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## WHAT IS NEEDED.

A CUSTOM ORE SMELTER WOULD WORK WONDERS.

A Movement on Foot to Build one in Bohemia Next Spring.

Measures are being taken and energetically pushed with the business men of Cottage Grove to the end that funds be raised to provide for the construction at an early day of a custom smelter for Bohemia. A letter from one of the miners of Bohemia is herewith given, which ought to be read with interest and given the utmost consideration:

"Now that election is over and four more years of prosperity are assured, let us see what the people of Cottage Grove are going to do to make the four years to come the most prosperous in the city's history. First, to begin with, let the people awake from their Rip Van Winkle slumbers and reach out and grasp the opportunities that now lay within their reach. The city has forged ahead during the present year to a remarkable extent. New buildings, both business and dwelling, have been built, but not enough to supply the demand. Many people come here who would make desirable citizens if they could either buy or rent. Many do not want to buy on the start, therefore there ought to be more dwellings put up to rent.

We will soon have the finest streets in Lane county. Let the good work go on. Improve the city. Cottage Grove is the only outlet to the greatest gold fields in Oregon, and with proper push and energy on the part of the citizens this could be a second Cripple Creek.

We now see how Portland is pulling for the mines of the north and in Eastern Oregon to the detriment of Bohemia and this part of the state. They are figuring on a big smelting plant at that city, but first they try to down our mines to get control. Then how much good will a smelter at Portland do our mines. First, there comes the cost of mining the ore, which is usually about \$3.00 per ton; then comes \$10 freight from the mines to the railroad; then about \$12 shipping and smelter charges from here to the Tacoma plant, making a total of \$25 per ton before the producer gets anything. This causes a loss of time and labor to the average prospector far beyond his means and besides furnishing employment to labor outside the state which does not benefit our city, besides the largest per cent of the ore in Bohemia does not give an assay value high enough to admit of so much expense. A vast amount of ore running generally about \$10 or \$20 per ton can be worked at a good profit, with proper facilities at home, to the smelting company, and leaving a handsome dividend to the owner of the mine, who in time

will take his money to buy supplies from the merchant and employ labor to take out more ore. In this way a good market will be found for the product of the mines owned by the prospector who is not able to put in reduction works.

There are dozens of good properties in our camp of the latter class which are owned by poor prospectors who are barely able to do their assessment work. Besides they think there is no use doing any more than is actually necessary, for the kind of investors who come in are the kind generally driven away from legitimate mining centers for their rascality. Mind we do not class all of them in this line, but the majority are of such that the man of honor turns from them in disgust, for the miner is generally a man of good judgement, who know a good thing when he has it, and don't like to put in two or three years of toil and privation and give away what he has found to the unscrupulous scamp for nothing, and this, to my knowledge, has been tried more than once by slick-tongued rascals in Bohemia.

So to make a success, let the people of Cottage Grove organize a good company for the express purpose of erecting a custom smelter right in camp, a small one to start with. Elect their officers from among our own business men. Make the principle place of business Cottage Grove. Then put a good practical man in charge and the main object is reached. In this way there is no exorbitant charges of gilt edge experts and general managers, who don't know enough about mines to fill the ordinary fountain pen.

When this is done the eyes of the mining world will be turned on this camp to see if it be a success, and if found to be such others will follow and soon there will be such a rush of legitimate capital as was seen in Cripple Creek or Leadville or Joplin and other good smelting communities.

The writer can distinctly remember the obstacles thrown in the way of the first promoters of a smelting plant for Joplin, Missouri. Some said, just as they do here; "Let the prospector do more work and show there is something here." Others said, "A fool and money is soon parted." But today the man who built that plant for Joplin is worth \$5,000,000 and is running a large plant at Cripple Creek, another at Joplin, another at Leadville.

Look at the dividend-paying mines in other states. See the amount of capital invested and the amount of precious metal turned out. Then look to the cause, and you will see the ore produced is of no higher grade than ours and in many instances of a less commercial value. But in most cases their reduction works are situated in the camp from whence comes the supply.

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