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### THE BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT.

#### What a Few Days Of Investigation Show In This Grand Mineral Zone.

T. H. Sipple, in *Evening Miner*.

Bohemia, August 25, 1902.

This season is witnessing more activity in Bohemia than ever before in the shape of substantial and permanent development. In all sections of the district work is going ahead with a rush, and the freight and pack trains are kept on the hustle to get in the supplies and machinery that are constantly being ordered. Men for all kinds of work are in demand, and everybody in the district is as busy as the proverbial bee. New strikes are constantly being made in the camp, and rich finds are being located farther out in these wonderful hills. There seems to be no limit to this great mineral zone. Every section visited is a revelation, and happy surprises are the rule. It is within the circle of truth to say that no more promising field for safe and sure investment can be found in all the big Northwest. Bohemia has today arrived at that stage of development where investment is absolutely safe. Prospects can be bought today for nominal figures that a few years hence will yield millions. Unaided by capital, except in a few instances, this district is a wonder, with capital to assist, it will go forward to the greatest wealth-producing district under the sun.

A visit to some of the many promising properties reveals the following summary:

Two of the most important claims of the Crystal Consolidated Company are located on the north side of Fairview mountain, and adjoin the Le Roy property on the east. The principal work is now being done on the Mountain Lion claim. The tunnel is now in 125 feet on the ledge, with the full face of the drift in solid ore, the ledge at this point being some 12 feet wide and of high-grade quartz, the tunnel gaining very rapid depth by reason of the steep pitch of the mountain. At the upper end of this claim, just over the ridge, a cross-cut has been run for 150 feet, cutting the ledge and showing about 15 feet of solid quartz. Several openings and surface cuts have been made which expose the ledge throughout the entire holdings, and prove it to be a continuation of the famous Helena lode. The El Calado has a tunnel 450 feet long in fine ore. The lower end of this claim takes in the lake which nestles serenely in a great bowl on the mountain side. As development goes forward on this property, it is making a wonderful showing. It has an abundance of water and timber and the best of millsites, and a big strong ledge of high-grade ore from which to extract the precious metal that will make it a dividend payer later on. Machinery for the reduction of this splendid body of ore is now being selected in San Francisco, and will be installed in a short time.

The North Fairview group consists of nine claims running from the Champion Basin up and over the high ridge on the north side of Fairview mountain and down to and including the waters of the Fairview creek. There are three parallel ledges which have been opened by tunnels and surface cuts, which show the ledge throughout the entire length of the company's holdings. The veins are wide and strong and the free milling ore is of medium grade, while the base ore is of high grade. Substantial cabins are now in course of construction, a good force of men are at work, and as soon as all are comfortably housed the work of development will go forward without let-up. Two fine millsites are a part of this property, and the water and timber supply is in abundance. This property is capitalized at \$300,000, with par value stock at 10 cents. A quantity of this stock is set aside for development purposes, and is now on the market at 2 1/2 cents, and finding ready takers. Time and concerted action will make this one fine property one of the sure dividend payers of this great district.

The Sweepstake group, consisting of eight claims, and owned by S. J. Brund, is located on the south side of Elephant mountain. There are over 1000 feet of tunneling and shaft work done, and many surface openings on the several ledges. The main tunnel is run some 300 feet to cut the ore chute of the main lode and continued on this lode for 500 feet in free milling high-grade ore the entire length, the face of the drift being now in nearly solid quartz. A hundred tons of ore are on the dump and

thousands of tons ready to stop. A splendid millsite, with abundance of timber and water, and a tunnel can be seen from near the millsite on Fairview creek which would cut nine different ledges and give a vertical depth under the apex of Elephant mountain of nearly 2000 feet, so that all these ledges can be worked from one common point. Substantial cabins, tunnel house, blacksmith shop and all appurtenances for making this splendid property are at hand, and development work is steadily going ahead. One of the finest pack trails in these hills leads direct to this property from the main stage road a mile distant, and later on a first class trail can and will be built up Fairview creek from the foot of Harberrable which will shorten the distance from the main traveled route to the district over four miles. When this road is completed it will be accessible at all seasons of the year, for the reason that its entire length will be below the snow line.

Adjoining the Brund property on the west are the White Iron and Black Bear claims, owned by J. B. King, upon which tunnels and open cuts of over 170 feet have been run disclosing fine vein matter, with every indication of soon striking the main lode. These claims are on the mother lode, and give promise of making fine paying properties in the future.

The George Long group of three claims on the west side of Elephant mountain has had much development work done in the several veins, exposing large bodies of low grade ore. The main tunnel is in about 175 feet on one, and a cross-cut is being run to tap a rich vein which is expected soon to be encountered. Hundreds of tons of ore are on the various dumps, and work is being pushed on the main tunnel.

The White Bear and Black Diamond claims owned by Charles Gettys, are the west extension of the Crystal, on the southwest side of Elephant mountain. A tunnel is in 150 feet on the ledge, the face of the drift in quartz of high grade and about 500 tons on the dump.

The Sunrise group consists of eight claims, capitalized at a million, and the stock now on the market is selling at 30 1/2 cents per share. It is situated on the east slope of Adams mountain. The property is opened by seven tunnels, the main one being in 300 feet on the vein, the entire length being in high-grade ore, and the face of the drift is now in solid quartz. Cross-cuts in this ledge show the ore to be fully 12 feet in width. The next important tunnel is in 100 feet, and shows equally as well as the main tunnel. There are over 3000 tons now on the dumps that will average at least \$20 per ton, and of the ore in sight and ready for stopping there is an unlimited amount of tonnage. With the many surface openings and small tunnels it has been demonstrated that the ore chert continues through the full length of the property some 6500 feet. From the main tunnel some 100 feet in a cross-cut has been run 40 feet toward the footwall, and at 25 feet ran into another ledge of fine quartz, the width of which is not yet ascertained. When the main tunnel is run sufficiently far enough to be under the apex of the mountain a vertical depth of over 1000 feet will be gained. Arrangements are now being actively made to install a mill a short distance below the main workings, where timber and water are in abundance, and a tramway is to be built for transporting the ore. To this end a force of men are now constructing a substantial wagon road from the warehouse to the millsite to facilitate the passage of the heavy machinery to that point. It is also proposed to start a big tunnel some distance below the present workings, and nearer the millsite, which will tap the ore bodies at a depth of 200 feet, and from which common point the future workings of the entire property can be readily and economically made. When the present plans of this company are matured and in working order this will undoubtedly be one of the big dividend paying properties of the district.

Wiggling & White have some fine claims in Adams mountain, near the ridge. The upper tunnel is in about 50 feet on the vein, and the face of the drift is in solid quartz of fine grade. They are nicely equipped and doing good work, which will eventually open up a property that will bring them a fortune.

The Utopia group of five claims located on a north spur between Elephant and Adams mountains, and owned by H. C. Marcus, Alex. Pugh and Andrew Brund, is one of the promising prospects of that part of the district. The main work that has been done on the Plato claim, in

running a tunnel of 45 feet on the ledge, the face of the drift now showing nearly three feet of fine quartz. A cross-cut is run of 20 feet, exposing another vein of four feet, which is dipping toward the main vein, and will eventually unite with it, thus making a strong ledge. This property has several tunnels and surface openings which insure the continuation of the ledge throughout the entire holdings, and the future prospects for a fine mine are indeed flattering.

The Pittsburg group of six claims on Rock creek, owned by W. H. Shams and others, has over 450 feet of developing tunnels opening up six well-defined ledges. Two of the claims have more or less free ore, but the great bulk of ore is of high-grade base. This property is in the head of Rock creek canyon, and has an abundance of water and timber and a splendid millsite. These ledges lay nearly parallel, and can be worked from one common point, the tunnel for which will be in close proximity to the millsite. This property lies about two miles south from the famous Musick mine, and has an excellent trail direct to it which, with small expense, can readily be made into a substantial mountain wagon road. Development work is steadily progressing, and with the fine showing already made the outlook for the future of this property is of the very best.

The Minneapolis group on the southeast side of Bohemia mountain at the head of St. Peter's creek, consists of eight claims, with over 200 feet of tunnels, surface openings and cuts exposing the ledges. The main tunnel is in 60 feet on the ledge and the face of the drift is now in solid quartz of low grade. Has good timber and millsite, good trails, and with small expense a good wagon road can be made through the property. This group is within half a mile of the famous Musick mine. Development work is going ahead steadily and the results gained are most satisfactory to the owners, who are E. K. Lilly, Louis Johnson, Eric Rhode and others.

The Cripple Creek group, on the east side of Jackson ridge, and running from the top of the ridge down to City creek, consisting of eight claims owned by Walter Cochran and O. G. Gilbertson, has over 200 feet of tunnels and many surface openings. There are 10 well-defined ledges on this property, and where ever opened show large quantities of quartz. This property has a world of timber and water, and the best of millsites. Development work is going steadily ahead with most satisfactory results, and this group of claims bid fair to command the attention of mine investors at no distant day.

The Four Monte group on the west slope of Fairview, consists of four claims, and is owned by A. P. Churchill, and has over 200 feet of development work done on the four well-defined veins crossing the property. This group is surrounded by some of the finest properties in Bohemia, and in all of its workings is showing up well. It has a fine millsite, water and timber, and from a long tunnel near the millsite all of the ledges can be mined at a vertical depth of over 1500 feet.

The Josephine and Eva D. claims, on Jackson ridge owned by A. P. Churchill, and Joseph Peroni, are having much development work done. The great quartz dyke that runs through these claims is over 70 feet between walls, and is mostly low grade base, but is increasing in value as depth is attained. All the adjuncts for a future paying mine are here, and development and time will make this a very valuable property.

J. B. Morgan has two fine claims, the Columbia and Climax, on the west side of Fairview, which are situated between the Stocks & Harlow and the Hiawatha properties, and on the same vein which has yielded such marvelously rich ore. Over 200 feet of tunnel and surface work has been done on these claims, exposing the best of showing, and, being as they do between two excellent properties, must in the future, become very valuable mining ground.

At the Stocks & Harlow property, on the west side of Fairview, development work is being systematically prosecuted with results that are most gratifying to the management. Nearly a thousand feet of tunnels and surface work has been done on these already widely known free milling ledges, and the property was never in better shape for productive working than now. The ore is being tested for the best method of securing the values, and later on the most modern machinery will be installed to that end. The mother lode of free ore crosses this property, and the precious metal can be panned from the grass roots down. The future of this property will be watched with great interest, and it will undoubtedly be a great producer.

The Even Change and the Manila claims on the west side of Judson Rock, owned by Wm. Landers and sons, has a cross-cut tunnel to cut the ledge of over 200 feet in length.

About 100 feet in several stringers have been cut, which show good quartz, and the face of the drift now has the best of indications of striking the main ledge within a few feet. As development goes forward on this property the results attained are very satisfactory and the prospects for a fine mine are indeed good.

At the very head of Champion Basin, surrounded by the lofty peaks of Grizzly, Grouse and Fairview mountains, which form the grand amphitheater in the very heart of the great Bohemian District, are located a group of four claims owned by John Cheeky, John Peterson and John Black, which deserve special notice, and will in the no distant future command special attention. For over nine years these hardy prospectors have toiled unaided to uncover the hidden ledges of this group, and today have seven tunnels opening up as many ledges which are all dipping to a central body under Fairview mountain, besides having many surface openings and cuts exposing the rich veins. Many tons of fine ore are now on the dumps and hundreds of tons are ready for stopping. This group is unexcelled for tunnel sites, timber and water, and has a magnificent millsite adjoining the terminal grounds of the railroad that is now building into the district. Many good trails traverse the entire group, and the main traveled road passes the property on its south line, thus making it accessible for rapid and economical development. With all its natural advantages for working, and the vast mineral wealth it contains, this group, lying as it does within rifle shot of the great Helena, Champion and Musick mines, will, with the aid of capital, become one of the big producers of this district.

The Broadway group of three claims, adjoining the Champion group on the north side of the saddle between Grouse and Fairview mountains, is one of the great properties of this part of the district. It is owned by William Reed and William Griffith. Several tunnels have been run on the property, the Diamond tunnel having now cut the lode, which is 10 feet in width, of high grade free milling ore, in which the yellow metal can be plainly seen. A lower tunnel is being run on the Frank Brass claim, which will cut at a great depth the rich Champion lode which runs through this property. They have a fine millsite, abundance of water and timber and an A-1 property, which will give a good account of itself in the future.

The famous Knott mine is sinking an additional 50 feet on the shaft that two years ago showed up such wonderfully rich ore. This shaft is going right down on the ledge and the vein will be crosscut at a depth of 100 feet to find the extent of its width. Great things are expected of this property, as it is known to be one of the richest in the district.

The Wall Street group, on City creek, has a cross-cut of 300 feet, and at this point have struck the ledge, which is over 10 feet wide of fine quartz. An 80-foot drift is now being run on the ledge. This is a splendid property.

The air-plant for the Oregon-Colo-rado, on Grouse creek has arrived, and as soon as installed work will be resumed on the big tunnel, which is now in over 300 feet. A wagon road has just been surveyed to this property, and as soon as completed the fine ore from this big ledge will be shipped out for reduction in a continuous stream.

High up on the southwest side of Grouse mountain the Whipple brothers have two claims, with 215 feet of tunnels in free milling ore on the vein of high grade. Work is going ahead with all speed on this fine property.

James Sears and the Whipple brothers own the Mountain Lily and Hummingbird claims, on the south side of Grouse mountain. They have 120 feet of tunnel cross-cutting to the ledges, which crop out prominently through the claims. The ore is free milling and of high grade. The tunnel will cut the four ledges, and when through them all will tap the upper vein at over 300 feet of vertical depth.

Under the shadow of the peak of Bohemia mountain, on the south side and at the fountain head of Sharp's creek, is located the Last Chance claim, owned by Rufus Edwards. A tunnel is now run for 50 feet into the center of the quartz dyke that is over 50 feet wide on the surface. The face of the drift is in fine ore, and when 100 feet is attained a cross-cut will be run to determine the width of the ledge. This property must eventually become a mine of great value.

The Hoosier group of three claims on Rock creek, owned by Frank Fisher and Lou Martin, upon which the location work has just been completed, are showing up well as far as development has gone. A tunnel is in about 25 feet on the vein, which is now about five feet in width. When the tunnel gets in about 200 feet it will be directly under a large chert-ney, which will give a vertical depth

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