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MINING NEWS.

Gathered From Bohemia Mining District and the Various Mining Camps of Oregon and Other States.

CYANIDE IN CRIPPLE CREEK.

Not a great deal has been said lately of the accomplishments of the cyanide plants erected at the mines in the Cripple Creek District, says the Daily Mining Record. Their introduction was certainly one of the important developments of last year, but it would seem that their possibilities are to be more generally realized this year. Last year plants were operated on a small scale. Now several large cyanide enterprises are in operation and more are contemplated.

In the north section of the camp, and also on Ironclad hill, large plants are in operation, and the reports to hand from them are of a highly satisfactory character. Particular attention is being given to the oxidized surface ore, and in one instance a steam shovel is to be installed to facilitate the work of "shipping the scenery."

Those familiar with conditions in the camps are aware of the fact that there is an unlimited supply of low grade ore which until recently has been passed up as practically valueless. True, great strides have been made by the custom plants in the reduction of the minimum grade which they could accept. Treatment charges have been lowered and gradually the lower grade ore has been made marketable. The great bulk of the low grade is still prohibitive to the custom mills and it is this character of material to which the cyanide plants are giving attention.

Values from a trace up to \$2 and \$3 and sometimes higher can be had from rock picked up all over the surface within the recognized productive area. Outside this area for many miles in some directions the same conditions prevail. It is a mineralized country, but the values are such that no process has yet been found that can profitably extract the values. In the workings of the mines are millions of tons of this low grade material and the monster dumps of the camp represent vast wealth in low grade ore.

The success of the cyanide plants means the recovery of this discarded wealth and a material increase to the production of the

camp. For this reason much interest centers in the outcome, and much importance must be attached to the favorable reports being received. The development is one of the most consequential in the recent history of the camp, ranking with the drainage enterprise which has materially benefited the great district.

ASSAY OFFICE NEEDED.

Each year \$10,000,000 of precious metals mined in Oregon is accredited to other states. Government mint returns assign about \$1,000,000. Carefully gathered figures are in the hands of the Pacific Miner showing that not less than \$12,000,000 is taken from the ground annually in this state.

Against such unjust withholding from this state of her just share of correct mining publicity a vigorous protest is herewith uttered. The establishment of a government assay office in Oregon would correct the wrong now done this state. Such an assay office should be granted at once by the federal government.

The Pacific Miner cares not one whit where the office shall be placed whether in Portland or Baker City or Sunnyside or Grants Pass or Cottage Grove. So long as it comes to Oregon this magazine will be satisfied. But so long as the government fails to do its obvious duty in the premises, so long will the Pacific Miner keep up the campaign and expects the mining men of the state to stand behind it in its insistence.

Appropos, the suggestion is thrown out that the presence here during August of the National Mining congress will afford opportunity to secure endorsement of the government assay office for Oregon from that body. Exhibits, such as will prove the real status of the state's mining industry may be made and the delegates easily induced to add to our own efforts the force of their powerful request to the national government.

At any rate concert of action here in Oregon will secure results that have not heretofore been attained. Some point should be decided upon, all energy centered upon that point, and senators and representatives constantly petitioned to urge the government to grant the just demands herein set forth.

MINING LAWS AMENDED.

The senate has passed Teller's bill amending the mining laws as regards the location of claims. It is provided that the description of

a vein or lode claims upon surveyed lands shall be designated with reference to the lines of the public survey, but need not conform therewith. Where patents have been issued for claims upon unsurveyed lands, however, the surveyor general, in extending the public survey, shall adjust their survey to the boundaries of claims, so as not to interfere with or change the true location of claims, as they are officially established by ground monuments.

Upon a patent grant is based the highest constituted authority as to the limits on the claim and not the public survey. The bill is intended to prevent the shifting of mining claims by surveys.

SOME SOUND ADVICE.

When you have your mine completely opened up and ready for mill, it is a good plan to send a carload of the ore to some custom plant for test treatment, paying a competent millman handsomely to oversee the test. It is useless to ship merely a ton or two. In fact, a half-dozen carloads would be more to the point than one, as in this way a prolonged test is secured and an opportunity afforded to study thoroughly the character of the ore and its action under the stamps and on the plates. The result of the test known, you can then go about the task of securing your milling plant intelligently, and with reasonable assurance that when it is finally set up and in operation at your mine, the daily returns will be up to your expectations. The too frequent practice of buying a mill first and learning afterward that it is not exactly what is wanted is a bit discouraging, not to say expensive.—Mexican Investor.

Wm. Wechter, manager of the Golden Rule Consolidated Mining Co., spent about a week at the property, returning to this city last Saturday. He reports work progressing as fast as could be expected with a small force of men. Mr. Wechter says the force will not be increased until June or July. He left for his home in Salem on the afternoon train.

Andrew J. Brund, president of the Bohemia Miners Association, who has been for some time past working at the Oregon Colorado came down to the city on Tuesday. He reports considerable snow still falling, yet wherever work is progressing the showings are good. He anticipates good results for the coming seasons work.

A STRONG PROTEST.

Cottage Grove Business Men Inaugurate a Movement to Secure Relief from Present Freight Tariffs.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS

On last Saturday a meeting of the citizens of Cottage Grove was held in the Opera House.

Mr. A. B. Wood was elected temporary chairman and Frank Rosenburg chosen temporary secretary.

The chairman stated the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering and discussing by the people, the present condition of affairs, as regards the freight rates as charged by the Southern Pacific railroad, at least throughout this portion of the Willamette valley. Also to ascertain if it is not possible to obtain relief and have the rates under which the great industries were built up to their present proportions, re-established.

Mr. C. C. Mathews was called upon and made a brief but earnest statement of the conditions which confronted the various industries of the Willamette valley.

Mr. Ben Lurch stated that conditions were wrong as regards the import and export rates and thought some action should be taken toward relief.

Dr. Lawbaugh of the Long and Bingham Company explained at some length the cause of the present state of affairs and told of the personal efforts he had made in interviewing the railroad officials, but had met with little encouragement.

Mr. Rosenberg stated in behalf of Mr. Campbell, who was unavoidably absent that the Pacific Timber Co. was ready to assist in any movement looking to a betterment of the present conditions.

James Hemenway, Mayor Veatch, Mr. Burkholder and others agreed that some movement should be made by not only the people of Cottage Grove, but by all the people along the valley.

A committee consisting of Messrs. A. B. Wood, James Hemenway, Dr. Lawbaugh, T. K. Campbell and C. J. Howard were appointed a committee to formulate a plan of action to be presented for consideration at the next meeting. By motion meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday night.

Tuesday night Chairman Wood called the adjourned meeting to order. The report of the committee was read by Secretary Rosenburg which was as follows: Cottage Grove, Ore., Mar. 21, 1904. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

To the Citizens of Cottage Grove in Mass Meeting Assembled: Pursuant to instructions, the committee on organization, appointed at the meeting of citizens at Martin's Hall on the evening of March 19, met at the appointed place of meeting in this city, at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, March 21, 1904.

Present, Chairman A. B. Wood and Committeemen R. M. Veatch, T. K. Campbell James Hemenway and C. J. Howard.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and after some discussion Mr. Campbell moved that the committee report at the next meeting, that "it is the sense of this committee that a permanent organization be effected in this city, with the view of taking up such questions as may come before the organization from time to time, of vital importance to the great state of Oregon and the citizens thereof, and particularly, at this time, to take up the matter of traffic rates with the Southern Pacific Co., it being conceded that certain rates now imposed upon the lumber producers of the Willamette valley, are prohibitive, and that said action of said company and said rates imposed, has caused the shutting down of many mills, the reduction of the formerly large forces of mill men, and otherwise demoralizing and depreciating the lumbering business, which is one of the most important industries in Western Oregon at the present time, as well as crippling the many other industries upon which the people throughout this section depend."

This motion was promptly seconded and carried.

After some discussion it was decided to leave the recommendation of name of permanent organization until such time as it could be taken up at an adjourned meeting.

Motion was made and seconded

that C. J. Howard, acting secretary of committee be instructed to have printed 300 bills, to be distributed, calling the citizens to meet at the opera house on the evening of March 22, at 8 o'clock. Carried.

Upon motion committee adjourned to meet Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, March 22, at the same place.

ADJOURNED MEETING. Adjourned meeting was called to order by Chairman Wood at 9 o'clock a. m. Tuesday morning March 22.

Committee present, Chairman Wood, Committeemen Veatch, Campbell, Hemenway, Lawbaugh and Howard.

Moved and seconded that the name of permanent organization be "Oregon Co-operative Association." Motion prevailed.

Upon motion committee recommends that the permanent organization be provided with the following officers: President, 5 vice presidents, secretary (with power to appoint assistant) and treasurer.

Moved and seconded that the committee recommend that the president appoint an advisory committee to work in conjunction with the secretary, consisting of nine members, of which the president and vice presidents of the permanent organization shall be ex-officio members. Carried.

Moved and seconded that C. J. Howard be recommended to the permanent organization for the office of secretary. Carried.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDED. We hereby recommend the following gentlemen to be made officers of the permanent organization:

President, Herbert Eakin; 1st V. P., R. M. Veatch; 2nd V. P., T. K. Campbell; 3rd V. P., H. O. Thompson; 4th V. P., F. D. Wheeler; 5th V. P., A. B. Wood. Secretary, C. J. Howard; treasurer, J. E. Young.

Moved and seconded that the committee secretary prepare a membership enrollment, and that the committee recommend that the roll be circulated for signers at the mass meeting in the evening. Carried.

The above having been read to the committee, upon motion it was adopted, and is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

C. J. HOWARD, Acting Secy. of Com. on Organization. The above report was received and adopted at the meeting March 22, 1904, and upon motion the gentlemen recommended for office in the above report were duly declared elected until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

C. J. HOWARD, Sec. On motion the report was adopted and in the absence of President Eakin, Vice President Veatch took the chair and C. J. Howard assumed the duties of secretary.

The following petition and indorsement was read and approved:

PETITION. Mr. W. E. Coman, G. F. & P. Agent, S. P. Co., Portland, Oregon.

Greeting: Whereas the territory known as Western Oregon offers unlimited possibilities for a large population and many industries, and whereas, great efforts are being made by the people of the state, through the Lewis and Clark Centennial and the Railroad Emigration Bureau, to publish to the world the resources of Oregon, and to encourage immigration and development of these resources, and

Whereas, we believe that to accomplish this, that settlers seeking homes here will be encouraged by signs of prosperity and discouraged by lack of prosperity, and capital seeking opportunities will assist in the development of our industries, only when conditions are such that they can be on a permanently prosperous basis, present the following facts:

(1) The local freight rates are higher than those charged in other places for the same service under similar conditions.

(2) That during the past four years the lumber industry, under the rate of \$3.19 per ton to Bay points, was extensively developed, and large sums of money were invested in the industry, many people becoming dependent upon the same, that the rates recently imposed upon the lumber producers of Western Oregon, are prohibitive, and that the imposing of said rates has caused the shutting down of the mills and the straying the value of all investments in this industry, and is paralyzing all business in this district.

(3) We believe that the prevailing condition of depression, and lack of opportunity for labor to be employed, is due to our inability, under present conditions of freight rates, to compete with other sections of the country, and for the same reason we are unable to offer the same encouragement to homeseekers and capitalists that they can find elsewhere.

(4) We therefore petition the Southern Pacific Company for such modification of the existing freight rates as will give relief.

In presenting you with the above facts we urge that such relief be given at once.

OREGON CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION. Per C. J. Howard, Secy. ENDORSEMENT.

We, the undersigned citizens of Oregon, being directly indirectly interested in the industrial development of Western Oregon, and believing that the present freight rates on both imports and exports are higher than they should be and believing that they should be modified to such an extent as to give all industries an equal opportunity in competition with other portions of the country, and believing that such course would result in material benefit to the Southern Pacific Company, and meet with the hearty approval of the people of the state, do endorse the petition of the Oregon Co-operative Association.

Some seventy odd names were signed at the meeting. The secretary was instructed to procure duplicates of the petition and to place them in convenient places for signatures.

The same committee which has been acting was instructed to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the association and report at next meeting.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday night.

It is the intention of this organization to invite the people throughout Western Oregon to co-operate in this movement, as soon as fully organized.

INVESTING IN MINING STOCKS. The issuance of prospectuses to aid in the sale of mining stock is like many other things in the fact that it is legitimate and proper if conscientiously and intelligently done, says Mining Reporter.

The sale of stocks for the purpose of securing money to develop mineral ground is right if rightly done; and the sending out of advertising literature is a legitimate means of promoting the sale of stock if no false pretenses are made. One man will make representations that appeal to the judgment of those who know something of mining; another's representations will appeal to the cupidity of those who know nothing of mining. The former will investigate before buying and shoulder their own share of the responsibility; the latter usually make no investigation, but denounce the mining industry for their loss of money. Misrepresentations are neither to be excused nor condoned, but the advisability of looking into the merits of a proposition before investing in it applies to mining investments with the same force as to other lines. No one in this day should allow himself to be hoodwinked by extravagant language which is sometimes used to conceal a minus quantity. Plain, simple, clear phraseology is usually adequate to point out the merits of a mining property if it possess any such qualities.

IRON IN STAMP MILLS. In our opinion it is just as important to remove iron from the ore fed to a stamp mill as it is in dry-crushing by rolls. As is well known most dry-crushing roll mills have electromagnets placed in the feed spouts to remove nails, drill points, etc., etc.; otherwise there is great wear and tear of roll shells and an accumulation of nails, etc., in the crushing system. In stamp mills the same occurs, although to a lessened extent, as the grinding action of the stamps wear off the flattened pieces of iron. Such pulverized iron is thrown out through the screen and may be detected, sometimes in considerable quantity, by panning the pulp. This pulverization is accomplished only at the expense of undue wear and tear of shoes and dies. The cost of an electromagnetic system and its operation is so small that it would pay, in our opinion, to have them in every stamp mill.—Mining Reporter.

LET THERE BE HARMONY. There should be more harmony among mineral workers. In the simple matter of preparing exhibits for great expositions there is frequent discord. Take Oregon, for instance. Two sections of the state hesitate to co-operate with each other. Southern Oregon had a move to make an independent exhibit when the superintendent of the mineral department was chosen from Eastern Oregon. The northern counties of California are agitating the maintenance of an independent display of their mineral products, separate and distinct from the California mineral exhibit, basing the effort upon a desire that the rich minerals of that region shall not be covered with garden truck. Agriculturists know no districts in their state when working to such an end, and it is time that the miners get together.—Blue Mt. American.

TWO NEW CORPORATIONS

Miners Unable to Develop Properties Dispose of Them to Mining Companies.

The Baltimore Gold Mining Company is a new organization. The prospectus has recently been handed the Nugget.

The properties of the company are located in the Bohemia Mining District.

The officers of the company are well known mining men.

Mr. Edd Jenks, the president of the company, has spent many years in Colorado, Montana and other mining states, for several years he has been in Bohemia, was locator of the Crystal property and other claims. Has managed several large companies and will give his personal attention to the development of these properties.

Mr. Wm. Higgins, the vice president, is a thorough practical mining man, has spent several years in the district and has great faith in the company's group of claims.

Mr. F. J. Hard, the secretary and treasurer, is well known in mining circles. Has had years of experience in Colorado mines. Has successfully promoted several companies in Bohemia. His firm F. J. Hard and company of Portland are the agents for the treasury stock.

The company owns two groups of properties. The Arrastra group consists of 6 claims and are located on Sharp's creek about eight miles from the O. & S. E. rail road several tunnels have been driven on the veins and large bodies of milling ore exposed. The Baltimore group consists of three claims and lie close to the Crystal Consolidated and the Le Roy groups. Tunnels have been driven on the veins, which are from three to eight feet in width. Plenty of wood and water is claimed for purposes.

A NEW COMPANY. The articles of incorporation of the Oregon-Pacific Mining and Milling Company have been completed and will soon be filed.

The incorporators are: J. E. Hardman, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; B. F. Underwood and E. F. Gray, of San Francisco, California; G. G. Graham, George Cox, W. M. George and J. F. Miller, of Cottage Grove. The capitalization of the company is \$500,000. Shares of a par value of \$1.00.

The company is organized to do a general mining, milling, smelting, or any or all things pertaining thereto, either in Oregon or other states.

The principal office of the company will be in Cottage Grove with a branch office in San Francisco.

The life of the corporation is for twenty years.

The incorporators will act as directors of the company for the first three months or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Mr. George G. Graham, who has worked in the Bohemia Mining District for some years, became familiar with the properties the company owns and after becoming convinced of their value procured an option and presented them to the parties before mentioned, who purchased and organized the company. Active operations will begin as soon as the conditions will permit. The properties now owned by this company consists of nine claims and are familiarly known as the Cox property. Mr. Graham is expecting the absent directors to arrive here in about a week, when the officers will be elected and arrangements made for development work. Some fine samples of ore were recently brought down from the properties.

CAPITALISTS TURN TO MINING INVESTMENTS. While considering the trouble on Wall Street the fact that the reliable mining companies and many of lesser merit are paying dividends regularly should very much improve the feeling which is in some circles still manifest toward mining investments. There are plenty of opportunities for investment in mining companies, operated by careful managements, which will pay good dividends for years to come.

In fact, some of the heaviest capitalists, who have hitherto refrained from making investments in mining properties and stock, are turning their attention in that direction, with correspondingly satisfactory results. The old adage that "it is ill wind that blows no one good," covers the present condition most excellently.—American Adviser.

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