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BOSTON MAN VISITS BOHEMIA

And in an interview gives his Impressions of that Mining District.

Mr. Howard Mason, of Boston, Mass., and supervisor of music in the public schools of Framingham, is spending his vacation on the Pacific coast. He attended the Mining Congress in Portland and upon the invitation of P. J. Hard visited the Bohemia mining district, where he spent about a week in looking over the country and visiting the mining properties. He came down Monday and in an interview said: "I was very much pleased with what I saw during my visit to Bohemia. It is a very rugged country and one that is interesting to an Eastern man. While I visited several other properties my time was principally taken up between the Vesuvius, Oregon-Colorado and Riverside, managed by Mr. Hard.

I can say that I was very much surprised at the showing of these properties. At the Vesuvius there has been the greatest amount of development work done and naturally larger ore bodies exposed. The stamp mill is about completed and the ariel tram is ready for the buckets which I passed on the way down. While I do not claim to be a mining man yet I could see the bodies of ore and could understand the practical work done to make a mine of the Vesuvius. I was one of a party to pass the first time by wagon over the new road to the Oregon Colorado. This is a well graded and well built road and is a great benefit to that property.

At the Oregon Colorado I found a force of men at work, one on the Frankie tunnel where the vein is showing well. At the lower tunnel on what is called the Confidence vein is the most attractive place. On the dump are piled hundreds of tons of a fine copper ore and at the breast of the tunnel, which is some 800 feet into the mountain, men were breaking down ore fully four feet in width. As we passed over the mountain from the Oregon Colorado to the Riverside group on Horse Heaven Creek, we could see along the trail the huge croppings of the vein. At the Riverside group the men are driving the tunnel on the vein and are now in some 600 feet from the mouth. I was informed that ore had been encountered nearly all the way. Certainly at the breast there is a large body of ore much larger at least than the tunnel, as short cross-cuts have been driven and no sign of walls. This ore is heavily impregnated with galena and copper carrying gold and silver. I also visited the Utopian, Baltimore, Crystal Consolidated and other properties, which impressed me very favorably. I am very glad I made this trip as it has been very interesting and instructive. I would say the great progress that is being made under the able management of P. J. Hard will in due time bring rich returns to many stockholders.

Mr. Mason took the train Monday night for Pasadena, Calif., and other points and will soon return to the East to resume his work in the schools.

TWELVE FEET OF RICH ORE

Platts & Tons Cut Big Ledge on Boland Creek.

The Platts quartz property on Boland creek is making a remarkable showing under the development that is now being carried on. In the past few weeks the owners have crossed the ledge of quartz and porphyry 15 feet in width, carrying free gold values ranging from \$10 to \$400 ton. An average of several general samples of the ledge, exclusive of the richest streaks, gives a test value of \$15.50 to the ton in free gold.

The owners of the mine expect to put on a full equipment of machinery in the near future. The extent and richness of the ore make this one of the best appearing properties in Southern Josephine.

The Platt mine is located near the mouth of Boland creek which is one of the large tributaries of Sucker creek. Boland creek heads on Boland Peak which is one of the culminating points of the long ridge which separates Sucker creek from Althouse.

The Briggs bonanza is located on one of the spurs of the same ridge. Boland creek is famous both for rich quartz finds and for heavy placer gold.

There will be a meeting of the Bohemia Mine Owners Association at the post office Bohemia, Monday Sept. 12, at 7 o'clock p. m.

AL. CHURCHILL, Secy.

STILL ANOTHER GOOD FIND

After Some Years Ore Body Found in Old Tunnel on Even Chance Claim.

For some years past Wm. Landless and sons have been the owners of the Even Chance claim located just below Judson Rock in the Bohemia district.

There is a good surface showing but it was decided to reach the ore lower down by means of a cross-cut tunnel. The distance to be run was estimated and the work begun. Much to their surprise the point where the ore was expected was passed but none found. Recently one of the Landless boys concluded to do some work on the claim and finding a small seam which had been crossed by the tunnel, proceeded to follow it. Only a few shots had been put in when the ore began to show and in a short distance it filled the face of the drift, with one wall not exposed. The ore is a quartz with iron sulphides and while no assays

have yet been made it looks well to the eye. One year the Landless family failed to do the annual assessment work, and Scott Chrisman "jumped" it. Subsequently he also failed in his work and the former owners got it back and gave it the name of the Even Chance. They now feel that its better than an even chance.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

Council met in regular session, September 5, 1904, and was called to order by councilman Curran, Mayor Pro-tem.

Roll call. Councilman Present: Councilman Curran, Veneteh, Bingham, Hinds, Chamberlain, and Recorder Wheeler. Absent councilman, Wall, and Mayor J. S. Medley. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. Petition of John Stoneburg and others for a standard sidewalk in front of the Weter property on A street on motion was referred to the street committee with the power to act.

Petition of Thos. Beach and others for a light on River street, on motion was referred to the Light committee with power to act.

Petition of C. J. Howard and others, praying the waiving of the water rent to the Commercial Club, was on motion referred to the water committee with power to act.

The following bills were read and referred to the Finance committee: Munnery Bros. \$1345. J. E. Young 2 59 H. H. Gregory 3 25 H. E. Underwood 63 10 E. J. Moore 3 49 Lewis Larson 3 45 H. H. Gregory 11 40 Percy Rogers 11 40 E. D. Wheeler 3 28 E. A. Wilson 1 40 A. F. Turner 3 50 Griffin & Yeaton 81 45 Lincoln Taylor asst. 59 25 Robert Martin 90 93 H. Forester 1 40 J. K. Barrett 5 90 Wynne Hdw. Co. 8 95 Griffin & Yeaton 102 45 Cottage Grove E. Co. 174 00

The committee reported favorably on all bills, and on motion the report was adopted and the Recorder instructed to draw warrants for the respective amounts.

Ordinance No. 86. An ordinance entitled an ordinance naming the Streets of the city of Cottage Grove, was presented and read the first time. The rules were suspended and moved and seconded that ordinance No. 86 be read the second time by title. Motion carried by the unanimous consent of all councilman present, and ordinance No. 86 was read the second time by title.

Motion duly made and seconded that the rules be suspended and ordinance No. 86 be read the third time and placed on its final passage. Motion carried by the unanimous consent of the members of the Council present, and ordinance No. 86 was read the third time and placed on its final passage. The Roll being called the vote upon the passage of ordinance No. 86 resulted as follows: Ayes, Veneteh, Hinds, Bingham, Chamberlain and there upon the Mayor declared ordinance No. 86 duly passed.

On motion Council adjourned to meet Monday Sept 12th, 1904. P. D. Wheeler, Recorder and ex-officio Clerk of the Common Council.

A STORY OF BOHEMIA

In Six Parts By Horace E. Warner.

Part IV.—THE MAKING OF A MINE.

For unnumbered multitudes there is magic in the word. The mention of a mine draws them like the magnetism of a load-stone. It matters not where it is located, or what may be its nature, or who may be its managers, only so it bears the mystic name. They become its ready devotees and pour their hard-earned coin into the hands of its valuable representative and promoter.

A genuine mine, one that deserves that technical title, that possesses all the qualities that belong to such a property, is a great and invaluable possession. There is little to be wondered at in the remarkable fascination it has acquired over the thought and wealth of men. But its counterfeit is legion. The deplorable fact is that multitudes do not distinguish. They know not how to differentiate. They confer upon every nondescript aspirant for the title all the qualities of the genuine articles, all the charm of expectancy, all the spell of golden certainty with which men may and do justly clothe the real thing. Every claimant of that great and dignified title among human possessions should be faced with stern and merciless challenge, should be made to prove that it is worthy the talismanic name it bears, should be made to demonstrate that it is not masquerading under a cognomen to which it has not the remotest right.

The making of a mine is a great and dignified undertaking. It is the establishment of one of the most genuine and honorable sources of the world's actual wealth. Its successful accomplishment is no pastime. It is no fortunate happy incident of an hour. A rich cropping of mineral-bearing rock may be the lucky find of a moment. But such an incident is very far from the making of a mine. The one is the turn of a stone under a stumbling step; the other is a continuous, intelligent, arduous work of years. This great task needs to be more carefully considered by the great world of wealth and commerce. The best way to consider it is under the illustration of concrete examples. The Bohemia Mining District holds some such instances. From the larger number that might be used, the writer, in this article and the one that follows will confine himself to two or three, because of the special information at hand concerning these particular properties.

Standing on "The Saddle" that binds Bohemia and Fairview peaks together, one is at the head waters of two creeks. City creek flows to the east toward the Cascades; Glenwood creek flows to the west starting from the springs breaking out from the sides of both of the adjacent mountains. The latter streamlet separates the parallel slopes of Bohemia and Fairview peaks as they drop gradually toward the west in long, precipitous ridges. One look from "The Saddle" down the long, dark valley of Glenwood creek. Its dense forest lies black and thick below you. The slope of Fairview rises and recedes to the right. You are over looking one of the best mines of the district. A group of claims running down from "The Saddle" covering the head and bed of the creek valley and the slope of Fairview, almost to its very peak and reaching well down its westward ridge, including a combined surface of over two hundred and fifty acres, comprises the property of the Vesuvius Consolidated Quartz Mining Company. This property has been a growth. The original location is the Vesuvius claim, high up under the peak of Fairview. To this, claim after claim has been added until the present magnificent area has been amassed under the one management. Irregular surfaces not included in the original locations have been discovered and located until a solid block of ground has been acquired. It is indeed a magnificent superficial area. It sweeps down Fairview, from its very top, along its steep slope to the creek bottom and beyond. It embraces large areas of splendid timber. It includes exhaustless springs of pure cold water. It holds long distances on both sides of the main county wagon road leading to the railroad. This acquisition of large solid areas of surface is an exceedingly important part in the making of a mine. It

insures vein surface for indefinite years. It gives large opportunity to mine from the net-work of feeders generally attendant upon a great ledge of ore. It reduces the liability of complicated litigation and high-banded extortion on the part of small claim-holders. It gives unstinted facilities for mill and tunnel sites as the development of the property extends its demands in these imperative respects. The main and most important part of this area has been patented and is in indisputable possession of the company. The remaining claims may be patented as time passes and need requires. This permanent settlement of title is a very essential safeguard against future trouble and loss. Area, title, accessibility, availability as a working proposition such as the possession of steep slopes having good mill and tunnel sites, sufficient water supply, adequate timber, all of these are vital factors in the making of a mine, none of which have been omitted in the great property we have under consideration.

After all the foregoing has been said, the superficial or surface conditions are only of minor importance in the making of a mine. All real worth, in such a property, centers forever about the ore it holds and the process of getting at and removing that ore. The ledges and veins must be exploited. They must be located without the shadow of a mistake. It is the easiest thing in the world to lose a vein. A fault, or a "horse," may throw development off for years and sink vast amounts in vain search for the lost lead. The main vein of the Vesuvius has been demonstrated to be a splendid ledge. Thousands of feet of work have been done upon it. Tunnels have been run upon it from its very top, under the very peak of Fairview, down to the valley bottom; cross cuts have been pushed out from side to side; upraises have been made, with many levels putting off therefrom. The company has crowded this relentless work of exploitation. Not an ounce of ore has been shipped. No great loss has been made. No false hopes have been stirred in the body of stock-holders. No spurious dividends have been declared from the sale of stock. The uncovering and blocking out of ore-bodies has been the supreme business of the management. The result is that, to a most gratifying measure, this company now knows what it has in this splendid property. It has been about the one enterprise of making a mine.

It is neither within the province nor the ability of this writer to enter into a technical discussion of the nature of the ores found in the Vesuvius mine. In most instances probably, the reader would be little wiser at the end of such a discussion than at the beginning. The kind of ore in no way determines its value. A mine is a property known to contain quantities of valuable ore. It remains a mine while its management keeps such bodies of ore in evidence. The Vesuvius mine is such a property. It has a ledge of ore, varying in width from two feet to eight and ten feet, sometimes widening out to such extent that both walls have not yet been laid bare. In much of the distance penetrated the entire ore-body is mineral-bearing in sufficient value to make it a profit-

able milling proposition. Samples taken with persistence and care show in very many places ore of excellent quality, while in a few spots assays of startling figures have been made. There is, thus, by tunnel and drift and up-raise, blocked out a very large quantity of fine milling ore. Such demonstration of the ore-body is a most essential feature in the making of a mine. What probabilities it opens! What conclusions as to the future productions of the property it warrants! When the ledges and veins of this large acreage are opened up who will undertake to state its productiveness?

Facilities of extraction and reduction of the ore must now be provided. The value of the property has demonstrated the propriety of large outlay in putting in the facilities for handling the ore now known to exist. A long tunnel is now being run on a cross-vein low down on the mountain, many hundreds of feet below all the other workings. It will penetrate the ledge fully fifteen hundred feet below the highest outcroppings. It will open up a quantity of ore sufficient to keep a score of stamps pounding away for years to come without extending the exploitation beyond the present superficial area examined. Adjacent to the mouth of this long tunnel a stamp-mill, having a maximum capacity of fifteen stamps, is in process of construction, under contract to be completed by the first of September of this current year. Then upon the proven ore of this great body, now practically blocked out, the work of extraction and reduction can begin at once. The providing of ample facilities to get at the ore, to remove it from the mine and properly treat it is the culminating factor in the making of a mine. Patient owners should then wait until a proper reserve can be accumulated to provide against emergencies. Then let the regular disbursements of dividends begin; and another mine has been added to the great productive resources of the world's wealth. The Vesuvius mine of the Bohemia Mining District is a most excellent, typical example of the great enterprise of the making of a genuine mine.

MOULTON MINE.

Last Thursday J. W. Curran came from the Moulton property located on the east ridge of Gronse Mountain where he has been at work for some months past. This property has had a good surface showing but the owners decided to go in depth on the vein and therefore have been driving a tunnel on the vein lower down the mountain. Recently a fine body of ore has been encountered and the further the tunnel was driven the better the showing. Mr. Curran reports the solid ore which carries a good percentage of copper is two feet wide, while alongside are two feet of a partially oxidized ore the whole vein being four feet in width. The samples brought out by Mr. Curran are certainly very fine. Besides Mr. Curran, Frank Jordan, F. D. Wheeler and H. D. Scott are owners in the Moulton property, a fact which pleases these gentlemen very much just at present.

Fresh cranfish in wine at the Exchange Restaurant.

BOHEMIA MINING DIST.

News From Bohemia and the Various Mining Camps at Oregon and Other States.

I. B. Hammond went up to Bohemia Wednesday.

C. H. Jones has gone to look over the Bohemia district.

J. L. LeRoy and Mark Weddell went up so Bohemia on Monday to visit the LeRoy Mining properties.

Edward L. Huff, the mining engineer, in company with David H. Saca, passed through the city Monday morning enroute to Bohemia. Lewis J. Hartley, wife and sister-in-law came down from Bohemia on Tuesday. They are on their way to Corvallis. Mr. Hartley states they had done considerable work on the Twin Rock property this season. In one tunnel driven on a vein for some 65 feet they have cross-cut 15 feet and no wall found. The ore is largely free milling although one portion of the vein shows considerable ore of a concentrating nature.

WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH.

To go out camping for the summer and dig out some \$500 or \$700 in gold between times spent in hunting deer and big game, is not the luck that falls to every lover of the mountains, but that was the good fortune of L. G. Higgins, an assayer of Grants Pass. Mr. Higgins has just returned from the mountains of Chetco River, on the dividing line between Josephine and Curry counties.

He has been absent several weeks and had his wife and boys with him. A few years ago he took up a claim out there and his visit this summer was as much to inspect it as to enjoy an outing. He made the discovery that there is a wide porphyry dike on the claim, and from this dike or rich stringers on the dike he and his boys took out several hundred dollars by a few days' work with shovel, rocker and sluice. Only a shallow cut was made, and the gold was separated from the soft rock by a crude rocker and sluice fashioned out of fir poles.—Telegram.

UTOPIAN GROUP.

From a reliable source it is learned that the developments being made on the Utopian group of claims under the management of Mr. Roberts, are proving of value to that property. It is stated that in driving a tunnel on the Plato claim the vein which has been followed has opened to several feet in width and the ore which is oxidized pans well in gold and frequently free gold can be seen in the rock.

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