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## BOHEMIA CAMP LIVELY

### A Delegation of Portland Men Visit the District.

### WORK ON THE OREGON-COLORADO

G. B. Hengen, of Oregon Securities, on the ground—F. J. Hard Speaks of his Property.

Bohemia looked lively this week. Last Saturday the following well known mining men arrived in this city and immediately went aboard the O. & S. E. R. Y. train and started for the mines. L. V. Keady, A. W. Goddard, C. H. Thompson, J. M. Glover, Portland; J. H. Hengen, Omaha; A. Waldbauer, N. Y.; and G. B. Hengen, the secretary of the Oregon Securities Co., from New York, who was accompanied by his wife.

Upon their return Wednesday they had nothing but words of praise for the district.

G. B. Hengen, secretary of the Oregon Securities Mining Co., returned from his tour of inspection of the property Wednesday, and is full of enthusiasm. Speaking of the Oregon & Southeastern R. Y. and its rapid growth, he said:

"I am agreeably surprised at the condition of the railroad; one can hardly imagine that improvements can be taken on so rapidly, and I think a great deal of credit is due Manager Pearsons for the able manner in which he has handled his work. I am pleased with the patronage the road is receiving and am assured beyond a reasonable doubt that several new sawmill plants will be put in along the railroad route in the course of a few months. This of course means more work for the road, that is now making it possible to develop Bohemia Mining District."

When asked about the mines, Mr. Hengen said:

"Yes I have just returned from the company's property, and while I have been in touch with the affairs of the company, I can truthfully say that I am greatly surprised at the progress made since I was last on the ground. I had no idea that things had gone as fast as they have. The dam and flume are both finished, while the frame work for the power house is up and ready for roofing. The poles are nearly all set for the electric line, and the grading for the stamp mill site at the head of the canyon is completed. The foundations for the several buildings are now being put in."

"Mr. Hammond, who has the contract for the building and placing of the plant, is on the ground and states that he will have a force of carpenters at work in a few days, and that means the installation of the machinery in the course of a few weeks."

"Part of the electric machinery is now on the ground and the balance is being hauled this week. The bulk of the rails for the electric tramway and railway are on the ground and no time will be lost. We have two sawmills at the present time and next week will start the third at the Musick mine."

"The big double track 7x8 foot tunnel through the saddle of the mountain connecting the Musick with the stamp mill, is now in about 275 feet."

"Right here I wish to call your attention to a change that means much to us. Today we closed a deal whereby the Oregon Securities Co. acquires the ownership of the Broadway group, owned by Griffith and Reed. This group consists of three claims, the Broadway, Dia-

mond and Frank Brass. They were located between our Champion basin property and the Musick, the famous Champion ledge running through the Broadway claim. In view of this recent purchase, we have changed the course of the tunnel. Instead of running through our own ground and into the Mrs. Wall property, we drive to the Champion ledge then turn into the Broadway, right on the ledge and drive from one end of that claim to the other, all the time being in the best of free milling ore on the Champion ledge. By so doing we save something like 600 feet of dead work, 400 of which under the original course, would be outside of our own holdings. These new properties have long been considered good properties, and in driving the big tunnel on the Champion ledge through the Broadway, we not only complete the connection of the Musick with the rest of the property, but at the same time we are able to block out immense bodies of free milling ore that will more than pay for the driving and equipping of the tunnel."

"Superintendent C. C. Mathews gave me the pleasure of going through the Musick Mine, and I saw the ore he was developing. I must say I was astonished. The No. 2 tunnel on the Musick, in which is found much of the rich ore, is now nearly broken through on the west side of the mountain, which gives the mine plenty of good air, and enables us to get all kinds of timber at little expense. Yes I am well pleased."

F. J. Hard, of the Vesuvius and Oregon-Colorado Mining Companies, was in the city late last week, laying in supplies and looking after his business interests.

Mr. Hard states that he never saw things looking better for Bohemia. Speaking of the Monte Rico and Jackass ridge country he states that much work is going on and that the properties in that section of the camp are looking fine. Speaking of his own affairs, he says he has just completed the erection of his assay building, which is built out of lumber and shingles hauled from this city. The assay plant is installed and is now in operation. He is now well prepared for extensive work on both the Vesuvius and Oregon-Colorado.

The new trail from the Oregon-Colorado to Bohemia was completed last week, and the crew is now going back over the work and widening the trail to wagon road width, and he feels satisfied that he will have wagons running over it before fall.

Extensive work is going on at the Oregon-Colorado. An addition to the bunk house has been completed, and other external improvements are planned. The big tunnel is in about 700 feet, and the ore is holding its own in quantity and quality.

At the Riverside Mr. Hard is working a full crew with Alex Lomburg as foreman.

A careful survey has been made determining the course of the Gold Cross vein, and locating it close to



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Horseheaven creek, where a tunnel has been commenced directly on the vein. This tunnel will be over 4000 feet long before it reaches the end line of the property belonging to the company, and will have attained at least 2000 feet depth. The tunnel is of large construction, with the view of its being the outlet to the tunnels for the whole of the immense workings of the property. Many external improvements, such as the building of shops, tunnel houses, etc., are now planned and will be constructed immediately.

### SPEAKS WELL OF THE CAMP.

Gill Meadow was in the city this week. He reports the camp making a splendid showing this season—the greatest in its history. "Of course," said Mr. Meadow, "the Oregon Securities setting the pace, but all the property owners from one end of the district to the other are doing rapid and systematic development work."

Continuing Mr. Meadow said: "F. J. Hard is doing some splendid work on Vesuvius, the Riverside and Oregon-Colorado. The Crystal Consolidated Mining Co. under the management of Geo. W. Lloyd is in full swing."

Mr. Meadow is just in from the Peek-a-boo where, in company with Will Edwards, much development has been done on the two claims, Peek-a-boo and Nevada, owned by Messrs. Meadow, Edwards and D. G. McFarland. These claims lay three-quarters of a mile south of the Musick on Jackass mountain. The Peek-a-boo ledges are being rapidly developed. It is a cross

ledge, which has now 120 feet of tunnel. The owners have struck some very rich ore on the Peek-a-boo, and it is said to be one of the best properties in the district. The Nevada is a new claim but the owners have already 30 feet of tunnel and the ore is looking good.

W. H. Shane, who is one of the steadiest miners in the camp, represents three groups, all located between Monte Rico and Twin Rock ridges and authentic report has it that he is developing a very rich property.

W. W. Cochran and O. G. Gilbertson, who are located on the west side of City Creek have struck some fine free milling ore. Frank Flesher and Lon Martin are working their property below the Shane group and are in good ore.

In speaking of his "Nemo" property on Champion creek, Mr. Meadow states that he has just completed 50 feet of tunnel making all total 125 feet, besides the surface work. The Nemo now shows 12 feet of solid quartz. This claim has attracted as much attention from visitors in the camp as any property in it, always bringing out the remark that it is sure to make a fine mine.

O. G. Gilbertson, of Glendale, was in the city Wednesday enroute to Bohemia where he goes to look after his mining property. Mr. Gilbertson is interested with Walt Cochran in a bunch of claims and reports them showing up nicely. He favored the Nugget with a very pleasant call and expressed himself well pleased with conditions.

### OREGON & SOUTHEASTERN NOTES.

Much work is being done on the Oregon & Southeastern yards in this city. The passenger track, which runs to the east of the depot was laid this week, and the ground is now ready for the construction of the turning table at the rear of the depot.

A sidewalk leading from the new depot and connecting with the walk on Main street was also laid this week.

The excursion last Sunday was well patronized, nearly a hundred tickets being sold. Everybody appeared to enjoy the day.

Some careless fellow set fire to a pitch stump on the right of way above the Red Bridge, and before anyone could hardly realize the situation the flames spread into the dry brush and then to the tops of the smallest trees, and for a time it looked as though a forest fire was on in all its fury. Thanks to the prompt action of Manager Pearsons, foremen and willing men, the fire was soon under control, with little if any damage done. The O. & S. E. had a large amount of giant powder stored a short distance beyond the fire, and there was all kinds of hustling done until the powder was removed to a safe place.

Manager Pearsons received a new gasoline motor car for use on the line, last Saturday, and it is now in daily service.

### MINING NOTES.

F. J. Hard was at the Grove a few hours Saturday and hurried back to camp.

W. H. Atwood, of Boston, is looking over Bohemia this week, the guest of F. J. Hard.

T. H. Supple has returned from Bohemia, after making an extended tour through the district.

Chas. Rubin was down from his property on Champion Creek last Monday.

Lewis Johnson, of Minneapolis, Minn., came in Wednesday from San Francisco where he had been on business. He stopped over in Cottage Grove for a few hours and paid the Nugget office a very pleasant call. He informed us that owing to pressure of business in the East he would be unable to visit the district at this time. He has property over in the Horseheaven country on which he let contracts for the assessment work while here. Mr. Johnson is investing considerable money in Bohemia and is well pleased with reports from his holdings.

H. V. Behne, formerly superintendent of the Helena Consolidated Mining Co., afterwards absorbed by the Oregon Securities Co., and who accompanied the Portland delegation of stockholders this week, speaks very flattering of the condition of the camp. He says he has never seen a brighter prospect for any camp. While in the hills the party visited the Star Mine, of which Mr. Behne is superintendent. On this property within 250 feet of each other, there are three big ledges opened with twenty to thirty feet of ore in each, and Mr. Behne invited the members of the party to get the pans and select the ore where they pleased, and see what they could get. He said it was an interesting sight to see the visitors pan, and watch the expression of their faces when they got a string of gold.

### LIKES BOHEMIA.

Edward L. Haff, United States mineral surveyor, who recently arrived here from Cripple Creek, to survey the properties of the Crystal, Bohemia Girl and the Boston group, was in the city this week and is enthusiastic in his remarks regarding the properties he is now working on, and the district in general. Mr. Haff says that the property gives every appearance of making a fine mine. The vein now exposed is very large and strong. "It is my opinion," says Mr. Haff, "that when the Crystal people drive their tunnel under the lake, I am sure they will break into an immense ore shute."

I like the Gold Cross better than any of the other properties that I have looked over.

The Victor and Contention properties attract my attention. Indeed they are making a fine showing. I feel sure that they are an extension of the Musick vein."

Mr. Haff came out here expressly to do the surveying for Mr. Lloyd's properties, but he is so taken up with the properties that he expresses himself desirous of remaining at least the remainder of the season if he finds sufficient surveying to justify staying. He has had many years experience in the work, and particularly so in underground surveying, and his services in the camp will undoubtedly be in demand should he decide to remain.

## EASTERN MAN'S VIEW

### He Visits Bohemia and Finds Conditions as Represented to Him.

### SPEAKS WELL OF THE CRYSTAL.

He Thinks the Camp has a Bright Future—All it needs is Pluck and Energy.

D. W. Darling, mention of whom was made in the Nugget two weeks ago has returned. Mr. Darling is a Boston capitalist, and one of the heaviest contractors and builders of that city. He became interested last year in the Bohemia Gold Mining Co., and came here to make a personal investigation of the camp. He returned here last Sunday, Monday, when asked for his impressions of the district said:

"I have just returned from a ten days stay in the Bohemia mining camps where I went to carefully look over the properties and study the proposition from an unbiased standpoint, also from the position as a director of the Bohemia Gold Mining Co. We first visited the Boston group where a tunnel is in 565 feet (and Mr. Lloyd contracted for 35 feet more at that time). I find the property all that Mr. Lloyd represented and if his plans can be carried out this alone will make us a large dividend on an entire stock issue."

"We next visited the Contention and Victor. These if anything were better than had been represented to me and can easily be put into paying condition, as enough has been done to thoroughly demonstrate their worth and, they especially pleased me. The Gold Cross and Bohemia Girl were in the same condition as had been reported. These are in splendid shape and only want working to bring good returns."

"I have also visited the Oregon Securities camps and properties and find they are doing a large amount of work and much good to the district. Their pay roll for the month of June was over \$13,000, and for the month of July over \$10,000, a large proportion being used for railroad construction, now used as a wagon road, later to be a railroad, which is steadily approaching the mines. They are also tunneling through the mountain to connect the Musick with the Champion mine, a distance of 1600 feet. This in itself shows the faith people have in the mineral worth of the Bohemia mines who are and have been on the ground."

"Mr. Lloyd has a U. S. mining engineer now surveying the properties and will in a short time have patents on the entire claims of the Bohemia Gold Mining Co. This he is paying for out of his own funds which shows his unbounded faith in the entire proposition. I must say, in justice to him, that his plans as suggested are well and thoroughly laid, showing the long and deep study he must have given to the problem. I do not see where a change could be made, I wish all the stockholders could see it as I see it and as facts demonstrate, then I am sure they would take hold and raise funds enough to put the mines onto a dividend paying basis. Mr. Lloyd also let a contract of 50 feet more tunnel in Bo-

hemia Girl yesterday which, with the Boston and Engineer's work, will cost him about \$2500, all out of his own pocket.

"I have also seen many other properties that different men are developing, and which show encouraging prospects. Among these is the property of F. J. Hard, who has been pushing his work for several years, and who is rewarded by excellent showing. Having met Mr. Hard while on his trip east, I became interested to know what he had. Finally, I may say, generally speaking, I believe all the district wants is constant pushing to make it one of the world's famous mining districts of the Pacific coast."

Mr. Darling left here this week for Portland, where he will inquire into the contract business in that city with the view of securing the contract for some of the world's fair buildings soon to be erected.

### THE CRYSTAL.

Geo. W. Lloyd, of the Crystal was in the city this week. He reports things going on nicely at the Crystal. The property is now being surveyed with the view of patenting, and the wagon road route from the property to Champion basin has also been surveyed. Gill Meadow has been employed to build a trail along this route in order that the company can get in its needed supplies at a considerably reduced rate from the former method. Mr. Meadow is already on the ground and will commence the work immediately. It is understood that as soon as the trail is opened to admit of packing, work will be commenced to widen it into a wagon road.

Mr. Lloyd has let a contract for 50 feet extension of tunnel on the Bohemia Girl to Mike Goetz and John Linquest.

A 55-foot contract on the Boston group has also been let to Pat Conley.

Geo. W. Lloyd has purchased H. D. Scott's interest in the Crystal Consolidated. Mr. Scott owned something like a 1-10 interest and he sold out for \$2500.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

At a meeting of the directors of the public schools of this city, held this week (it was decided to open the school September 21. A number of essential improvements have been made this season, among them that of reseating one of the rooms with new single seats, and the partitioning off of the upper hall and converting it into a room which will be occupied by Professor Briggs in person. This makes nine rooms, and in this way the district can get through another term without building. Professor Briggs has been retained as principal with Miss Estelle Armitage and Gertrude Hamblin as first and second assistants, with the following teachers: Misses Mickey, Hemenway, Newland, Taylor, Kelley and Mrs. Lincoln Taylor.

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