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LOTZ-LARSEN MINING PROPERTIES IN GOOD SHAPE, AFTER SEVEN YEARS HARD WORK AND MANY UPS AND DOWNS

This Property is Backed By Representatives of a Breed of Men Who Will Not Stop or Be Discouraged; the Kind of Men Who Pioneer in Great Enterprises and in the End Prevail Over Difficulties and Discouragements—Ready Now for Actual Mining, Milling and Shipping of Ore

Editor Statesman:
Surely I appreciate your request for a short statement in review of the mining conditions and their present status on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river, located in the Lester mining district, county of Marion, state of Oregon, but will say that it was with a great and profound sense of responsibility and many misgivings that I have accepted your invitation to give a few facts of the actual conditions as they now exist in our locality.

To begin with, will state that our efforts have been more than met by your own efforts in our behalf to establish and leave behind us a monument of achievement in the way of a successful enterprise that will be of a lasting benefit to the Willamette valley. We, that is, my partner, A. C. Larsen, and myself, have been actively engaged in the development of mining properties in your county for the past seven years, and you have always given us your loyal support and hearty cooperation. I barely state these facts, not that I desire to go back over the past years, carrying a codger of contempt over our past failures and successes, nor would I if I could, strike at what you might call Fate, for it seldom does any good to look back and worry over the mistakes that you have made in the past, as it is only by stepping stone on which you may figure a basis to work for the future. We can never gain anything by knocking what has been done, but can only progress by looking ahead and dreaming of the future.

H. H. Lotz, L.L.B. and M. E.
I in no way care about the water that has long since run down the river; that I cannot utilize but today we must look ahead, expectantly desirous of conquering the waters that are to come.

Takes Teamwork to Win
Again, I desire to thank you, Mr. Editor, for your many past courtesies, and briefly will say that with a hearty organization of clear-headed business men, such as yourself, that the mining industry lying at Salem's backdoor cannot and will not remain undeveloped. It not only demands admittance into your business channels, but you must be so educated as to welcome it. It is an obvious fact that the efforts of the individual can accomplish very little in any enterprise of such magnitude as we have here—it requires teamwork to win, and this on one hand requires men that know and live mines and minerals, and on the other hand an organization of hard-headed men who will give the man or men in charge their respect and who will accept his or their orders and who will ever be on the alert in so far as harmony is concerned regarding the organization, to carry out

A. C. Larsen
side of your boyhood days. Your real basic production both as to farms and minerals in the Willamette valley has hardly started. Whether you realize it or not, you are on the eve of a great industrial development that will carry you beyond your wildest dreams. The electrical wave is on, and ours is the second state in the union in hydro power. There has been estimated that we have in our adjacent territory here two million eight hundred thousand horse power of undeveloped water power, and the Willamette valley, without its asking, is in the center, and will enjoy the fruits of this development.

Honest efforts always succeed, and you have to admit that all business life lives off the basic producer. Of these, there are only two that stand out pre-eminently—the farmer and the miner. Shut down all basic production for six months and you would throttle all businesses; tear down civilization, and starve out humanity.

West Still Very Young
Here in the west all business is still in its infancy. I know you say you are old, but you have not as yet reached your stage of knee pains. You are only on the out-

matrix within the earth's crust in our own district.
But, to have reached the stage where we now are, no one knows our many troubles that we have had to overcome, and how hard the obstacles we have had to surmount, for this is a camp of basic ores, and it has only been a few years ago that even the bright engineer looked with universal disrepute on the oxidized silicious area of copper. It meant starvation to the pioneer in the first porphyry copper ores. In fact, the ore zones were often referred to as copper stained rock, and were of necessity excluded from the ore reserve, as being of no value. This is the footing on which we were placed, and the conditions we were up against when we began the development in this district.

A Little Side History
Diverging a minute, I want to recite for your perusal the history of Atacama desert of Chile, where deposits similar to the ones we have here lay untouched for years. Recently these holdings were acquired by the Anaconda company, at an approximate cost of \$35,000,000.

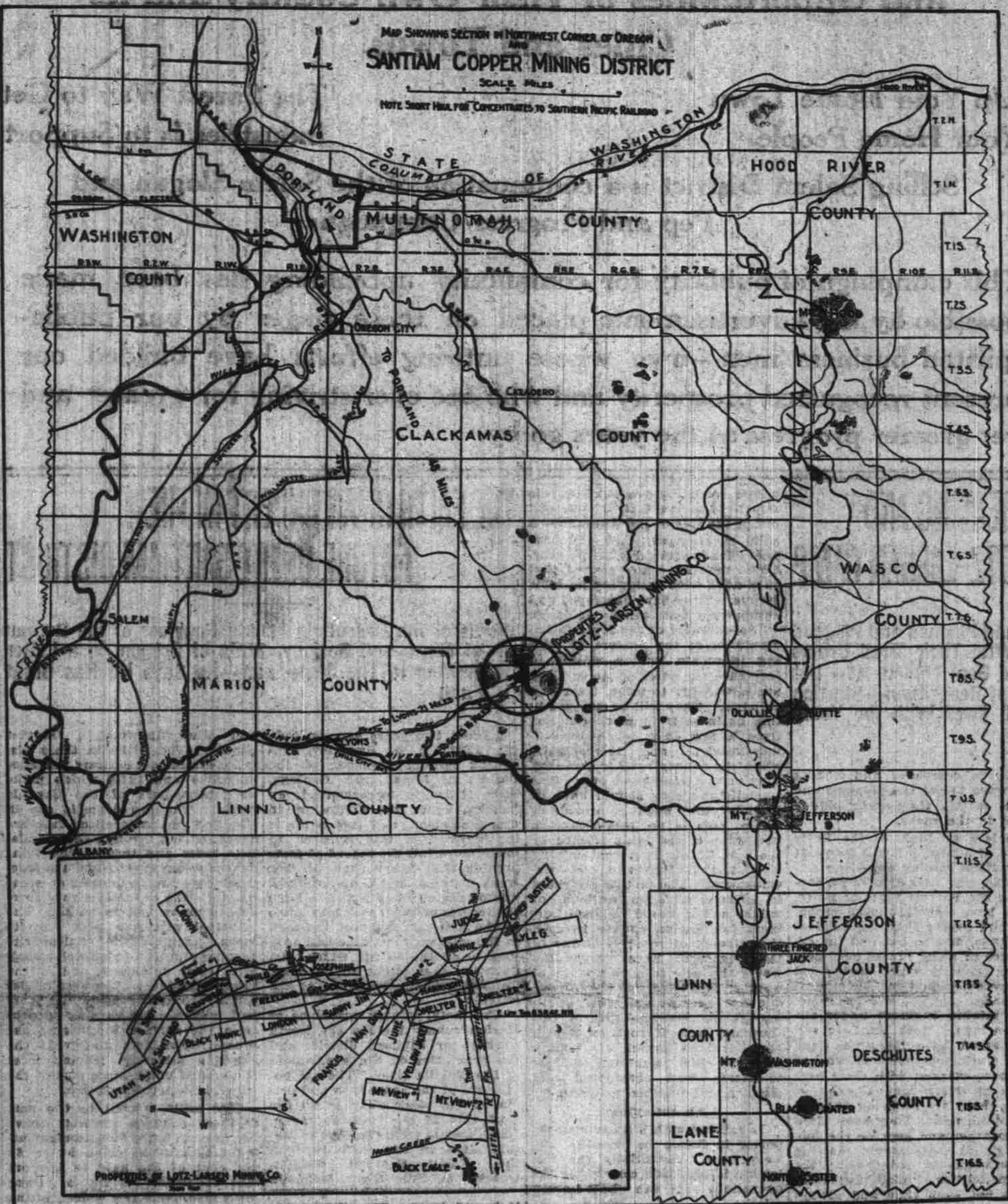
Read the story of Potosi; 60 miles from the nearest railroad, and that to rail in name only,

well equipped bunk houses, with running water in them; small machine shop, blacksmith shop, new mill completed, machinery in stalled, and in a comparatively short time all this will be running either by water power or electricity. We control 34 claims, about 680 acres, and hold options on about 40 more. We have close to 5000 feet of underground workings, all adit work, and 60 per cent of it being in pay ore. This we have been able to do from a very small start.

Actual Mining and Milling
We have installed an overhead cableway from the mine to the mill to convey the ore. In the next few days we will have our compressor installed at the mine, and will be mining and milling ore. Now as to the ore itself, will state that it is not high grade, but a big deposit of porphyritic ore running between 3 and 4 per cent copper, carrying about 55 a ton in precious metal, viz. gold and silver. The formation, a question with the geologists, has all the appearance of being a sheer zone or vein, varying in width from 16 to 54 feet, where it has been developed so far. The ore chutes run in length from 160 feet to 540 feet. We have our

on earth, and where you will see as much copper ore in sight as I was able to see on my first trip into Butte city a few years back when I was compelled to walk from Silver Bow into camp. On top of the many disadvantages of that camp where timber was scarce, water power was lacking, and where it was extremely cold in winter, we have an abundance of timber, plenty of undeveloped water power, and an ideal winter climate. With a very little aid on our public roads, we could handle ore successfully at all seasons of the year. Further, we need equitable freight rates. For instance, let me cite you as an illustration—as it stands today, it would cost \$1300 alone on a car of ore from Lyons to Kellogg, Idaho. To Tacoma, we have been treated very fairly. We have a rate of \$2.26 a ton from Lyons to Tacoma. However, the first car of ore cost us \$13 a ton. This we have been able through the kindness of the working force of the Southern Pacific to get reduced to its present state. Our freight haul today to the railroad stands us \$10 a ton. With a properly drained roadbed, well graveled, this could be cut to \$3 per ton, and this will come. On our grounds you will find

A GENERAL MAP VIEW OF THE DISTRICT AND OF THE LOTZ-LARSEN CLAIMS



MAP SHOWING SECTION IN NORTHWEST CORNER OF OREGON AND SANTIAM COPPER MINING DISTRICT. SCALE: MILES. NOTE: SHORT HAUL FOR CONCENTRATES TO SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

main adit in the hill now about 940 feet, where we have acquired a depth of about 400 feet. In doing this work we have taken out over \$100,000 worth of mineral, that has been put on the dump, which we have been unable to save on account of inadequate dump ground. This ore would not have been lost if we had had public roads over which we could have transported our product. The last two years have seen a marked improvement in this condition alone. Seven miles of this road we have had to keep up ourselves, as it lies in the forest reserve. In the seven years the government has contributed for work on this seven miles of road the sum of \$500. We have spent on road work alone to date \$11,000, and it still needs more.

Speak for Themselves
The mine and the work speak for themselves, as it is only about four hours' drive from Salem, where you can come and see with your own eyes. I shall speak no more of them. We have 60 tons of hand-picked ore on the dump that will be hauled out as soon as the weather conditions will permit.

Some Conclusions
Again thanking you for your valuable space, with a few brief statements I will draw to a close. Let me say, I am one of a people of 100,000,000, the most resourceful and enterprising people on top of God's green earth, where we know every man cannot be a producer, but where every man is a consumer more or less, and we have been taught a high standard of living, accustomed to the good things of life. As a nation we have been taught to enjoy good healthful food, latest styles of clothes, and plenty of healthful recreation. You ask who taught these fallacies that man is put on earth to do without? Surely not the men who pioneer, and who believe that it is a high and worthy motive to achieve in such a way as to be able to satisfy themselves. You hear from a great many sources today that there is a buyers' strike for sugar. Nothing is more foreign to the average citizen, for if they fail to buy sugar it is because sugar is

out of reason, and for no apparent cause unless that it is in the hands of the thieving speculator, who is strictly a non-producer, or, on the other hand, they do not have the means to purchase with. In this case I am inclined to think it is the former.
Good Times Ahead
During the World War we heard a great economist cry, produce, and more production, and yet for two years past all production (I mean of mine and farm products) was cut to the minimum. Basic production was at its low ebb, and that coming on top of four years of actual destructive war, the greatest of all history. It was at a time when every factory running at top speed for years, could not have replaced all the waste wrought for years to come, and to have kept them going would have demanded every ounce of physical force the basic producer could have exerted before they could have supplied the deficit. However, as I said before, we cannot bring back the water that has gone by; we must watch for and use the freshest that is to come; cherish mines tomorrow's beautiful promise. We cannot nor would we if we could, evade economical laws, which always have been fixed, and Time in his working of the rising tide of the past years of improvidence simply makes the insatiable demands of tomorrow, not only here at home, but in the rebuilding of the devastated fields of the millions abroad. The incoming tide of new basic production, will, as it always has done, restore the full sense of confidence. This raises and stabilizes prices as a healing lotion that will stir to life every channel of progress. That mistakes have been made we all know, and they have worked havoc to all. However, men still as usual move about, still walking, or riding in autos; still seek sleep, still find time for pleasure, still love, still fight, still have desires and ambitions, still labor and spend, and you cannot hold them back. You cannot tell me that the same force that conquered the Hindenburg line, that smiled through

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