

ABOUT BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT

Development Work That Has Been Done Up to This Time—
Geological Formation of the District—Has the Ap-
pearance of a Second Cripple Creek.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 24.—The Bohemia Mining District is located 134 miles south of Portland, and 80 miles east of the Coast, in the southern part of Lane County and northern part of Douglas, in the Cascade Mountains, extending a distance of about eight miles from east to west and about six miles from north to south.

Bohemia Postoffice is 35 miles southeast of Cottage Grove, on the Shasta Route of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Two wagon roads lead from Cottage Grove to the gold fields, one up Sharp's Creek by way of Hardecrable to the Bohemia Postoffice; the other up Row River, via Wild Wood, through Horsehead Gulch, joining the other road on Fairview Mountain, thence they continue down City Creek and toward Steamboat.

Geological Formation.
Of the geology of Bohemia District, George H. Stone recently professor of geology in Colorado College, and a member of the United States Geological Survey, says:

"This is a volcanic district. The volcanic masses take the form of a crooked main ridge, with subordinate ridges branching in opposite directions, and the latter in some cases subdivide. Numerous peaks rise out of and above the other parts of the ridges. The larger of these are dikes pushed up through the adjoining parts, and therefore of later age. The lateral slopes of the ridges are steep and often precipitous. In many places the solid lava is covered with a sheet of breccia up to 60 feet in thickness. The scoriaceous layer of lava which formed the original surface of cooling is still found covering a large part of the surface. This proves that erosion has not greatly modified the contour of the country since the close of the active volcanic period.

"The rocks of the region are dark bluish and greenish andesites, varying in mineralogical structure from fine-grained to coarse porphyritic, and are often hornblende. When the country rock is decomposed, as it usually is along the side of the veins, it is bleached to a grayish or brownish color, modified by a staining of iron, and is locally known as porphyry.

"The volcanic ridges are cut by a series of nearly parallel veins, with some cross veins. Most of the veins can be traced from half a mile up to three miles over high ridges and across deep valleys, proving that the veins occupy deep fissures. The values occur mainly in chert carrying free gold, pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, some zinc and probably some other sulphides and sulphates. The ores and vein matter consist largely of coatings, impregnations and replacements of the country rock, as at Cripple Creek, and many other places. The gangue consists of quartz with small quantities of heavy spar and a few other minerals. Down to the bottom of the deepest workings the replacement of the country rock by ores and gangue is more and more complete.

"The mineralization of this camp dates of tunnel work, have passed through much good ore, and late developments show great improvements in values. Were these gentlemen like many others known of, they would have had a mill installed before now. They purpose to have the ore, and enough of it, and to familiarize themselves as to the best form of treatment before going to the great expense of a plant that often does not do the work. The systematic development work of this company is the kind that helps a camp.

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NEW MINING EXCHANGE

TWO NOW IN LEGAL EXISTENCE IN PORTLAND.

Second Enterprise, Which Was Incorporated Yesterday, Will Begin Business at Once.

That Portland is becoming a mining center of considerable importance is evidenced by the fact that two mining exchanges have been incorporated here within the past month. The second was incorporated yesterday by J. E. Haseltine, J. A. Arment, L. G. Clark, James T. Moylan, D. Solis Cohen, H. H. McCarthy, I. G. Davidson, and F. J. Hard. It will be called the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange, and is capitalized at \$10,000. It is proposed to conduct a general business in mining stocks, as well as railroad, water and industrial stocks. The principal office will be in Portland.

It is understood that the new exchange will in no way conflict with the exchange previously incorporated, as there is room for at least two, and perhaps more, in Portland. The new concern expects to go into business immediately, and its promoters believe that it will find enough to do from the start to make it prosperous. A number of mining agencies have been started in Portland this year, and inquiry for properties is more and more general. Mines are discussed in hotel lobbies and on the streets, and travelers from the East who come in over the O. R. & N. or Southern Pacific hear all about the mineral resources of Oregon from the time they enter the state. The new exchange does not expect to deal in or have anything to do with wildcat properties.

PARDONED BY GEOR.

SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO THE GUILT OF M. E. McELVAIN.

SALEM, Or., March 25.—Governor Geer today granted a full pardon to M. E. McElvain, sentenced to two years' imprisonment from Sherman County. McElvain has served no part of his sentence. He was convicted in October, 1898, but appealed to the Supreme Court, and upon an affirmation of the judgment of the lower court, was to have been resentence today. Governor Geer this morning telegraphed Judge Bradshaw, who tried the case, and it is presumed that McElvain will not be brought to the penitentiary. The crime of which McElvain was convicted was the raising of a promissory note from \$200 to \$219.70.

When asked today concerning his reason for granting the pardon, Governor Geer said that, in the first place, he had serious doubts as to McElvain's guilt. There was no evidence to connect him with the crime except the fact that he would be the beneficiary of the act. The note was in the hands of other parties and others might have had access to it while in McElvain's possession. The defendant has an excellent appearance, has borne a good reputation and while under sentence had no trouble in furnishing \$200 bail. He made no attempt to profit by the raising of the note, but claimed only the amount actually due him.

But the governor says that in any event he is of the opinion that McElvain has been punished enough. While he has not

been imprisoned, he has been under the ban of the law for three years, and has suffered the disgrace of a conviction. To imprison him for two years, the Governor thinks, would do no good and might do harm.

Among the papers submitted to the Governor for his consideration in the matter of granting a pardon is an anonymous letter, mailed at Pocatello, in which the writer says that he made the alteration in the note for the purpose of getting McElvain into trouble in revenge for a supposed wrong done him by McElvain. He wrote the letter, he says, because he afterward discovered that McElvain had done him no wrong. As the letter bore no signature, Governor Geer gave it very little consideration in passing upon the petition for a pardon.

A pardon was also issued today to W. E. May, sentenced in June, 1895, to 2 1/2 years' imprisonment for the crime of larceny committed in Clackamas County. He served his time, and the pardon simply restores him to citizenship.

A Roseburg Fire.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 25.—At 3 o'clock this morning fire was discovered under good headway in the residence of G. R. Child, at the corner of Mosher and Stevens streets. The fire department was promptly on the ground and soon quenched the fire, but not before the annex, where the fire originated, was a total loss, and the main two-story building was badly damaged along the roof and upper story. The loss is amply covered by insurance. The furniture, carpets, etc., were hastily carried out by the neighbors, and were considerably damaged. The fire originated in a room used as a laundry and Summer kitchen. There had been no fire there during the past three months; hence the fire must have been incendiary.

Tribute to the Soldier Dead.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 25.—Services were held in the G. A. R. Auditorium yesterday at 2 P. M. in honor of the Oregon soldiers who were buried in Riverview Cemetery, Portland. The meeting was called to order by Rufus Smith, Commander of the G. A. R. of this city, followed by a quartet, which rendered several songs. Rev. A. Esson, pastor of the Christian Church of Monmouth, offered prayer, after which State Senator R. F. Mulkey made an address. Senator Mulkey paid tribute to the dead soldier boys, and especially to the unclaimed dead. A large number of people were in attendance, among whom were a number of college students and well-known local singers from Monmouth, the latter assisting in the musical programme.

Court at McMinnville.

McMINNVILLE, Or., March 25.—Judge George H. Burnett today opened the Circuit Court, and a large amount of business was disposed of.

George Rogers and Henry Turner, indicted for burglary from the premises of C. W. Hudson, of Carlton, pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Rain fell here yesterday and today, completely stopping farming, which has been prosecuted with great energy the last few weeks. All shrubs are leaved out, and some varieties of fruits are in bloom.

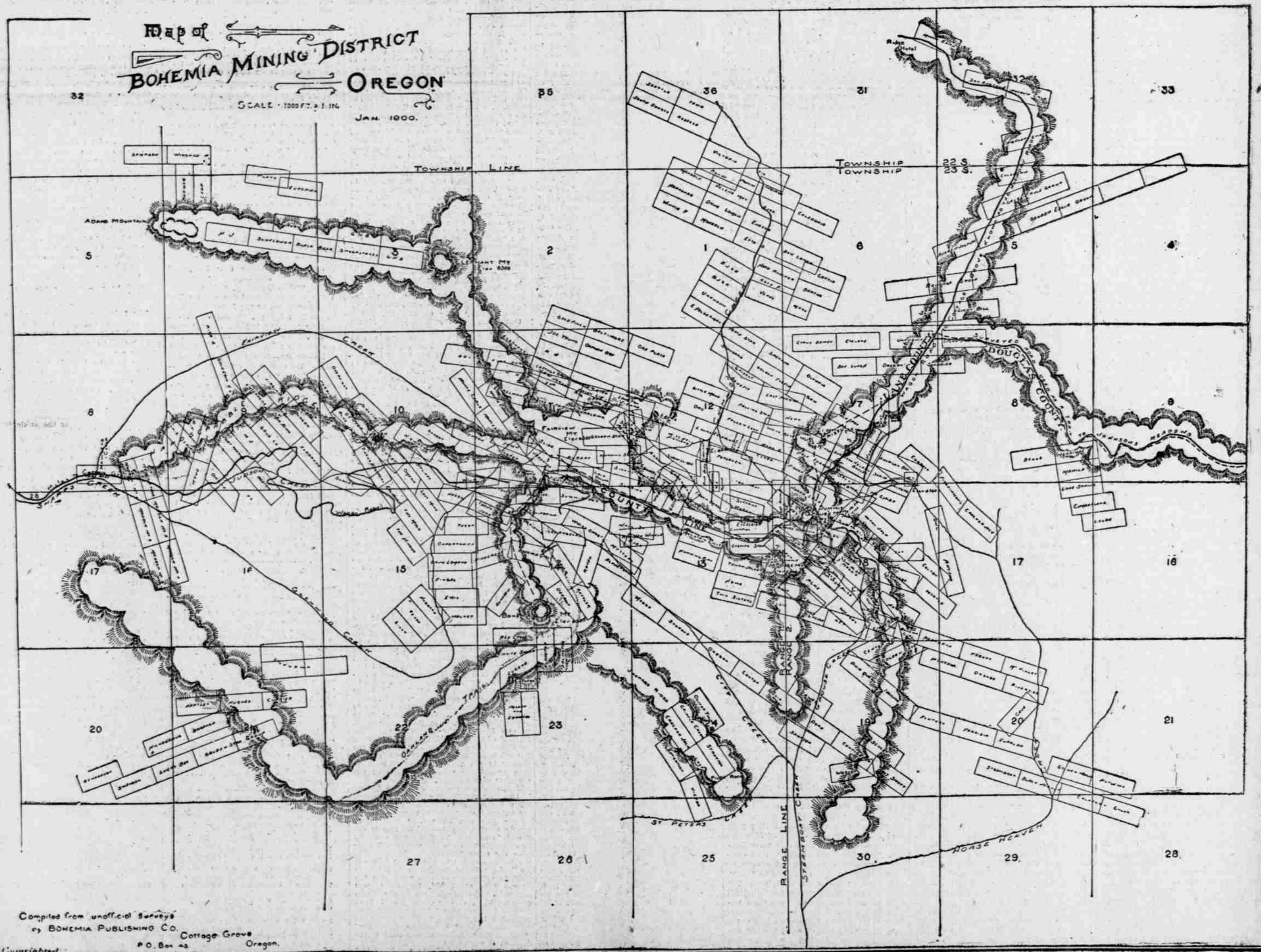
Washington Coal Output.

TACOMA, March 25.—State Mine Inspector Owens, in his annual report, places the coal output of Washington during 1899 at more than 2,000,000 tons, 250,000 tons in excess of 1898. He estimates the output for 1900 at 2,500,000 tons.

Map of BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT OREGON

SCALE - 1000 FT. = 1 IN.

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