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**BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT.**

Now that the importance of Bohemia as a mining district is fast coming to the front; that capital is seeking investment there; that railroad and telephone lines are being projected and constructed, it is found to be advisable in the interests of all to segregate the mining district from the forest reserve. As it is unlawful to build a railroad into or across a forest reserve, and as there is no way of practically utilizing the vast mineral wealth of that district without railroad facilities, a movement is now being earnestly made to have that district reverted to the public domain. To do this a petition has been formulated, submitted to the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade of Portland and endorsed by those bodies, and is now being presented for the signatures of prominent mining men, state, county and municipal officials, and is hoped soon to be in shape to send to and through the Land Commissioner and the Interior Department for the President's approval. The power to remove the district from the forest reserve lies in the President, but the petition must go up to him through the regular channels of the Land Office and the Interior Department. A copy of the petition is herewith given, with the exception of the elimination of foot notes, which is well worth study, as it gives information all should know who are interested in the future building up of this state:

COTTAGE GROVE, Nov. 20, 1901. To the Hon. the Land Commissioner of the United States:

Whereas, The Revised Statutes declare as follows:

"It is not the purpose or intent of these provisions, or of the act providing for such (forest) reservations to authorize the inclusion therein of lands more valuable for the mineral value therein, or for agricultural purposes than for forest purposes."

And, Whereas, the same act provides that, "Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the President, after sixty days' notice thereof, published in two papers of general circulation in the State or Territory wherein any forest reservation is situated, and near the said reservation, any lands embraced within the limits of any forest reservation which after due examination by personal inspection of a competent person appointed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be found better adapted for mining or for agricultural purposes than for forest usage may be restored to the public domain."\*\*\*

"The President is hereby authorized at any time to modify any executive order that has been or may hereafter be made, establishing any forest reserve, and by such modification may reduce the area or change the boundary lines of such reserve, or may vacate altogether any order creating such reserve."

We, the undersigned, citizens of Oregon and others interested in, or acquainted with, the Bohemia Mining District of Oregon, respectfully petition:

That an area comprising four townships in Lane and Douglas Counties of Oregon, on the western border of the Cascade Forest Reservation, to-wit: Townships 22 and 23 S., R. 1 East; townships 22 and 23 S., R. 2 East, be withdrawn from said forest reservation and restored to the public domain under the declaration and provisions as above cited, for the following reasons:

1.—That the adoption without deviation of the Willamette Meridian as the western boundary of said reservation resulted in the inclusion of the Bohemia Mining District as then constituted, along with numerous mineral locations then duly entered in the Land Office of the

United States, and comprised by said townships, then unsurveyed.

2.—That said townships are mainly on the west slope of the Calapooia range of mountains, said range being physically and geologically distinct from the Cascade range—the general limit of the Cascade Forest Reservation.

3.—That said townships retain but little forest valuable for forest usage not already appropriated and covered by mining claims; and that a considerable part of the original timber of said townships is either burned, dead or cut off.

4.—That the number of mineral claims as now estimated is not less than 1000, including several incorporated and developed mines, some of which are patented, others entered for patent, and still others surveyed for patent; and including also nine stamp mills, aggregating 66 heads of stamps, the past bullion product of which, chiefly gold, is estimated as upwards of \$1,000,000, from free milling ores.

5.—That the main reserves of ore in the Bohemia Mining District are developed in persistent and productive quartz veins of extraordinary lateral and longitudinal extent, in the form of heavy sulphides of copper, lead, zinc and iron, uncommonly rich in gold and silver, for which egress by railway to mills and smelters has become indispensable for further production and reduction on a large scale.

6.—That the restoration of said townships to the public domain is necessary for the unobstructed construction and operation of at least one line of railway to the western base of Bohemia Mountain to the headwaters of Row River from a junction with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Cottage Grove, 12 miles of said construction being east of the Willamette Meridian within said townships.

7.—That for said line of railway a survey has been made.

8.—That although the Revised Statutes specifically provide that mining locations within the United States forest reservations are subject to, and enjoy all privileges granted under, the mining laws of the United States, subject to the rules and regulations governing forest reservations as prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, it is a fact that said rules and regulations impose certain onerous restrictions and prohibitions upon the mining industry not imposed by said general mining laws, and tending to impede and prevent advanced operations involving railways, mills and smelting plants—demanding incorporated capital, and free to charter rights.

9.—That the restoration of said townships to the public domain will serve to promote the specific purpose of forest reservations, through the installation of water power to replace steam power for electric energy for all mining and milling purposes—thus obviating destruction of timber as at present for fuel.

It will be seen from a perusal of the above that a great effort is being made by the friends of Bohemia to build a railroad, and any reasonably sane man can see that the projectors of the enterprise are meeting with many obstacles that must be gotten over before the road will become a living benefit to all. Now, in the face of this great exertion from the outside there are men along the line of this projected road whose property will be doubly and trebly enhanced in value, and who know and realize the fact, and yet for the sake of a paltry immediate gain are disposed to hamper and retard the building of this road. It should be the aim and ambition of every man along this route who owns a dollar's worth of real estate to see that property reach a high market value, and in no other way can this ever be done so quickly and surely than to throw aside his quibblings, take off his coat and get behind the wagon of progress and assist in every way he can to hasten it along. The man who does not do so is not only an enemy to himself but an obstructionist to all.

The Commercial Pacific Cable Company, recently organized in New York to lay a cable from San Francisco to the Philippines, has awarded the contract for the manufacture and laying of the first section from San Francisco to Honolulu to an English company, which guarantees to complete it in ten months. The contract price is nearly \$600,000.

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**MINES SHOULD BE SET OUT**

Vice-President Batchelder on Bohemia District and Forest Reserve.

Vice-President J. F. Batchelder of the Chamber of Commerce, who is also chairman of the committee on mining and mineral resources, was unable to be present at the meeting of the trustees Saturday morning when the matter of setting the Bohemia Mining District out of the Cascade forest reserve was up for consideration. He had made an examination of the subject, however, and he wrote the trustees the following letter, which did not arrive in time for the meeting:

I wish to be considered present and voting in favor of authorizing the president and secretary to sign the petition requesting that four townships embraced in what is known as the Bohemia mining district be withdrawn from the forest reserve, for the following reasons:

The land in question, while it is timbered, contains mineral of sufficient value to make it mineral land, and is now being and has been for several years, in process of being developed, and has already produced several good mines.

The topography of the country is such that the timber has no value except for mining purposes. It would be utterly impossible to get the timber out to a sawmill. The object of building a railroad and having the land withdrawn from the forest reserve is not to get timber purely for sawmill purposes, but to enable the parties interested to raise money to build a railroad through Cottage Grove to the mines.

This is a matter of great importance to the parties interested in Bohemia, but it is of equal importance to the business interests of Portland. A railroad in the Bohemia, in my opinion, will open up a large field which is necessarily tributary to Portland. I am, therefore, in favor of doing everything possible to bring about the desired end, and wish to be considered present and voting on this matter.

**BORN.**

SMALL—At Amos on Sunday, November 17, 1901, to the wife of Alexander Small, a daughter.

**DIED.**

WILSON—In Portland, November 22, 1901, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Elijah S. Wilson, aged 72 years.

Mr. Wilson was the father of Edgar A. Wilson of this city, who has taken the remains for interment to his old home in Marshalltown, Iowa. He succumbed to an operation. He was here last summer on a long visit and made many warm friends by his kindly ways and pleasing address. He was a man of considerable means and leaves three children to mourn his taking off, Edgar A., William of Oregon City and Arthur of Chicago.

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