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ONE SHOULD AND MUST BE BUILT IN BOHEMIA.

Another Article on that Subject From one who has Studied the Matter well and Speaks Knowingly.

Beginning from last week and promising to give a careful digest of the great producing qualities of our Bohemia, we will only give the mines owned by prospectors, leaving out the ones equipped with mills.

We will begin from a point near the divide between Elephant and Adam's mountain, namely, the Sweepstake group owned now by a Mr. Brund. This property has been under development steadily for the past three years and is now far beyond a prospect. It is in reality a mine. There is 300 feet of development so far done and in most places an ore body of from 8 inches to 3 feet in width showing an assay value far in excess of the requirements to make it a good paying mine. If a close market were furnished, Mr. Brund could furnish 3 ton of ore per day of a graded value exceeding \$15 per ton, giving assurance of smelter charges and leaving a good balance for the owner, enabling him to employ at least 3 or 4 men. At miners pay his ore can be made profitable in no other way. Now this ore is going over the dump.

Next comes George Long's mines with some good development and showing good values.

Next is the Lake property, which is a well developed piece of property belonging to Ed Jenks, Joe Young, Billy Higgins and Rathburn, having in all over 450 feet of work and showing extra good values. This group alone can furnish ore for a 15-ton smelter every day in the year and so situated that it is a most ideal spot for the erection of a plant. It is supplied with one of the most beautiful little lakes in the state, and good ore running in values that bring the average above \$20 per ton, abounding in the finest timber, unsurpassed for scenery, easy of access from all sides at any time of the year. This is truly one of the best places in camp to locate a good custom reduction plant.

Adjoining this is the Laura group owned by Leroy Bros. This is another group that can supply a 20-ton smelter for years to come and pay a handsome dividend to her owners. As it is they can't do very much because some of them are compelled to rustle for a grub stake all the time, while others are throwing a fortune over the dump for lack of proper mode of reduction.

The little Pittsburg owned by W. H. Shane and others is another proof of the remarkable continuance

of the variety of fine high grade base ore. This property is situated 3 1-2 miles to the south of the first named mines but still the same great district. Mr. Shu has a fine mine opened up here, but it is in the same boat along with the rest so far as working his ore concerned for it is a first class base or smelting proposition so can or be developed while his product goes over the dump or in a bin to await for years to come for some one come in to buy.

Taking a direct line north from here one comes in contact with some very fine properties owned by different ones. Some 4 miles Isaac Jones fine group showing fine grade of lead and copper running as high as \$30 per ton gold and \$50 per ton lead and copper. These claims can furnish their quota of ore for the maintenance of a plant while the V. suvius can be relied on for a good amount. This valuable piece of ground owned by Zinaker & Gruber Bros. has over 1,000 feet of development most all in ore of a high enough value to insure good returns to the owners. Some of the ore runs as high as \$129 per ton and a small amount of this in a lower grade will make every ton in the mine good smelting value. Here is a mine that ought to be furnishing employment to 20 men but for lack of a way to dispose their ore they cannot afford to employ any one, but continue to do their own work.

Near this is one of the richest mines in Oregon. This mine has a little 5 stamp mill by means which they can make good money by leaving their base ore in the ground. But by means of a proper mode of reduction their high grade free milling ore can be worked along with the base making the whole product of a high commercial value. There are many more valuable claims in camp but the writer has only aimed at those widely different points in this part of Bohemia. There are many well developed mines on the Horse heaven side of camp of a high commercial value, namely, W. P. Ely, The Golden Slipper, Riverside Mineral King and many others but it is only our intention to give a diversified account of what is actually in camp and from the widely different parts it only requires a glance to prove it is only a general distribution of gold or throughout the entire district over 4 miles square.

Please let us hear from some one else on this subject in next week's issue. Either for or against, however let's have an argument and never let this die out till we have some way for the mines to advance instead of going back.

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