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Besides the articles in this issue upon the subject of the attaching a part of the Bohemia mining district to Lane county; something is said concerning the Eddy law, which, in the opinion of many a very unjust system of deriving revenue by the state. There is no class of men to be found, more willing to spend their money in developing and promoting the resources of the state than are the mining men, or in paying a fair proposition of the taxes, and when they are found as a body, opposed to an existing law, it is strong evidence that there is a wrong which should be righted. No mine owner will hesitate to pay a reasonable tax upon the net output of his property or on a fair valuation of the improvements, but he does and will seriously object to pay a penalty for the privilege of ascertaining if he has a property worthy of its development.

In order that the readers of this Nugget may know just what portion of Douglas county is desirable upon the part of the mine owners of Bohemia to have taken from Douglas and attached to Lane county; a map has been procured and shown on the first page.

As it is a matter of interest to many, considerable space has been given in this issue upon this subject and we believe many good and sufficient reasons are set forth why the petition of the people should receive the attention of our state legislature and the bill as introduced by the Hon. I. H. Bingham be passed by that body.

It stated the principal if not the only argument made by the representatives and people of Douglas county; is that at the present time a small revenue is being received by the collection of taxes and that in their opinion the district will in the future be still more valuable as a source of revenue. This is doubtless true, but it will not be by any efforts that Douglas county has, is, or is likely to put forth to bring about such a result.

Had it been left to that country it is probable that not a wagon road would be nearer to Bohemia than it was ten years ago; there would not be a plant of machinery installed and but little, if any, development work accomplished in the district.

The people of Bohemia are not asking for something which has been fostered and built up by Douglas county, but simply to have a small area of mineral ground attached to the county that has assisted them to grow into the proportions of a mining camp and to be attached to that county where they find it most convenient and economical to transact business.

IT HELPS THE FARMER.
THE farmer, through the advent of the miner and growth of mining industry, has a market for his produce, can get better prices, the value of his land increases. The method of securing title to a farm for United States government is less exacting and does not cost as much money. The miner and the farmer alike have to pay taxes as soon as they prove up on their land and on improvements. Everybody in Oregon knows the method of securing a piece of government land for a farm, and the expense attached thereto. Government mining claims cannot be taken larger than twenty acres, and often less acreage is taken, but costs the same. The miner has to do \$100 worth of work on each twenty acres or less, every year, has to do \$500 worth of work on each twenty acres or less before he can secure title.
The miner has to pay \$5 an acre

when he gets patent. The government helps the farmers, with experimental stations, seeds and etc. The miner buys the product of the farmer. Mining brings thousands of consumers into a community. The state of Oregon puts a license on mining, or practically so, for owing to the long time and great expense in bringing to a producing stage, combinations of men, (stock companies) is the usual method. The years of bringing to pass, a mine is the farmer's harvest and a continual drain upon the purse of the mine owners. Why hinder, why not encourage the industry that adds more wealth, brings more people, and is the greatest and most attractive advertisement a state can have? Give the mining man an equal show, if the nature of his business is honorable, and if the Eddy law is an unjust hardship, cut it out.

FROM MINE MANAGERS

(Continued from last page.)

have always been courteous and considerate in matters referred by us to them.

We say put us all in Lane because we are mostly in that county, and many of our claims extend into both counties, the main workings or mouth of tunnels, boarding houses and mills are in Lane county and by present boundary line the face of the tunnel is in Douglas, thus leading to complications in many ways. The distance and conditions of the roads are much more in favor of Eugene as a county seat than Roseburg. There is no road of any kind direct to Roseburg except by traveling over Lane county roads, which is only 17 miles to the O. & S. E. railroad (now building into the district) hence by railway to Cottage Grove.



HON. I. H. BINGHAM

Representative of Lane county, who introduced the bill in the Legislature to attach that portion of Bohemia Mining District now in Douglas to Lane county.

and 55 miles south to Roseburg or 21 miles north to Eugene, or if we have to transact business on both ends of our claims we must go both north and south.

Owing to the good condition of the Lane county roads into the district, and the coming railroad we can see no change probable, in favor of Roseburg ever becoming more accessible to those of us having business at the county seat, for it would be a long and expensive road to give us any kind of an outlet in Douglas county.

The principal improvements are in Lane county, where the greater part of the taxes will be paid, and the money for improvements of roads has and will come from laborers, and miners are caused a hardship by being compelled when necessary to collect claims to go so far and often file in two counties. The small area asked out of Douglas county is very small. We do not know that that county has ever spent a cent for improvements in the territory asked, nor has there accrued any material benefit in taxes or otherwise to said Douglas county. (We understand taxes not to exceed \$150 per annum has been collected by that county.)

We feel that while it is very important to us, we are asking but little. In fact the slight change works no hardship or benefit to any one except the mine owners in the district, and really is necessary to define just where the county line is in many places. The change asked cuts out a ragged line and gives a definite straight line boundary.

This is not a Eugene or Lane county move, it is the request of the mine owners of the district, a petition adopted by the Bohemia Mine Owner's Association and signed by all the members asking for this

change has been forwarded to the legislature. This association is not composed of those who come and go, every member is a mine owner and the betterment of conditions of the district at heart and pocket.

The writer is manager and principal owner of two large Mining Companies owning twenty-five claims all in Douglas county. Has expended many thousand dollars on these properties and five thousand dollars on road work to connect these Douglas county properties with the Lane county road, the only outlet from the district. I also manage and control another mining company owning sixteen claims, partly in Lane and partly in Douglas county, all buildings and mill are in Lane county, though the miners at end of tunnel are working in Douglas county.

I represent interests owning over 1000 acres in the district, all interests are alive, all properties upon which development is being pushed as rapidly as money can send it.

I join the mine owners of the district in asking you to set into Lane county the small amount of territory as shown in plat, from Douglas county, thereby greatly reducing some of the difficulties we are under in trying to develop this part of the state.

E. J. HARD.

ITCH-RINGWORM

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a skin disease known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable. I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured me completely. 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by The Modern Pharmacy.

HOW GOLDFIELD WAS DISCOVERED

AFTER Tonopah had been converted into a lively camp following the original discovery of Jim Butler, miners and prospectors began to branch out and day after day, and week after week, they returned to the assayers of Tonopah samples of quartz from the new section about 28 miles south of Tonopah which they called Goldfield.

Here in the mountains they continued the search for the precious metals, but it was many months before a man showed up with rock that carried to exceed from one to three or four dollars per ton in gold. None thought of looking for values in anything but quartz from well defined ledges and no one seemed to find values in it worth mentioning. Finally it occurred to someone that values might be found in some of the conglomerate rocks that seem to be strewn over the surface of much of the surrounding country. Better values were found and some locations were made. Great dykes or dyolite cropped out of the mountains at intervals and the discovery was soon made that the ore found in the Brecci or tufa generally occurred at no great distance from these dykes. The prospectors here "began to get next," in the parlance of the day, and discoveries of more or less importance were made in rapid succession and excitement was on in full. It has been growing ever since and there is no telling when it will end. It is the one discovery in all the world perhaps that has not been berated by one class while another sang its praises.

MONEY TALKS IN THIS DISTRICT.

Whatever may be said of the citizens of Goldfield, when they get away from camp the only thing which talks in that section at the present time is money. Values advance so rapidly in that section at the present time and there has been such an amount of attention drawn into the district and all over the United States that the owners of properties will not listen to the extension of time proposition on any option held on their property for a moment.

Any property showing values of two or three dollars is held at prices ranging from \$20,000, to \$100,000, and it is out of the question to get a ten days' option on a property without advancing 1/4 of the purchase money.

There appears to be about 10,000 people in Goldfield at present, and the cry is "still they come." As an old miner said who just reached this camp, regarding expenses, "Well, it takes but a few days to make a \$50 note look like nine cents." It is too late for the man of limited means to go into the Goldfield country, but there are hun-

dreds of them that are in the hills south of there. The prospectors are once more in their element. Big strikes and new camps are the talk of the day. The great question is, "What will be the next one?"—The Modern Broker.

GROUP

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World's Gold Output.

THE total production of gold from the mines of the world for 410 years, on since there have been any records of the same kept, is officially given at \$10,693,235,302.

The total production of gold from the mines of the United States since its discovery is given at \$2,539,503,140. Of this the Eastern and Southern states produced \$32,492,648, leaving \$2,507,010,492 as the amount of gold produced by the mountainous country west of the meridian of Denver, California and Colorado being by far the heaviest producers of the yellow metal, with Colorado several millions in the lead. Or, in other words, this only partially explored mountainous country has produced in fifty-five years or since 1849, when the discovery of gold was made here nearly 23 1/2 per cent, or in round numbers, practically one-fourth of the total product of gold of the whole world for 410 years.

We first gave the above comparative figures nine years ago and have corrected them annually since. The figures above seem almost incredible, but are taken from the government statistics, with the exception of last year, the figures of which are not yet published officially, but estimated by the Engineering and Mining Journal. Not is the maximum yet reached by any means. Each succeeding year will simply serve to add a new record to the West's wealth of gold and to its prosperity.

The United States Government official figures of the increase of the gold output of the United States and of Colorado during the past thirteen years from 1890 to the end of the year 1903, are as follows:

The production of gold in the United States in 1890 was \$32,845,000.

The production of gold in the United States in 1903 was \$74,425,340, an increase of 126.35 per cent. The production of gold in Colorado in 1890 was \$4,150,000.

The production of gold in Colorado in 1903, was \$22,705,711, giving an increase of 447 per cent, a phenomenal record of an average increase of over 34 per cent per annum.

The profits and safe of investment in mining have increased in greater ratio than the production on account of modern improvements in mining, milling, smelting and transportation. Colorado now produces 30.4-10 per cent, or in round numbers, one-third of the total gold product of the United States, including Alaska. Colorado leads all the states in the Union in the production of gold. In the production of silver Colorado has fallen to second place, for the first time, in many years, because of labor troubles affecting mines and smelters, but now that these troubles are practically settled she will undoubtedly resume the lead.

In the production of gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc combined, the latter three are bi-products, Colorado still leads all—Kendrick's Annual.

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