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A CHANCE TO INVEST

Belief That The Proposed Smelter Will Greatly Benefit St. Johns.

Shall St. Johns have a smelter? Shall St. Johns secure an industry that will employ at the commencement fully a half hundred men?

These are two questions the answers to which mean more to this city than is commonly supposed.

Consider this matter in a business light and view the advantages which will accrue to this peninsula if this industry be established.

It is claimed by everyone who has investigated the matter of Alaskan trade that, until Portland can buy what Alaska has to sell that country will not buy what Portland has to dispose of. No vessels will run empty one way for the sake of dividing its patronage—no matter what may be asserted by a few enthusiastic individuals.

It becomes necessary, therefore, before Portland shall make any spasmodic effort to sell her goods to Alaska that arrangements be made to take all ore that may be brought here. To do this requires but the earnest co-operation of the business men of Portland in the erection of a smelting plant of sufficient capacity to care for all ores shipped here.

The Bohemia Smelting and Railway Company, incorporated under Oregon laws for \$1,000,000 (one million dollars), stands ready now to put in the plant that is necessary for all requirements. This company asks no bonus, is ready to deliver the goods, and is out for business; but it will not locate where there is manifested no interest.

The Bohemia Company was formed for the purpose of putting in a smelter convenient to the mines of the company in Douglas county—where its property is located. It has, up to a recent date figured upon the erection of this smelter about 16 miles from Cottage Grove, at Bohemia Junction; and from this point an electric road owned by the company would transport the ore.

But now the Bohemia company contemplates larger and better things—among them is this smelter at St. Johns. The erection of a smelter here of proportions suitable to care for all the ore that may be shipped here means much to St. Johns.

It means the erection of a plant which would employ about fifty men—and smelter-men are a class of people commanding the highest scale of wages. It means the completion of a set of furnaces capable of handling any grade of smelting ore which might come to it.

A little later it means the erection of a refinery where all the mattes could be cared for—in order to avoid the expense of shipping these to other points—which in turn means that St. Johns would be an immensely advertised locality.

All this requires money—but, as this article has already asserted, the projectors of this industry ask for no bonus; nor do they require anything for nothing.

Here is the plan of action: the

Bohemia company has large holdings—both in ore and timber. Shares in the company carry with them participation in profits from every source—including these mines, the timber, the contemplated electric road and the smelter.

Those who have followed in any measure the growth of the smelting business know full well how enormous it has been. Possibly in no other industry are profits so great as those made by smelters conducted upon a business basis and competent to handle all grades of ore. From this source alone the stock-holders in the Bohemia can safely count upon dividends of no small dimension; and when these shall have been increased by the profits from the Bohemia holdings of ore, put through its own smelters it can easily be seen that holders of stock will find their shares at a big premium and a nice dividend accruing.

When the smelter shall be located in St. Johns every foot of land in the peninsula will have added value. It will mean more homes to be built and maintained, more supplies to be purchased, and more people for our people to cater to in all lines of business.

What will be good for this city will be good for Portland. It will mean the opening wedge for securing Alaskan trade—that prize for which the business men there are striving. By no other means can this trade be secured—for common sense teaches that where the vessel sells there will she buy—for a cargoless ship declares no dividends.

Portland will be directly benefited by the location of this smelter at St. Johns. Her board of trade should take up the project and push it—because this can be done far cheaper than to put on a line of boats which, perforce, would not be a paying venture.

For the benefit of those who consider the location of a smelter in any residence community detrimental to health and vegetation THE REVIEW would say this: All modern smelters now consume their own gases; hence the poisonous vapors formerly so disastrous to life are eliminated. A smelter next door to a home would not be distasteful so far as any noxious vapors would be concerned—nor would it be harmful to life or vegetation.

Subscriptions are being taken for this stock this week. The intention is to sell about one-third the necessary amount here—and then there should be no difficulty in disposing of the balance in Portland—because the business men of that city will largely profit by the smelter's proximity.

All who can do so, it appears to us, will be not only aiding St. Johns by subscribing for stock but will confer a favor of nice proportions upon themselves. The plan seems to be one that merits the confidence of the people.

Shall we do it?

ASSAILANT AND THIEF.

General Lafayette Caples Slugged By His Dependant.

At frequent intervals in times past Lafayette Caples has taken in and aided a fellow who gave his name as "Kinzie Collins." The man would do odd chores, cut wood and the like, for his keep; then would depart for some other portion of the world.

A few weeks ago he came to the city—and at once went to Mr. Caples' home. He was taken in as usual.

Monday evening as Mr. Caples was reading beside his table Collins came in and, before he could defend himself the aged man was badly beaten about the head—and elsewhere he bore material wounds. His watch (which was a very nice one) was stolen by this man Collins, it is asserted—and the thief was not to be found.

William Caples, a son, was up with his father nearly all the night—and a "tracer" was at once sent out for the arrest of Collins. It is to be hoped that he will be apprehended.

Oh, Me! Oh, My!

The city election will take place in St. Johns next April, and already the political pot is beginning to simmer quietly, but will increase from now on. "Father" B. H. Downs is the only one mentioned for mayor, outside of W. H. King, incumbent, "Father Downs" is always present at all council meetings, and is a sort of encyclopedia of municipal information on every subject that comes up. It is not known whether Mayor King will be a candidate for re-election or not. W. L. Thorndyke is considered a candidate for recorder, although he has been mentioned for mayor. Willis Moxon also is being mentioned for recorder, as also is E. C. Hurlburt. Recorder Hanks will likely be a candidate for re-election. None of the councilmen have said whether they want another term or not, but it is understood that Councilman J. H. Shields is on a still hunt for the mayor's job. There promises to be a warm contest, and at least two tickets will surely be in the field.—Portland Oregonian.

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