Jennings, made Cottage Grove
headquarters when he was mining
in the Bohemia district and from
there built a railroad. He also built
roads from Disston to the mines,
which he later turned over to the
county. He worked under many dif-
ficulties, taking mill machinery
and all materials over a trail by
means of horses and a drag. But it
was well worth the struggle—as
many residents can recall the gold
bricks he brought out from the
mines and the good times in the

whole community. Elsewhere the
depression of 1900 was on.

We hope to be in Cottage Grove
for at least one of the days of the
celebration, which is sure of suc-
cess—even greater than ever be-
fore. Here's to Cottage Grove for a
glorious celebration! Very sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jennings,
Eugene, Oregon.

Bohemia District in
Early Days

(Continued from page 1.)

In the late 80's or early 90's Jim
Musick began operations at the
Musick mine. He took in a five-stamp
mill over Grouse mountain to the mines, but on
account of the lateness when they finally
got in and organized they were able to
run only nine days before the snow came,
but in those nine days they took out \$4,000
in gold. In 1895 or 96 the Musick people
decided to build a road into the mine, and
so began building from the mines outward
while the county built in toward them. The
road was completed in 1897. A ten-stamp
mill was taken in and operated until 1923,
at which time the Musick, Helena and the
Champion mines consolidated under the
Oregon Security company, which oper-
ated for several years. At present the
Musick mine is owned by L. M. Cappe.
The first store in the district was started
at the Musick mine in 1901 by George
Knowles and Charles Gettys. This was a
merchandise store, furnishing supplies for
the workers.

The Helena group was discovered, ac-
cording to one report, by Chas. Bruneau
and the Jennings brothers, but, according
to another report, was discovered by
Bruneau and bought by the Jennings broth-
ers. A ten-stamp mill was put in about
1900. Today this mine is operated by Cot-
tage Grove and Eugene people.

Much of the early history of the Cham-
pion mine is incomplete, but the credit for
its location is given to Andrew Land. The
date of this discovery is uncertain. A five-
stamp mill was put into operation in 1895
at the Champion mines, to be replaced in
1902 by a much larger mill of thirty
stamps. The latter was run by a hydro-
electric plant situated at what is now
Land Park, known at that time as the
"Warehouse." Another store was started
by Knowles and Gettys, similar to the one
at the Musick mine, at the Champion. It
handled mining supplies. In 1902 the
Champion road was built from a point
about two miles above Land Park to the
Champion mines on Brice creek. No one
knows the actual amount of gold taken
out of this district, but in 1904 Charles
Gettys and Louis Groves brought out about
\$20,000 worth of gold from the Champion
group in two weeks.

Bird Farrier, another miner whose name
is connected with the early Bohemia days,
located the Vesuvius mine and sold it to
the Gruber brothers and Zinniker, who ran
it until 1901. It was then bought by F. G.
Hurd, who improved and ran it until 1918.
Today it is owned by the Hurd heirs.

Women also played a very important part
in the development of the mines of Bo-
hemia. Some of these pioneer women were
Mrs. Sarah Kerr, who had charge of the
cook house at the Annie mine, Mrs. Johnnie
Wallace, better known as "Aunt Cad,"
who cooked at the Champion mines, Mrs.
Dan Beck, who followed Mrs. Wallace,
Mrs. Mary Olive Waller, one of the pio-
neer cooks of the camps, taught school
in Eugene in the winter and cooked in the
mines in the summer. Other cook house
operators were Mrs. J. P. Hart, Mrs. Ed
Jones, Mrs. Elmer Douville and others
could be added to the list. Cooking was
extremely hard as milk and eggs were too
expensive to buy, and the women got on
as best they could without them.

Most of the camps of the Bohemias have
been abandoned, leaving in their place only
memories. It would be well for the young-
er people, while participating in the fun
and lightheartedness of our Bohemia Days
celebration, to think back and give a schol-
ar moment of respect to those hardy pioneers
who were willing to endure the suffering
to develop one of the greatest resources
of Oregon. We cannot give enough credit
to those brave "trail blazers of the fu-
ture."

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Second place in the essay contest
was awarded Peggy Savage and
third place went to Marvin Wilson.

MOSBY CREEK

April 22.—Nelson Lewis suffered a stroke
one day last week. He is ill at his home
here.

A basket dinner was held Sunday at the
Blue Mountain church and also one at the
Walden school house.

Delbert Myers suffered a cut finger one
day last week.

Herman Gleaser, who had been with the
CCC camp at Brice creek, came home.

Genevieve Coblenz, who was helping
care for Mrs. Palmer at the D. H. Brun-
field home, has returned to her home.

James Lebow was hurt when his horses
ran away Saturday with a mowing ma-
chine.

Clifford Lebow has bought the Albert
Risque telephone share on the 16 line.

A large crowd attended literary at Blue
Mountain Friday night. Mr. Grannis of
Cottage Grove gave a very interesting talk.

Mrs. A. Castle and grandson, Douglas,
visited Sunday in Oregon City with Mrs.
Seward, who is in a hospital there.

Erna Morris of Peoria spent the week
end at the George Morris home.

LORANE.

April 22.—Lorane grange will hold its
regular meeting Thursday night. F. B.
Harlow and F. D. Petzold will act as
judges in the county efficiency contest.

Cake, sandwiches and coffee will be served
by the home economics committee.

The second of a series of card parties
will be held at the grange hall Saturday
night.

Mrs. Button of Springfield is visiting
a daughter, Mrs. Harold Shortridge.

The comedy, "Silas Smidge from Tur-
nup Ridge," was given by the high school
juniors Friday night.

Members of the Christian Endeavor held
a party at the church Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Damewood of
Grants Pass are visiting Mr. Damewood's
daughters, Mrs. Ralph Lynch and Mrs.
Gladys Perry.

Dunn, dialog by Maxine Guggisberg and
Eva Elliott, skit by eight primary pupils,
chalk drawing by Mrs. Crumroy and songs
by ladies' quartet.

Mrs. T. B. Mitchell and children were
sick the past week with the flu. Mrs. E.
S. Addison, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell and Mrs.
Annie Skelton have been sick.

MOUNT VIEW.

April 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Chet Vinson of
Hebron spent Sunday at the Arthur Smith
home.

The E. C. Lockwood family, Mrs. George
Brunfield, Miss Bernadine Schneider and
Lloyd Wolfard of Cottage Grove were Sun-
day guests at the J. A. Schneider home.

The pupils at the Mount View school
held an egg hunt Friday afternoon. Several
of the women of the neighborhood at-
tended.

Mrs. Dena Crane, who had visited here
with a daughter, Mrs. Jack Peterson, for
several weeks, returned to her home in
Newberg last week.

Joe Borenson, who is employed at West-
fir, is spending this week at home while
recovering from an attack of boils.

Lowell Johnson accompanied Joe Han-
sen of Eugene to Marshfield Wednesday
of last week.

The Earl Baldwin family of Springfield
spent Sunday at the Bill Martin home.

The Claude Arne and Henry Bauer fam-
ilies were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Ralph Bauer.

Miss Dorothy Bales entertained with a
family dinner Sunday in honor of her par-
ents' twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. D. L. Miller entertained the Neigh-
borhood club Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Veatch of Cottage Grove spent
a few days the first of the week with Mrs.
Amanda Sears.

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any.

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