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FAVOR DIRECT MAIL ROUTE

Bohemia Mine Owners Association Meets and Passes Resolutions.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Mine Owners Association at the store of Knowles and Gettys in Bohemia Monday night. Some seventy-five members being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A communication from Hon. H. Bingham representative elect, regarding the repeal of the tax on Mining Corporations was received read, and unanimously concurred in.

Mr. Wyant of Portland representing the Lewis and Clark exposition was present and stated his mission was to secure ores from the mines to be placed on exhibition at Portland during the exposition next year.

The Association regarded the matter favorably and set aside sufficient funds to defray the expense of making the collection.

Henry Johnson was appointed to visit the various mining properties and solicit ore of the owners and to have them properly labeled, boxed and shipped.

Several of the members who were delegates to the American Mining Congress reported the work accomplished by the delegates of Bohemia and Cottage Grove.

It was evident the Congress had a good effect upon those who were in attendance and more interest in the promotion of the affairs of the district will be the result. Owing to the absence of some of the members the forming of the Oregon, El Paso Club was deferred until the next meeting.

The contemplated change of the mail route, Wildwood to Bohemia was discussed and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and the Secretary instructed to forward copies to the proper post office officials and the Hon. Binger Hermann.

RESOLUTIONS. Whereas there are two roads leading into the Bohemia District in Lane County, Oregon, one of which said roads leaves Wildwood and follows up Sharps Creek via Mineral post office to Bohemia and is now used for a long time prior hereto has been the road and route used for carrying to Bohemia; the other road being the road that leaves Wildwood and follows up Champion Creek via Orasco to Bohemia; and, Whereas notice has been given for bids on mail carrying contract for the carrying of the mail from Cottage Grove to Wildwood to Orasco to Bohemia and from Wildwood to Mineral post office abandoning thereby the carrying of mail from Mineral to Bohemia; and,

Whereas as the mail is now and for a long time has been carried the same is delivered in Bohemia on the same day that it leaves Cottage Grove; and,

Whereas as proposed by the new route and the proposed new schedule mail leaving Cottage Grove would remain over night in Wildwood and leave Wildwood the following morning there by taking two days for delivery of mail leaving Cottage Grove and mail going out of Bohemia would leave Bohemia before the arrival of that day's mail and mail going out of Bohemia would remain over night at Wildwood just as it would coming from Cottage Grove thereby requiring two days for a letter to go from Cottage Grove to Bohemia and two days from Bohemia to Cottage Grove or four days for an answer desired either at Cottage Grove or Bohemia; the proposed new schedule and route would require a week for a letter from Portland to Bohemia and return; and,

Whereas the present traveled road and route requires only twenty four hours to get mail from Portland and only thirty six hours for a return that is to say, two days and nights for the round trip; and, Whereas the proposed new route requires a carrier from Wildwood to Orasco then from Orasco to Bohemia and the packing would have to be done by a man or a horse from Orasco to Bohemia and return up a steep mountain trail where there is no wagon road; and,

Whereas the proposed new route will be more expensive and will work a hardship on seven eighths of the men and companies in the said Bohemia Mining District; and,

Whereas the Bohemia Mine Owners Association has this 12th, day of September 1904 met and assembled for the purpose of considering the matters relative to the carrying of mail to Bohemia; and,

Whereas the Bohemia mine owners Association is composed of 45 members owning and operating 200 different groups of mining claims in said Bohemia Mining District.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Bohemia Mine Owners Association that it is the sense of said Association and of all the members thereof that it is to the best interests of a great majority of the persons receiving mail at Bohemia that the mail leaving Cottage Grove, Oregon be carried the same day via Wildwood and Mineral post office to Bohemia post office and that it will greatly inconvenience the members of said Association and many others if said mail is carried any other way; and,

The Secretary is instructed to forward Hon. Binger Hermann a copy of these resolutions and one copy to the second Assistant Post master general.

ANDREW BRUND, President of the Bohemia Mine Owners Association.

AL CHURCHILL, Secretary of the Bohemia Mine Owners Association.

Has Coal Mines Now

Mr. Charles Bruneau one of the old time miners of Bohemia and who some years since sold a portion of his holdings in that district at a good figure, returned on Monday from a three months trip to Kayak Alaska. Mr. Bruneau has become largely interested in coal mining at that place. While there he, with his partners were opening the veins of coal on their claims, which he says are from six to twenty five feet of first class steam coal. The mines are near the coast and it will be but comparatively small expense to load on to the steamers. Some of the coal

will coke but the large percentage is better suited for steam purposes. Several large companies are operating along the same deposits and a bond has been given on his property at a good figure until the first of November. Development work will be continued by the partners during Mr. Bruneau's absence. He expects to remain in the city for a few days, then go to Bohemia to look after his mining interests there.

Mr. I. B. Hammond Manager of the Hammond Manufacturing company of Portland, spent several days of last week in Bohemia, supervising the work of installing the stamp mill at the Veauvins mine. Mr. Hammond reports the work progressing satisfactorily both with the mill and the aerial tram.

While in the camp he took the opportunity to visit the Oregon-Colorado property. He expressed surprise at the showing to be seen at this group of claims. He pronounced the Confidence vein of the Oregon Colorado one of the strongest and most permanent he has seen in his many years of experience. The ore piled on the dumps all taken from the tunnel, without any stoping with its large percentage of copper, and the several feet of good ore in the bread of the tunnel proves it to be a splendid property and one which may be relied upon to produce ore for many years to come. The new wagon road to the property is a valuable acquisition and is worth many times its cost to the company. Mr Hammond has faith in the future of Bohemia and believes his days of struggle for recognition are about over. He returned to Portland Friday last.

Improved road. Upon invitation of A. L. Woodard Road Supervisor of district No. 15 the Nugget man drove over the Gowdyville road which lies just west of town. Heretofore during the wet season this road has been in a bad condition. The residents and owners of property along the route decided to have it improved. A number of them subscribed liberally to the fund and men and teams were employed to grade the road and gravel it. Some five hundred loads of gravel have been deposited for a mile or more and from now on the Gowdyville folks will have a road bed which will compare favorably with any in the country. Mr. Woodard has had experience and has assisted in the work, as well as securing some outside funds. Good roads are an important factor and the properties along the line are very much improved in value. It is understood an effort will be made soon to improve the road leading from Cottage Grove to Black Butte.

Schools to Open the 20th. Prof. G. H. Dunn, who has been elected to the position of Cottage Grove schools, arrived in the city last Thursday.

The professor has had years of experience in teaching having taught in California, Oregon and Washington. Mrs. Dunn and their little daughter came at the same time, owing to the school house on the West Side, not being completed the schools will not open until the 20th of the month.

A STORY OF BOHEMIA

In Six Parts By Horace E. Warner.

Part V.—STORMING BOTH SLOPES.

Mining is, in no small sense, a warfare. It is by no means an easy conquest. It is a battle, often, in the intensest signification of that word. It is a battle with the sturdiest difficulties. It is a siege for the most formidably entrenched treasure-house conceivable. It is an aggressive campaign pushed at great expense of money and toil into the most obstinate of regions. The search for ore is a most illusive quest. It eludes the seeker at every turn. It hides itself in the most unthought places. It disguises itself in the most unrecognizable forms. When the miner thinks he has surrounded his captive he finds nothing but barren rock. Ore entrenches itself behind flint-like fortifications. Every inch of progress is made through the hardest of rock. Slow, painful stages mark the miner's invading march. The battle must often be waged in the most inaccessible of localities. Every ounce of provision must be packed over arduous trails. Snow piles in blockading masses for months of the year. Napoleon's invasion of Russia was no more exhausting or perilous an undertaking in proportion to its magnitude. Howling winds, blinding storms, piercing temperatures, desolate isolations await the heroic ranks of the mining camp. With drill and dynamite, in the dark and damp and chill of tunnel, where slides and premature explosion and foul air take treacherous hand in the struggle, the miner warrior drives back the persistent, obstructive ranks until the precious metals are taken for the world's richer possession. All honor to the heroes of the mountains and mines whose muscular, courageous ranks are pushing this battle without sound of trumpet or roll of drum.

From Fairview's prominent peak there runs to the east, a precipitous ridge that rises, a mile or more away, into two forest-covered peaks, called respectively, North and South Grouse Mountains. On the extension of this ridge that pushes on from North Grouse peak, some four miles from Fairview lies the scene of the operations with which we are particularly occupied in this writing. After leaving Grouse Mountain the ridge bends abruptly to the south. Here a most vigorous mining campaign is in progress. It covers large territory and holds a vision of the years. It contemplates no early completion. The lines of the fields are drawn large. There are two centers of operation. The boom of each other's blasts may almost be heard in either camp. One camp is on one side of the ridge, the other is on the other side. They are engaged on two great and entirely distinct ledges. They are two great mining engagements, storming simultaneously both slopes of the rugged, mountain ridge. We shall undertake to examine more closely these two important enterprises and their respective fields of activity.

On the west slope of the ridge, where Anna creek runs down, singing the perpetual song of a rollicking mountain brook, through a rocky, shaded draw to City creek in the valley below, is located the camp of the Oregon-Colorado Mining, Milling and Development Company. From its sheltered and picturesque camp-site, its ground stretches to the east and west. To the east, it climbs the abrupt slope of the ridge, rises over its crest and plunges down on the other side for a distance of fifteen hundred feet. To the west, it advances, in unbroken column, claim after claim, across Anna creek, up over the easterly ridge of South Grouse Mountain and then on westward along the steep heavily timbered slope of the City creek valley toward Fairview Mountain, giving a total ownership in the great Confidence vein of over two miles in length, this great column of claims covering six hundred feet in width. The storming of the main slope has been conducted from two bases of operations farther down Anna Gulch, where Anna creek joins City creek, the Francis claims begin an entire distinct movement. Up it mount the steep slopes; at its end the San Juan takes up the battle and it is another veritable storming of the heights of San Juan. Then the Watson crowds the struggle up over the crest of the ridge at identically the same point where the

main column of claims passes over the ridge, thus covering the ground of the possible intersection of the Francis vein with the Confidence ledge. All this field of effort covers a grand area of two hundred and sixty acres. It is largely covered with a superb forest. It's water supply is abundant and perpetual. An expensive, strategic movement, just being completed, is the construction, by the Company, of a fine broad road, dug and blasted out of the mountain's side, nearly four miles in length, putting the property into the most perfect connection with the County road and thereby with the railroad. Again we witness the substantial processes of the making of a genuine mine. The main ledge is a great gash in the entire mountain body, filled with the most beautiful copper ore carrying enough gold and silver to at least pay all expenses of the operating, leaving the great copper percentage as net value. This ledge of ore was earliest thoroughly exploited on the Confidence claim and hence it has been called the Confidence vein. A tunnel has been run into the slope of the ridge on the Dora claim about eight hundred feet through a body of as fine ore as one needs to see. The entire length of the tunnel is a demonstration of the quality and quantity of ore matter that this immense property holds. More than two hundred feet of development work have been done on this vein and it is so overwhelming in its proofs of immediate milling values that no further evidence is needed to at once establish a plant to handle its splendid products. Meanwhile the movement on the Francis claim has been reinforced all this with the opening up of a vein of gold ore, much of it free milling, promising to rival or surpass the Confidence vein in the matter of values. Both of these tunnels, as they are pushed into the mountain ridge, make a splendid gain in depth of a thousand feet or more. The final stages of this brilliant campaign of the western slope are now on. In a few weeks a saw-mill plant will be put upon this ground and the massive forest trees will be transformed into timbers for the concentrator which shall put the waiting masses of ore into marketable form and pour remunerative dividends into the hands of the owners. The final victory for the forces storming this slope of the ridge waits but the near future and a few culminating moves under the generalship in command.

To gain the other camp we must take to the trail. This narrow track zig-zags up the steep mountain side. Past tunnel dumps and shelving rock we rise above the swaying tree tops. We push by weather-beaten crags frowning like hostile fortifications. We pick our way about gigantic mountain masses of eroded cliffs, eaten by storms of centuries into curves and domes and great swelling sphere-like sides, all seemingly poised for some terrific plunge down into the quivering forest depths below. We swing around the rocky crest of the ridge, one moment looking to the west with Bohemia and Fairview peaks in view, the next moment facing about to the east and gazing upon the immaculate snowy brows of the Three Sisters, as they stand the three graces of the Cascades. Now we drop with quickened step and frequent lurch of our faithful mountain

horses, down the eastern slope. We work our way several hundred feet to the north along the ridge and then slip quickly down to its base. The rush of a tumbling mountain stream greets us. Winters are light here. Snow-falls are small and winds are few. Range horses in earlier days found here their winter's retreat. Hence, the noisy foaming brook is called Horse Heaven creek. We are at the base of another scene of active operations. We are on the property of the Riverside Mining and Milling Company. We are at the bottom of a double column of mining claims that rest on the bank of the creek and sweep up the slope for forty five hundred feet, passing over the ridge and down the western slope, ending close to Anna creek and only about a gun shot's distance from the ground of the Oregon-Colorado to the south. The grand forest on these claims responds to the daily boom of the dynamite blasts as drill and fuse push the battle toward the core of the ridge.

The two hundred acres of this property cover two great parallel ledges of ore that slash through the ridge, as they cut their way deep into the rocky ribs of this mountain hand. One of these ledges is the Gold Cross vein which has elsewhere proved itself to be charged with great values. The campaign is being pushed without a lull on this ground. A fine tunnel, already in some six hundred feet gaining rapid depths with every shot, is boring its way into an ever improving ore-showing. The plan of operations contemplates the early change of the trail to this ground into a fine wagon-road in continuation of that now ending at the Oregon-Colorado property. An excellent mill-site awaits the construction of a stamp-mill which shall be run by water-power, ground for a dam having already been purchased and the creek bottom furnishing the finest natural facilities for its construction. There is mapped out a series of maneuvers, which may now be quickly and thoroughly accomplished and which, when completed, will make of this fine property a mine, substantial, permanent, pouring its steady stream of dividends into the hands of all fortunate enough to be interested in such a magnificent enterprise.

Thus from both slopes the ledges of this ridge are under siege. It is no gala-day showing to dense stock buyers and win purchases for private gains. It is solid campaigning in mine making. It is the marshalling of every energy and every device known to man to win from the rugged mountain-hearts the treasure God has buried there for human enriching.

Lewis J. Hartley after taking his wife to their home in Corvallis has gone back to his work on the Twin Rocks property.

Rev. Dr. Horace E. Warner, who spent a portion of the summer in Bohemia and who preached a number of sermons while there, has recently been appointed by the Colorado Conference, presiding elder of the Denver District. This is the highest gift which could be bestowed upon Dr. Warner by the Conference, and the many friends he made while in Bohemia congratulate him upon this deserved recognition by his church people.

BOHEMIA MINING DIST.

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

The Smelter was blown in last week and the Blue Mt. American says there is a large tonnage of ore assured for the future.

A letter from Alec Lundberg received by friends in the city this week states he has several men employed in Bohemia and that the ore bodies are increasing in size.

A. Graham of the Graham hotel, on Monday received a lot of samples of ore from the properties of Gilbertson and Cochran located on Jack Ass ridge in Bohemia district, the ore carries quite a percentage of both galena and copper and could prove an easy ore to concentrate or smelt.

Harvey Johnson of Charlton Washington and a director in The Golden Slipper mining property arrived in the city Tuesday and will soon proceed to the company's property in Bohemia and commence work on the tunnel. It is the intention of the company to continue development until late in the season at least.

One of the groups of claims belonging to the Baltimore Gold Mining Company is located on Sharps creek. Recently Edd Jenks in charge, visited the property and finding the water in the stream very low, made an examination where a vein should cross. He found the vein exposed in the bed of the creek, it is several feet in width and shows good looking ore.

Eld Jenks Vice President of Bohemia Mine Owners Association has been spending some days in the Grove on business. He returned to his work on Monday morning. Mr. Jenks is manager of the Great Eastern Company and has gone to measure the work being done on the property under contract. Three tunnels have been driven this summer on different veins and in all three good bodies of ore have been found.

Oregon Securities Official Here. Mr. J. B. Hengen accompanied by Mrs. Hengen arrived on the afternoon train on Monday from Portland. Mr. Hengen is Secretary and treasurer of the Oregon Securities Mining Company; also of the O. & S. E. Railway Co. They were met at the train by Manager Wood of the railway and Mrs. Wood. The O. & S. E. train was in waiting which they boarded and went on to Wildwood. From that point they will take a conveyance to Orasco. Mr. Hengen stated he would return to the Grove in a few days when he would be better prepared to discuss affairs.

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