

BOHEMIA MINING NOTES

Improvements in Property and Some General Mining News.

RIVERSIDE GROUP

SUPERINTENDENT Edd Jenks on Monday night telephoned from the Vesuvius mine at Bohemia to the Nugget office, that he had just returned from a visit to the Riverside group where the driving of the tunnel is being done by contract. During the past few months improvement in the ore body disclosed in the tunnel has been reported. Mr. Jenks now says that he found the mine looking very much better than ever, the width of the ledge is unknown as in driving the tunnel only one wall is disclosed, but the ore is improving as depth is gained. The percentage of copper increases and is a fine grade ore. A recent average sample taken from this vein of ore shows a value in gold, silver and copper highly satisfactory to the owners.

UNCLE SAM SOLD.

THIS afternoon at one o'clock on the courthouse steps Sheriff Fisk sold the Uncle Sam mining property in the Blue River district at a sale on execution to J. W. Shumate for \$5,955.55. Mr. Shumate was the plaintiff in the suit against the company.

The Uncle Sam is conceded to be among the best properties in the district but through litigation and bad luck the owners were unable to operate to any extent.—Regene Guard.

VESUVIUS MINE

LAST week a sawyer and crew were sent up to the Vesuvius mine to start up the saw mill and get out such lumber and milling timbers as will be needed for the summer's campaign. Following the return of Manager Hard the 10-stamp mill will be operated on the ores of that property. The latest report from there is to the effect that the miners in the main working tunnel are cutting into a large shoot of good ore.

CRYSTAL CONSOLIDATED

AT the Crystal Consolidated the lumber and timbers for the summer's work has been sawed out and the boiler is being set in place. This week seven thousand brick will arrive which together with the fire brick

already on the ground will be used to encase the boiler, etc.

The ore in the tunnel as it is driven ahead increases in width. Manager Lloyd is now in Portland purchasing some necessary articles needed at the mine.

OREGON-COLORADO

WORD from the Oregon-Colorado this week is to the effect that the contractors are getting quite well along with the work on this property. As they follow one wall only, the width of the wall can be reported only when a cross-cut is made. The ore has been found to be, where these cross-cuts have been made of a width, from four to twelve feet.

OREGON SECURITIES

THE mill at the Oregon Securities is running right along and the developments on the Champion vein are being continued. As levels are run and raises made the ore bodies show no diminution but rather an increase.

W. B. Dennis of the Black Butte quick silver mines was a visitor to the city Sunday. He states his recent experiments with his new furnace for the reduction of cinnabar ore proved a success, and the plant will be enlarged on the same principles.

H. C. Malisen made a trip to Bohemia last Friday to examine the work that has been done on his mining claims. He reports that he found everything in good condition.

WILL CLOSE SMELTERS.

THE Koswick smelters of the Mountain Copper Company, in Shasta county, California, will be blown out as a result of the recent decision finding for the government against the copper company for damages to trees and other vegetation in the neighborhood of Koswick. The company has given notice to the several mines which have supplied the smelters with silicious ores for flux that no more ore will be received. An interesting phase of the situation about Koswick lies in the fact that many of the trees in the damaged district are showing renewed signs of life, and reports from Happy Valley, one of the affected districts, are that the fruit trees and grass are flourishing this year, and even the pine trees are again bearing cones. This is thought to be due to the fact that the practice of heap roasting has been discontinued at the smelters for several years past, and also partly to the fact that the rainfall has been more abundant this year than usual.—Mining and Scientific Press.

WILL VOTE ON BONDS

Petition to City Council to Have Election Called For to Vote For Bonds to Increase Water Supply.

City Council met Monday night. Mayor Veatch, Recorder Young and all councilmen present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Ordinance No. 99 relating to the grading of 4th street passed and signed by mayor and the Recorder instructed to post the proper notices and notify owners of property.

The ordinance provides for the grading of the street from the south end to the south side of Tennessee street, a width of 16 feet, to be covered with gravel or crushed rock. From that point to north end of street, the full width, also covered with gravel or crushed rock.

Petition to laying sidewalk in Perkins addition received and granted. Petition for an ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles on sidewalk on 4th street. This petition led to the Recorder being instructed to prepare ordinance prohibiting the use of bicycles on sidewalks in any part of the city.

A petition from citizens of Gowdyville asking permission to erect poles for telephone line in city so as to connect with Central, referred to street committee.

A petition signed by more than fifty freeholders was read, requesting the council to call an election to vote upon the issuance of bonds for \$20,000, running 25 years, for the purpose of enlarging and improving the present water system. Petition granted and election called for May 15th.

The recorder was instructed to amend ordinance concerning minor visiting saloons, so as to be effective.

The marshal was instructed to stop the use of carts or vehicles on the side walks of main street, used for the carrying of baggage or merchandise.

The bid of the Bohemia Nugget to purchase city ordinances was accepted. Bills allowed: J. E. Young, \$5.33; Griffin & Veatch, \$2.50; F. V. Wheeler, \$2; Mrs. M. J. Emerson, \$2; H. E. Underwood, \$60; Cottage Grove Electric Co., \$192.20; G. B. Pitcher, \$38; R. F. Martin, \$22.

George Lea was authorized to construct a substantial table and the mayor instructed to purchase 3 chairs for use of council.

SAFEGUARDING THE INVESTOR.

IT may be a surprise to the reorganizers of corporations to know that, even when carte blanche is given them by a voting majority of the ownership, they cannot make merchandise of the rights of a minority. That is the gist of a decision just rendered by the court of appeals of this state in the suit of an English fiduciary trust against the reorganizing committee of the Birmingham, Sheffield & Tennessee River Railroad Company, operating in Alabama.

The decision will tend to check the current assumption that the money of a minority interest in a corporation has no rights as against the money of a majority interest. It establishes the rule that, when a dominant majority which has reorganized a company damages the interest of a bond or stockholder, it must face a jury in a suit for damages, and face it with a precedent against it which commands that it shall not merely give the investor something that it says is "just as good," but something that is really as good, as the interest he had.

It establishes the principle that the reorganization cannot proceed, regardless of restraint—even under the vote of a majority interest—until holders have been notified of a plan formulated and given a chance to withdraw.

The court of appeals decision continues the good work begun by the Shipbuilding receivership in New Jersey. Let us have a little more respect for the rights of the original investor in this country, and not quite so much awe and veneration for the compelling power of a majority organization. With a good assurance that every dollar legitimately invested shall be guarded in good faith, and in no wise diverted or impounded by a selfish interest in spite of the investor's protest, we should have a greater degree of public thrift and a much more general disposition to invest in new enterprises.—New York Mail.

Mr. George W. Lloyd, returned from Portland Tuesday evening. He states that in company with W. H. Shane, recently appointed to represent the Bohemia Mine Owners Association at the Lewis and Clark Fair, visited the grounds on Monday and found the space allotted for the display of ores of the district too small. They visited the Commissioners and succeeded in getting an increase of space.

Contract to Let.

Wanted to let contract for burning 100,000 to 200,000 brick at Black Butte mine. Address or call on W. B. Dennis, Blackbutte, Lane Co., Oregon.

TO SPEND LARGE SUMS

Southern Pacific to Make Great Improvements in Oregon Laying New Rails New Bridges.

It is announced that the general manager of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon has approved plans for the betterment of the Oregon roads which will cost \$1,452,760.50. This is in addition to any work now being carried on, or any that has been up to this time completed. It includes a long list of improvements extending along the main branch lines from Ashland to Portland, and embracing in extent the construction of bridges, buildings, new tracks and the blasting of old, roundhouses, stockyards and general work. Of the total sum mentioned it is estimated that perhaps \$871,656.30 will be expended for labor.

During the early Spring E. E. Calvic, at that time general manager of this territory, announced that a partial calculation of the betterments provided for the Oregon line already placed amounted to \$3,000,000. At that time it was stated that more was to come later and the announcement yesterday is a further complement to the total.

The new plans provide for the expenditure of \$58,000 at Roseburg where new roundhouses, cold storage, cold storage facilities, new yard tracks, new girder under pits, new water column, new roundhouse and new stockyards will be built.

At Oregon City more than \$25,000 will be spent in improving and modernizing the crossings.

Fifteen miles of track between Riddle and Merlin, in Southern Oregon, will be blasted, as with 32 miles from Roseburg to Geopbrook. All of the old track between Ashland and Divide will be taken up and the light rails replaced with new 80-pound steel, giving a total of 200 miles out of the 341 between Portland and Ashland which will be renewed with modern steel this year, while it is the announced intention of the management to continue the work until the entire distance is in strictly first-class shape and ready for the heavier and more modern trains that will then be placed on the Portland-San Francisco overland service.

Other items which are enumerated in the announcement include many new bridges of steel, it being the policy of the company to replace all of the old wooden structures through the mountains with the most modern structures. The work embraces one

through pin-truss bridge on stone piers across Cow Creek in Southern Oregon, two through steel spans over the South Santiam River on the Woodburn-Springfield branch; two 200-foot through-pin, and one 160-foot through-riveted spans, and one 150-foot through-truss span on six cylinder piers across the Willamette River near Harrisburg; one through-riveted truss across the West Fork of Cow Creek crossing; two dock-plate steel girders across Evans Creek Crossing; one through riveted truss on concrete piers across Rogus River and the filling of about a dozen wooden trestles.

This work will be completed as fast as is possible and it is hoped that all of it will be completed by the time the hard weather of Winter makes such work difficult. It will leave the Southern Pacific lines throughout the state in vastly better shape than at present, and will make it possible for the entire Oregon division to be brought up to the highest standard by the end of next year.—Oregonian.

Buford-Trenton Irrigation Project.

A new irrigation project which promises much for the Northwest is the Buford-Trenton Reclamation project. The United States Government has set aside \$550,000 for this work and the active operations will begin inside of sixty days. When this work is completed some 18,000 acres of new arid land will be reclaimed and the western part of North Dakota will be as attractive as the great valley of the Red river and the productive lands of the Missouri river Loup. It is asserted that the proposed dam and reservoir will hold between 20,000 and 25,000 acre feet of water and the proposed canal will run north and south of the line of the Great Northern Railway to a point about three miles east of Trenton, North Dakota, from near Buford, North Dakota, on the extreme western border of North Dakota. This is but the beginning of the extensive irrigation projects which have been planned by the Government and individuals in western Dakota and northeastern Montana, which, together with the Milk River irrigation project, will reclaim thousands of acres for settlement for agricultural purposes which have lain barren for years, an offer and opportunity for the homeless of the East to secure homes of their own. The fact that good agricultural Government land is becoming scarcer and scarcer makes these irrigation projects of great interest to the homeseeker and investor.

The canine population of Albany is 69 less than what it was. The dog poisoners got in their work last week.



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