

BOHEMIA NUGGET.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1900.

On Monday there straggled into town in disjointed sections and on woeful looking rigs the most dust-bedraggled and pestered-out aggregation of forlorn artists and paraphernalia that has been seen in these parts for all these many days. The management and stars arrived by train from the south. The tent was pitched on the vacant lot across the way from the big store of Garman & Newland, and after borrowing an organ and several other necessary adjuncts, the evening was well along when the trouble began by a free exhibition on the slack wire. As a prelude to what came after, this little episode was fairly gotten over, the lady in tights only falling off once. The tent was soon filled at 25cts per head and after a long and tedious wait the real thing burst upon the expectant audience. The club swinging, trapeze acts, contortionist, serpentine and sailor's hornpipe dance, the Lilliputian boxing bout and the cake walk imitation were all passable, but several other numbers were abortive and cast a gloom over the otherwise indulgent audience. The aggregation of world-renowned stars of the first magnitude went north.

We are in receipt of a folder announcing the seventh annual outing of the Mazamas to Mount Jefferson from August 6th to 20th. On Saturday, August 11th 1900, the society will hold its fifth arial conference on the pinnacle of Mount Jefferson, 10,867 feet above the Pacific ocean, the object and purpose of which shall be to initiate new members, take observations and securely enter its record box. The trip is destined to be one of interest not only to scientists, but also to those who love the stern wilderness, the song and echo of mountain stream, the awful canyon, the ice-crested glacier and the genesis of geology. The society has a membership of 230 and its annual outing is eagerly looked forward to and is enjoyable in every sense. Those intending to make the trip this year should be in Albany, the starting point, on August 6th.

The weekly crop Bulletin of the U. S. department of agriculture for Oregon, in its general summary says that the thrashing yields in the Columbia River valley are disappointing, in not averaging as much as expected. Spring wheat in western and southern Oregon has been quite extensively damaged by rust and grain aphid, but otherwise it is doing nicely. Oats and barley have ripened very fast and flax is doing splendidly, while the weather has been exceptionally favorable for hops and corn. It has been too hot for potatoes and this crop is not doing as well as expected. In some sections the vines are badly blighted and insect pests, as a rule, have been much more troublesome than usual. The second crop of alfalfa and clover is being cut, and the Oregon hay crop this year will be an extra heavy one, although perhaps not quite up to the average in quality. Early peaches, plums and apples are ripe, and fruit of all kinds is doing nicely. The apples in the Willamette valley are reported as being remarkably free from worms and disease, and the crop will not only be large in quantity, but superior in quality as well.

The annual county teacher's institute will be held in Eugene, at the courthouse, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. Monday, July 30, and continue five days. All teachers are expected to be in attendance in accordance to Oregon's school law.

Get together at once and work for a creamery for Cottage Grove.

LETTER FROM BOHEMIA.

The following extracts are taken from a long letter received from the mines last week to late for publication:

The Arastra group, owned by Ed. Jenks, is situate close to the main road some 10 miles from Bohemia. Much development work has been done and ore of fine grade has been encountered in all parts of the mine. A splendid water power, fine flume and dam, good buildings and plenty of timber belongs to this group, and a young man of push and energy behind it. Farther up Sharp's creek Mr. Keizer is developing a property which is now showing up well.

In this vicinity are many good prospects and some, no doubt, will eventually become good mines.

Right along here our correspondent had a big scare. On turning a bend in the road a ferocious cougar blocked the way. The fright was mutual and so soon as the introduction was over the cougar took to the brush.

From this point on begins in earnest the great Bohemia district.

Captain Worley's Sunset camp was next visited. He has a force of men working under his own supervision and is showing up some very fine ground.

At Glenwood are a number of extra good prospects. Mr. Hinds is doing a large amount of work and is most comfortably located, having his wife with him. His claims are looking well. He is below the deep snow line and has plenty of water and timber.

Just across from this group is another fine group owned by the White Bros., who have a large amount of ore blocked out of sufficient quality to be good shipping ore if a smelter were handy.

The next stop was at the Stocks & Barlow mill. Here was found Messrs. Stocks, Brush and David Ivy, three of old Bohemia's land marks, busily engaged in pushing a lower tunnel to tap their ledge at a much greater depth. They have at present about four feet of good free milling ore, and widening as depth is attained. They have a five-stamp mill, all complete, and know how to handle it.

A little farther over is the Vesuvius, owned by Mr. Ziniker and the Graber Bros., who are steadily pushing development with most flattering prospects. The ledge in the lower crosscut shows as fine a body of ore as is to be found anywhere, and in all of the working parts of the mine there are ore in inexhaustible quantities and of fine grade. Some beautiful specimens of free gold ore was shown and certificates of eminent assayers giving values as high as \$1,200 per ton. The mine has steel tracks and cars, good shops, tools and houses and is run in a business-like manner by practical men.

The route from here lay along the backbone from Fairview to Grouse, from which a wonderful panorama is in view. Mount Hood and the Three Sisters stand plainly forth clad in perpetual snow, while to the right and still closer looms up old Bohemia, dotted with prospect holes and the cabins of the gold hunters. From this high altitude can be heard the sound of the heavy stamps at the Musick mine lower down on the side, which is the best developed mine in the district.

The Anaconda was next visited and found to be in good shape and looking well.

The Broadway, owned by Griffith and Reed, was next seen. Assessment work was in progress and some fine ore was on the dump.

The trail then went by the Champion mine, which at present is idle, and we passed on to the summit of Grouse, where is located the Bohemia, known as the old Knotts mine. Here a force of men were at work under the supervision of Messrs. D. R. Ladd and W. C. Meagher.

The wonderful strike lately made here fully justifies all that has been said and is being said about this property and work on it is going ahead with a rush.

NEWSY LETTER FROM AMOS.

Amos, Or., July 22, 1900.

BOHEMIA NUGGET.

Your humble servant, family, mother and sister are in camp just above Levi Geer's, less than a mile from the Sulphur spring, and only a short distance below Amos post-office.

The Weather, although somewhat warm is exceedingly pleasant, and we are very comfortable in camp. I am told that had we gone some five miles further up the Coast Fork we would have found a much better camping place but, notwithstanding, we are well pleased with our location and are enjoying the fresh mountain air to a marked degree.

Thus far we have not been "founded" on trout nor other varieties of game, although we have caught quite a number of the speckled beauties from the "brooklets" of which ye editor speaks so pleasantly.

This section of Lane county is, without doubt, one of the best farming sections, and particularly adapted to the raising of stock.

I visited Tom Gardiner's ranch on the mountain on the Oakland road the other day, and found Tom "making hay while the sun shines," with the thermometer at 84 deg. He has a splendid mountain ranch and being a woodworkman and blacksmith picks up many a dollar in course of the year. He also raises hay and garden stuffs which he turns off at good profit to the transient trade.

Mr. Gardiner homesteaded the land 16 years ago and has made it his continuous residence since. It was a vast growth of fern and brush timber 16 years ago, but now he has turned some 30 acres into an excellent field, whereon he grows an abundance of hay and garden produce. He has a comfortable house, good out buildings, shop, and an orchard in bearing.

Your correspondent took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner and daughter, and it has been many a day since he has enjoyed a more bounteous feast and more hospitable treatment.

Just above our camp is the home of Mr. Wm. Jones, who some five years since settled upon the land which today grows a mammoth crop of hay and grain. Mr. Jones has one of the best and most comfortably arranged farm houses in Lane county. His farm is now stocked with goats and cattle and, from appearances, a more independent and prosperous farmer would be hard to find.

Levi Geer, who owns the sulphur spring, is also the owner of a fine farm, and aside from raising feed for his stock devotes much time to the operation of the Rouse saw mill, in which Mr. Geer is financially interested.

The Rouse saw mill is an important feature to this section of Lane county. Besides furnishing employment for a number of hands, it circulates considerable money among those who live above the mill and have timber to dispose of.

The mill has a capacity of some 8,000 feet per day, and has a planer in connection, thereby enabling the proprietors to turn out dressed and matched material for furnishing purposes. The product of the mill is in demand almost to a board at home and in Cottage Grove.

The Black Butte mines some four miles from above our camp is of material worth to this community, as nearly every article in the way of produce finds a ready market there.

Your correspondent as yet has been unable to visit the mines, but hopes to before returning home.

Mr. John Sutherland is post-master at Amos. He also runs a store, carrying a small but well selected stock of goods suited to his trade. He has been in business here only one year, and reports business much better than he anticipated and steadily improving.

Deer are reported quite plentiful a few miles further back in the mountains, and occasionally one finds its way down into this settle-



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LORANE ITEMS.

Mr. Wm. Inman went to Roseburg Sunday to visit his daughter, Mrs. D. G. Palen and family.

Mrs. Jim Johnson and daughter Myrtle, came over from Drain Saturday and visited with relatives until Monday when they returned home. Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Ellenburg, accompanied them.

Mr. David Hartly who has been gone for four months to Colorado and Eastern Oregon, returned home Saturday.

Miss Daisy Cowen who has been visiting relatives at Yoncalla, returned home Sunday.

Miss Estella Doty, who has been staying at Eugene for some time, came home Friday.

Miss Lottie and Kline Walkley of Eugene came up on their wheels Monday to visit friends.

Misses Lizette Fawk and Dollie Gilbert went to Cottage Grove Monday to meet Mrs. Devaney, who arrived from Salem.

Mr. Sidler from Drain is spend-

ing a few days with his niece, Mrs. M. C. Johnson.

One morning last week as the Misses Fawk were arranging "camp" they were surprised and badly frightened to find out a monster rattlesnake from the bedding. Their screams brought the Fawks to their rescue, who promptly dispatched his snakeship. He was an old fellow with nine rattlers.

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