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## THE CRYSTAL CONSOLIDATED

Is Running Both Tunnels and Opening Large Ore Bodies—Are Good Grade And Much Work Will Be Done This Season.

WORK is progressing very satisfactorily on the property of this company. Tunnels no's 2 and 3 are being pushed ahead. Six men are employed running a day and night shift. No. 2 tunnel has been in the ore shoot for over 50 ft. and the width of the ore body has not been determined. The hanging wall has not been exposed at any point, and the footwall only at one point. It is believed that this ore body will average over 10 ft. in width.

The average of the last three assays shows values of over \$10 per ton in gold, silver, lead and zinc. The number 3 tunnel is now entering the same shoot of ore, at present it shows a width of six feet. It is carrying a higher value in gold and also shows values in lead and zinc.

This ore is a fine concentrating proposition. Investigations thus far made shows that a lead and a zinc concentrate can be made. The company has employed one of the best metallurgists in the west to test the ore. He will commence his investigations about the first of April.

The company will be governed entirely by the report of the metallurgist. If it is found necessary to add to the present plant of five stamps and the standard concentrator in order to treat the ore successfully the company will take immediate steps to do so.

While this investigation is being carried on, the company will operate its saw mill. 60,000 ft. of timbers are being sawed for the mine, also sufficient lumber to erect a timber house, 20x20 ft., two story dining room, assay office and stable. Ten men are now being employed for this purpose, distributed as follows: Two men felling trees, 2 men sawing the trees into logs, 1 man and team hauling logs to the mill, and 5 men in the mill.

A number 2 tunnel is 200 feet vertically below the outcrop on the surface, and number 3 tunnel is 139 feet below number 2 tunnel. The officers of the company say that during the last two months they have opened up and exposed several tons of ore. This is very gratifying to them. They have encountered many obstacles in the financing of this company, but now the outlook is bright and dividends should not be very far off. The company and stockholders are to be congratulated on the success which now seems to be assured.

### CHAMPION BASIN COMPANY REORGANIZED.

THE re-organization of the Champion Basin Mining Co., whose property is located in Champion Basin, Bohemia District, is one of the important doings of this season's outline in the district.

The holdings of this company are among the best locations in the district, geographically, and the results thus far warrant the assertion that the property is destined to become one of prominence. One hundred acres are now included in the holdings of the company, upon which are three well defined ledges.

The incorporation is created under the laws of the state of Oregon, for 1,000,000 shares, par value of \$1 per share. The lines of the several claims have been run with much care, and arrangements are now being made to continue the development of the property throughout the season.

Last season a new tunnel was started on the Ajax claim at a point where the Champion Creek wagon road crosses the property. Only 50 feet have been run on this tunnel, but notwithstanding, the face of the tunnel shows three feet two inches of splendid ore, which is widening every foot gained. The ore here is base, and while essentially near the surface it carries good values. The

main ledge has been opened in several places throughout the entire length of three claims by a series of tunnels and cross-cuts, aggregating in all about 500 feet.

The assay values on this ledge run all the way from \$3.50 to \$27.50 per ton, gold, silver and copper.

The property is admirably located from any standpoint. It is below the deep snow line, directly on the Champion creek road. The survey of the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad runs through the lower claims owned by the company. The property is located about four miles above the Warehouse, the objective point of this season's road building, some ten miles of the road yet to be built.

The timber alone on this property is a fortune. It has been conservatively estimated that it will run at least 35,000 feet of merchantable timber to the acre, making a total of 6,500,000 feet, worth on the stump \$2.50 per thousand, government standard.

The group is well watered by

## OREGON SECURITIES CO.

Has Opened Large Body of Good Ore in The East Drift on Champion Ledge.

M R. A. B. Wood, manager of the Oregon Securities Company's mines in Bohemia, is in receipt of a letter from Superintendent C. C. Mathews which contains news of a highly satisfactory nature to all, whether directly interested in the properties or not.

It will be remembered by the readers of the Nugget, that several years ago this company while driving the large cross-cut tunnel cut the Champion ledge which has in former years been opened and some ore taken from near the surface. These old or upper workings were some distance to the east

over the tram was begun and some 40 tons placed in the ore bins, but it was discovered the grips holding the cars were too weak to risk further operating and the work of transporting the ore was suspended until heavier grips can be substituted which will be but a short time, then the mill will be put into commission and the production of gold will begin.

### RIVERSIDE GROUP

**A**LEX Lundberg, former superintendent of the Riverside group, but who this winter has a contract to extend the tunnel a distance of 500 feet recently reported he was making good progress with the work and that the ledge continues large and the ore looks good all the way.

### VESSUVIUS MINE

**T**HE driving of both the upper and lower tunnels at the Vesuvius property still continues, as there is a large turnage of ore already blocked out ready for treatment, it is expected that upon the return of manager Hard, who is now

## SHOOTING OF J. T. FLETCHER

John Branton Charged and Arrested for Crime, but Declares His Innocence.

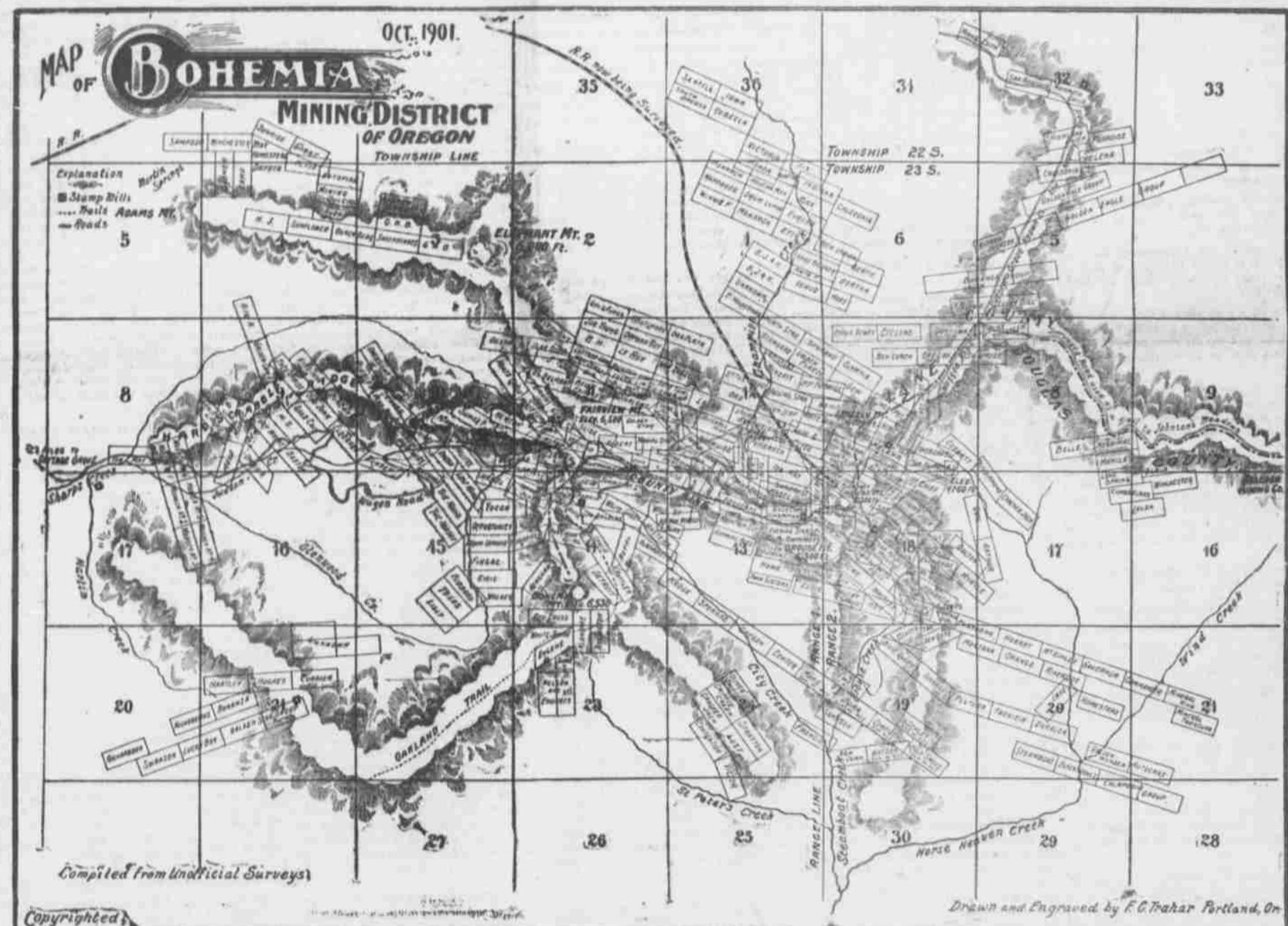
The shooting of John Fletcher on the morning of March 9th near Cottage Grove has been the cause of unusual interest to the citizens of Cottage Grove and vicinity. As both parties are well known, having lived in Lane County for many years. Thursday and Friday men gathered upon the street corners and discussed the affair. When district attorney Brown was examining some of those well acquainted with the principals, and were supposed to be in a position to throw some light upon the subject, the side walk in front of Justice Vaughn's office was crowded; each one having his own version of the

held a district convention on Wednesday and in the evening the local camp, of which both were members, had given an entertainment and supper, to which all members of the order were invited. Branton, who owns a farm about a mile and a half northwest of the city and Fletcher, who was employed by him came to the city for the purpose of being present at the entertainment, and Branton did attend as planned, but owing to the woman, whom Fletcher intended to escort refusing to accompany him, he remained away. Near midnight the two men met and started for home.

For some reason Fletcher had armed himself with a revolver before leaving home.

### BRANTON SECURES GUN

Soon after leaving town Branton claimed he saw a dog near the road and requested Fletcher to take a shot at it, which he did. After they had passed over the brow of the hill, Branton according to Fletcher's story claimed to see the animal and said he believed it was a cougar and asked for the gun



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Champion creek passing through the lower claims, as well as a smaller creek, which within itself can be converted into sufficient power to drive the power drills required in the permanent development work of the property.

The company is composed of business men of Cottage Grove, who are at present shouldering the responsibility, and propose to have the property in a high stage of development to the extent of their means, before outside capital shall be asked to become interested.

At present the company is arranging for a most progressive season, and if the plans now being arranged are carried out the property will be in a high state of development by the fall of 1905.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company the following board of directors were elected: C. J. Howard, B. Larch and Frank Jordan, with C. J. Howard, president; Frank Jordan, secretary and B. Larch treasurer.

All kinds of engraving done at H. C. Madsen's.

and west of the point cut by the tunnel and drifts were at once started in either direction. The ore shoot however, which during former operations showed the largest body of ore and carried the best values so far as developed was to the east.

The recent finding of this ore body is in conformity with explorations and surveys and is another proof of the ore shoots which are found on the surface continuing to great depths as the drift is now full three hundred feet below the apex of the vein. During the progress of this drift ore has been in evidence the most of the way all of which is believed of sufficient value to pay for treatment, but the present ore is of a higher grade.

In his letter Mr. Mathews states that on the hanging wall side there is full three feet of ore of an assay value of \$40.92, \$21.19 of which is free milling and can be saved on the amalgamating tables, while the rest of the values will be saved on the concentrator.

The delivering of ore to the mill

in the East the mill will be put to work extracting the values therefrom.

### OREGON-COLORADO.

SOME weeks ago word was received from the Oregon-Colorado that twelve feet of copper bearing ore had been opened in the tunnel which is being driven on the Confidence vein by contract. The latest news from there is to the effect that the ore still continues as the tunnel is driven ahead, and seems to improve in the percentage of copper, as distance into the mountain is gained.

### HIAWATHA IN GOOD ORE

**A**L Johnson, who has been at work for some months on the Hiawatha group in Bohemia, arrived in the city Tuesday. He brought with him some very fine pieces of ore taken from a tunnel recently driven ahead a distance of 120 feet. There are two kinds of ore in the same vein, one well oxidized, some of it shows free gold, the other is a heavy sulphide and appears to be of high grade.

affair which he was willing to import to the listener.

### SHOOTING OCCURRED ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK

Thursday morning about three o'clock, John Fletcher while on his way home from the city in company with John Branton received a gun shot wound in the face, from a revolver either in his own hands or those of his companion, Branton.

### STORIES OF BRANTON AND FLETCHER

Thus far the stories of the two men differ materially. Branton claiming that Fletcher attempted suicide and Fletcher has told from the first and subsequently made affidavit that Branton fired the shot so seriously injured him.

The circumstances which led up to this affair as related by both parties practically agree until the time of the shooting and from that time their statements are entirely at variance.

CAME TO CITY TOGETHER  
The Woodmen of the World had

which was given him, but soon stated it wasn't anything and put the gun in his pocket.

### BRANTON'S STATEMENT TO REPORTER

"Myself and Fletcher were in the city attending the Woodmen Convention. I had been at the social and supper in the evening while Fletcher failed to attend as the woman he desired to escort refused to accompany him. After supper which was at quite a late hour, we met and decided to go home. I was while on the road taken quite sick and stopped by the side of the road until able to go on. Fletcher built a fire and remained with me talking all the time about his trouble with the woman he was infatuated with and said he loved her and could not live without her. When I felt able to go on, I asked Fletcher to come along and started towards the house. I had taken but a few steps when I heard a shot and whirled

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