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INSPECT MINES OF BOHEMIA.

Party From the East Tour the District and are Well Pleased With the Outlook.

Mention was made in our columns last week of the arrival from the east of a party consisting of George W. Lloyd, A. H. Boston, S. H. Foster and Frank Simonds, from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, about their departure the following day for the Bohemia Mining District, where they put in a week making an inspection of properties there including the Crystal Consolidated and the Bohemia, both of which Mr. Lloyd is interested in quite extensively.

The party returned to this city on Monday, remaining here a short time before leaving for their return trip home. The visitors who accompanied Mr. Lloyd were more than pleased with the outlook and especially of the property which they came to especially inspect, that of the Bohemia Gold Mining Co. which fact is best evidenced by their actions immediately upon their arrival from the district. They at once proceeded to a telegraph office where Mr. Boston authorized his broker in Boston to purchase 100,000 shares of the stock of this company and Mr. Simonds authorized the purchase of \$10,000 worth of stock in the same company by those whom he represented.

The party left Tuesday on the southbound train for home via San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Cripple Creek and Denver, which places they will visit a short time on their return trip.

These gentlemen who accompanied Mr. Lloyd on his trip through Bohemia were surprised beyond measure at the extent and richness of Bohemia and will doubtless tell of the wonders there to their friends in the east upon their arrival, thus spreading the fame of Bohemia where it will do much good to this and other properties that need capital for development purposes.

The following short description of the Bohemia Gold Mining Co.'s property is from a recent dispatch to the Evening Telegram from this place and indicates the condition of things in that camp and the progress of development on the property.

On the properties of the Bohemia Gold Mining Company excellent work has been done, and on the Gold Cross claim ore bodies have been opened up which are the largest ore bodies ever seen. At present it has shown for a length of 500 feet in the tunnel, and the face of the tunnel is in good ore. There is no reason to doubt but what the ore body will continue for a long distance. Mr. Higgins, the superintendent, has done his work in a most workmanlike manner, and has erected most commodious buildings upon the Bohemia Girl claim. All the supplies for the winter are now in, and Mr. Higgins is running a deep tunnel from the lower end of the Bohemia Girl along the vein. This tunnel will be about 800 feet vertically below the Gold Cross tunnel, and there is not any doubt but what enough ore will be opened up to last a lifetime. A conservative estimate places the amount of ore in sight at not less than 50,000 tons. The company contemplates erecting next spring a 100-ton plant on the Horse Heaven creek, a short distance below the Bohemia Girl tunnel, where sufficient power can be obtained to run the mill every day in the year.

Test A New Explosive.

Successful tests were recently made near Cleveland, Ohio, of a new explosive called barthamite which is the invention of Prof. H. M. Hathaway of Wellsboro, Pa., and may be the means of solving the question of explosives in mining and of reducing the danger to a minimum.

To demonstrate the absolute safety of the new explosive it was pointed upon an anvil, thrown upon the fire and as a final test was placed in a tin box and rifle bullets fired through it. It is said that the explosion can only take place when a dynamite percussion cap is used. Some of the explosive was next frozen into a cake of ice and exploded. Circular pieces two inches in diameter were blown from 3 1/2 boiler plate, cutting the plate clean, one and one-half ounces of the explosive being simply placed upon the plate and detonated in the open air. A one-pound regulation army shell was exploded within a receptacle and the shell blown into a thousand pieces.

OFFICIAL REPORT ON RESERVE.

Forests of the Cascade Reserve, and Mining in the Various Mining Districts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—According to late and thorough examinations made by representatives of the Geological Survey, the total stand of timber in the Cascade Forest Reserve slightly exceeds 50,000,000,000 feet. The total area of the reserve, 4,883,588 acres, is classified as follows: Forested, 4,161,764 acres; burned, 377,171 acres; open, 266,746 acres; logged, 5,589 acres; cultivated, 630 acres; water surface, 27,568 acres; glaciers and barren, 44,120 acres.

The quantity of timber of each variety in the reserve is given below:

Table with 2 columns: Species and Feet, B. M. listing various tree types and their quantities.

BOHEMIA DISTRICT.

Logging has not been carried on within the boundaries of the southern extremities of the reserve, that is, the section examined last season 3772 square miles, embracing portions of Lane, Douglas, Crook and Klamath counties. Considerable active mining and prospecting has been carried on, however, notably at the Bohemia Mining District in 23 S., 1 E., where there are at present three producing mines with stamp mills. The mineral is generally fine milling gold ore on the surface, but runs into base as they descent. This seriously retards all work, as to ship ores to the smelters at present is impracticable; but a railroad is being surveyed from Cottage Grove in that district, and when it is in operation it will open up one of the best mining districts in western Oregon. At present considerable capital has been invested, and more will be forthcoming when railroad connections are had. Another promising gold mining belt is located at the head of the South Fork of the Fall river, just over the divide on the North Fork of the Willamette. This district was only discovered last summer, and as it is in its infancy, very little can be said as to its permanency.

In fact, nearly all of the western slope of the Cascades is mineralized with gold, silver, iron and coal. On the main ridges local attraction is so great that in but few places can a needle be used, the attractions having been observed to reach as high as 25 degrees' variation. In 22 and 23 N., 1 and 2 E., over 6000 mining locations are in existence, upon which mining assessment work is being done. This is known as the Bohemia Mining District. Considerable agitation is being carried on to have these townships restored to the public domain, principally from the fact that the land is nearly all covered by mineral locations. The same district is very heavily timbered with red fir.

In the southern end of the reserve sheep are sometimes retained on the range as late as October, and in such instances great damage has been done. It is recommended that for the better protection of the grazing lands, sheep should not be permitted to remain within the reserve after September 15, as their presence after that date seriously injures the grass and young growth. The only demand for timber within the confines of the reserve is in the Bohemia Mining District, where the mines consume large quantities of fir in operating their stamp mills, and in the near future, with railroad connections this will increase. Last year probably to acres was cut for firewood for one company alone.

New Locations.

J. H. Eggen locates Molly Gibson claim in Bohemia mining district. L. Lowe and Peter G. Viedma locate Moorhead claim in Bohemia district.

Ira Hawley locates Big Mogul claim in Bohemia district.

Returning From Nome.

The last people to leave Nome this fall passed through Portland recently on their way to their homes in the various states. The Ohio, which left on October 27 was the last ship to leave the harbor which is now frozen over thus cutting off communication with the outside world until next spring. Among those enroute home from the icy north was J. M. Logan from Stockton, Calif., who has put in the past four years there and hasn't acquired any great amount of wealth either. In speaking of the northern gold fields he says:

"This running after new gold fields is far more of a lottery than the actual investing in a regular lottery would be, and after four years of hard work I pronounce gold seeking at Nome a game that is not worth the candle. Yet gold is found everywhere in that locality, but the cost of getting it out is so heavy that few miners make anything. About 5000 persons have spent the past season at Nome and vicinity, and this number will dwindle to 2000 by the time those desiring to go south leave the town. Of those who remain some can work their claims all winter getting out gravel which will freeze solid in the dumps until the thaw comes next July, when it can be sluiced off and the gold saved. A few will content themselves in idling the time away in town, but they will have a dreary time of it."

It will thus be seen that mining in the "Alaska Gold Fields" is not a sure thing nor is it a snap when we take into consideration the expense, the risk of total failure and the terrible exposure and privations necessary to accomplish anything in fields that are not already over-run with prospectors.

It is a fact that no field in the world offers greater inducements or less risks and privations to the miners than does old Bohemia right here in Lane and Douglas counties in which a good claim is really worth more to the average miner than all the wonderful possibilities of the gold fields of Alaska and British Columbia.

It is true that it takes time and money to realize on most of the properties of Bohemia yet it is a fact that money is coming this way and investments are being made in property there at a much greater rate than ever before in the history of the camp.

All that is required to convince the most skeptical that the alleged fabulous wealth of Bohemia is not a myth, is a thorough investigation such as has been made this season by dozens of investors and mining men of many years experience. They have all returned with the same story and this story is slowly but surely reaching out and permeating the world of capital which it is necessary to reach in order to make Bohemia what nature has done her part toward, a rival of the world famous Cripple Creek district of Colorado.

E. H. Ingham, one of the three owners of the Grouse Mountain Gold Mining and Milling Co., operating nine claims in the Bohemia District, this morning received a letter from the mines informing him that during the last few days a 70-foot ore chute has been uncovered in the Grouse Mountain which shows remarkably well. It shows what miners term nugget gold in large quantities, small pieces the size of a pin head and larger being panned out regularly, and the quartz contains some rich ore. This chute is at present 362 feet long and neither end is in sight. This is much better than the owners expected. They looked for a three-foot ledge but instead uncovered one ten feet wide. Mr. Ingham is naturally elated over the news received from the mines. His partners are B. E. Hawley and J. C. Klopstein two well known and experienced mining men. — Eugene Guard.

Logger's Narrow Escape.

While at work in a logging camp on Fall creek on Wednesday of last week, Samuel Stiers, a logger, had a miraculous escape from death by being crushed under an immense log. He was snaking logs down a steep mountain side with a four-horse team and while thus engaged a large log started to roll down the side of the mountain. He and the horses were caught under the log and horribly crushed. Two of the horses were killed instantly, and the man was supposed to be dead when extricated, but revived under treatment, and it is now thought he will recover. All that saved him from instant death was the horses, he being caught under them and they serving as a cushion for him.

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Furnished The Information.

Much favorable comment has been given Sheriff Withers on his remarkable capture of the murderer of Benton Tracy last summer and now, that he has been convicted and sentenced, more credit than ever is given him, all of which is probably deserved.

It is probably not generally known that the information furnished Mr. Withers and which was the means of apprehending the criminal was furnished by W. W. Cochran, of this city, who accidentally discovered some facts in regard to this "tin-horn" gambler Bert Ray Henton, who was in Cottage Grove nearly a week before he went to Junction. The pedigree of the man and some of his former associates, were looked up by Mr. Cochran, who seems to be quite a hand at detective work, and the information placed in the hands of the sheriff, who acting upon it, secured this man Henton. Mr. Cochran has filed a claim for the \$250 reward, and will doubtless have no trouble in convincing the proper authorities of his rightful claim.

Editor Fitch Suicides.

Charles A. Fitch, editor and one of the proprietors of the Lakeview Herald, committed suicide last week, choosing the morphine route. He was the fusion candidate for state printer in 1898 and formerly ran a populist paper at Oregon City where he was quite a factor in politics, being an effective writer and a good public speaker. He had been in Lakeview but two years at the time of his death and left many warm friends who mourn his untimely demise. No cause is assigned for his rash act.

PRESS COMMENTS.

The best show of the season.—Portage in Prairie Daily Graphic, January 21, 1902. McKanias with the Alabama Warblers is without doubt the finest colored organization on the road; a better show or finer singing has never been heard in Toronto.—Toronto World, Sept. 11, 1901.

"The McKanias Company show was a good one. The singing of Miss Pattie McKanias, the versatile entertainer of Miss Pezzy and the violin playing of McKanias were three exceptional features."—Everett Record, Aug. 18, 1902.

Important Notice.

Any person hiring a single seat buggy and allowing more than two persons to ride in same at one time will be charged double price and pay all damages to the buggy. The above applies to all hacks, carriages or spring wagons. Only two persons allowed to ride in one seat at a time.

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STEPS AGAINST A HOT STOVE. A child of Mrs. Geo. T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night bath, stepped back against a hot stove which burned him severely. The child was in great agony and his mother could do nothing to pacify him. Remembering that she had a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, she thought she would try it. In less than half an hour after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Kollar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment and especially valuable for burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. For sale by Lyons & Applegate, Druggists, Benson Drug Co., Cottage Grove.

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