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## A TRIP TO BOHEMIA.

A Nugget Reporter in Company With J. J. Keeler, F. J. Catterlin, Frank LeRoy and C. B. Clements Visited The Great Bohemia District.

### A SCENE OF GREAT ACTIVITY.

It has been a number of seasons since one was able to go into Bohemia Mining District and travel its length and breadth with the ease and pleasure that one can accomplish the trip at the present writing. In fact it is said to be one of the earliest seasons in the history of the camp, and it may also be said, with perfect propriety, that it is destined to be one of the most prosperous, marked with the greatest development of properties, since the camp was known to be gold bearing.

Last week a Nugget man in the company of F. J. Catterlin and Dr. J. B. Keeler, president of the Judson Rock Mining Co., of Portland, C. B. Clement, of Eugene, and Frank LeRoy, of this city, took the Oregon & Southeastern morning train for the hills. A run of a few miles brought the party to the logging spur which puts through the Lincolnton place to the Long & Bingham Lumber Co's camp. Here the party took advantage of an opportunity to visit the lower logging camp where some twelve men were at work. The logs at the present time are being taken some 3,000 feet from the first logging engine, the second engine and crew being stationed about 1,500 feet above the first. With the aid of the two out its logs scaling about 30,000 feet of lumber are brought down, loaded upon the cars of the O. & S. E. and by seven o'clock in the evening are rolled from the cars into the mill pond within the limits of this city.

Leaving the logging camp we again took the main track of the O. & S. E. passing over Mosby and Row river bridges, where crews of men were at work raising the bridge two feet and ballasting the track to correspond. About eight miles from this city is to be seen the steam shovel now busy from morning until night loading cars with gravel which is being distributed along the main track at a rapid rate, and from present indications the road will be in excellent shape by the first of June. It is now thought that the rails will be laid to the Red bridge by the last of this month, and it is understood that the track will be completed to the Warehouse this season.

The steam shovel is a marvel. A train of fifteen flat cars is loaded in forty-five minutes, it requiring only four dips of the shovel to load a car. In other words a car is loaded by the steam shovel as quickly as one shoveler would throw ten shovels full of gravel on the car. When the party reached the end of the track a walk of a couple of miles was made to W. W. Hawley's lower ranch, where an excellent dinner was had and a team secured to take the party to the Benson hotel, now under the management of U. G. LeRoy, at the foot of "Hardscrabble". It is a splendid place for the traveler to stop. In fact by the time one gets to the foot of "Hardscrabble" one is anxious to stop. The only difficulty one experiences at Benson is to pick up sufficient courage to meander up the six-mile grade which must be overcome in order to reach Bohemia P. O., at the famous old Musick mine.

At Benson the party sojourned until Monday morning. Among the mining properties visited from this place was the Judson Rock, about two miles up Fairview and Adams creeks. A good trail leads to the cabin, a substantial log house occupied by August Swanson and his clever wife, Mr. Swanson now being in the employ of the company on contract. The Judson Rock is splendidly located, below the snow line, and is making an excellent showing.

It is not the purpose of the writer to enter into an elaborate writup of the several properties visited, but rather to give some idea of the appearance of the camp in general at this season of the year.

On the trail to the Judson Rock cabin one passes over some of Prof. Kendall's locations, which are showing up well for prospects. Al Churchill is also located on this trail leading by his door. Mr. Churchill is making some splendid improvements on this property in the matter of substantial cabin and outbuildings. It is safe to say that "Al" is now erecting—the frame work is all up—one of the best cabins in the district. It is a story and one-half structure, the timbers squared with "store made" window frames and sashes and door frames and doors. Mr. Churchill

has everything comfortable and has come to the "Big Four" property to make it his permanent home. It is not authentically stated at this writing that some one else will share the snug cabin with him, but things look almighty suspicious. While his property at this writing is only in the prospect state it is showing up remarkably well there being four true fissure parallel veins, with heavy croppings of base ore.

The Benson hotel is on the property of the Golden Rule Mining and Reduction Co., which has nine claims admirably located. It is understood that the company intends to do large development this season, as well as secure a patent to their ground. The company is now erecting a large store building at Benson, which will in all probability take the name of "Mineral" in the near future, as efforts are now being completed for the establishment of a postoffice at that point.

Four miles up the road the Greenwood property looms up. It is understood that extensive work will be done on this property. Already Mr. Hinds, who was the owner and operator of the property before it was incorporated has done some extensive work with very satisfactory results.

Things look lively at F. J. Hard's camp on the Vesuvius. New buildings have been built and heavy contracts for wood are now being filled. It is not necessary to say anything about the Vesuvius as a property. Every one who knows anything about the district knows the Vesuvius as one of the richest in the district. It is stated that Mr. Hard is now on his return trip from the east and that he has purchased a mill plant for the Vesuvius. Mr. Hard is a rustler and his many friends here will be pleased to see him bring the Vesuvius into the prominent place the mine deserves.

We struck the first snow just above the Vesuvius camp. It was very soft, so much so that the boys in the mines have discarded snow shoes, and are now going it "by hand". Our party was sore and leg-weary when the summit was reached, and we took a sort of a shuffle and tumble gait down to the Musick store. Here the genial merchant and postmaster, Chas. Gettis extended the glad hand, also Superintendent Mathews, of the Oregon Securities Co., who makes the Musick mine his headquarters. It was the middle of the afternoon, but through the representation of Mr. Mathews, to the effect that we were a well-manned set of tenderfeet, Mrs. J. P. Hart, who has charge of the Musick boarding house, set a tempting dinner before the tired gang. Before the boys were half-way down to pie, Mr. Mathews commenced to comment upon the scarcity of supplies and it is half suspected that his anxiety was increased during the progress of the meal.

The Musick is in a very satisfactory state of development, and it is said the shifts are now working in better ore than was ever before found in the mine.

From the Musick the party journeyed to the Champion mine, also a property of the Oregon Securities, where a large force of men were encountered clearing and opening up a new tunnel. As we dropped down into the basin under the protecting authority of Foreman Hart we came to the new mill site about a hundred yards from the present site. Work was already under way. The ground was being cleared and timbers gotten out. This is the mill formerly spoken of in these columns, which is calculated to mill the ore from the Champion, Musick, Helena No. 1 and Helena No. 2, the ores being brought to the mill with teams.

Leaving the Champion we journeyed to the LeRoy a short distance down the canyon where Superintendent Graham was busy looking after the interests of his company. The lower tunnel of the LeRoy is now in over 600 feet and two shifts are hard at work in splitting ore. The machine drills are working to perfection, and while the rock now being encountered is exceedingly hard to break from three to four feet is gained each day.

At noon the party was invited to a splendid dinner prepared by Mrs. Green Pitcher, who has charge of the boarding house at the LeRoy, and later in the day we meandered down the Champion trail enroute to the Warehouse.

Nowhere on God's earth can one find more beautiful scenery than that encountered in Bohemia, and particularly is this true of the Champion canyon.

On the way down we stopped for a short rest at The Champion Basin Mining Co's property. This is a new company, the property formerly belonging to W. A. Masterson, et al, but notwithstanding that only assessment work has thus far been done on the property, it is showing up remarkably well.

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