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## RICH ORE IS FOUND

Large Ledge of Iron Ore Unearthed—Other Strikes Made.

In a new prospect started by the Crystal Co. adjoining its present workings it has struck a vein 10 to 20 feet wide that runs 80 per cent iron.

Charley Mitchell has made a good strike about 50 feet in on the tunnel on the Conquest property. N. J. Cummings brought some samples of the ore in a few days ago and it looks exceedingly fine. This property is owned by Mr. Mitchell and Capt. Beeman.

On the North Fairview property the Company has a man working on a new tunnel that is rather surprising them. This man has struck a vein of disintegrated rock that is so soft that he has been able to make 50 feet in about two weeks, doing all the work himself, and the best part of it is the fact that the ore runs very high in gold. It can almost be panned out, the ore is so soft. When you break up the ore in your hand you can see the free gold in it. What new wonders has the district in store now?

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart returned from a visit to Bohemia Saturday.

Phelix and Joe Landless have commenced work on their "Nemo" claim.

Col. Blair is in Bohemia superintending work on his Big Maud group of claims.

Rev. W. H. Marble returned from Bohemia on his way to Boston Saturday.

Messrs. Comer, Howard and Thompson came down from the hills Saturday, but did not report any game being killed.

Rev. W. H. Marble who has been in Bohemia for about two weeks left for Portland Monday where he will stop for about a week arriving at his home in Boston about the first.

Herbert Leigh manager of the North Fairview Company is pitching his tent on the saddle at the Vesuvius to use as a warehouse for supplies to be used in pushing work on that property.

Geo. Atkinson has returned from the Bohemia district and says that he was greatly pleased, that he saw much more work being done than he expected and he believes the camp will soon be a heavy producer.

The young people at Bohemia enjoyed a picnic at the lake Sunday.

Mr. F. J. Hard returned to town Tuesday after several weeks in the Bohemia camp.

A dance at the Hostery of Knowles and Gettys Bohemia was largely attended and much enjoyed Saturday evening.

Dick White was a visitor in camp last week. Mr. White is one of the oldest mining men in the district, his headquarters are at Mineral.

Rev. Grant Stewart and wife returned from a trip to Bohemia, where they stayed at the home of F. J. Hard. They report having the time of their lives.

D. M. Baker father of Lawrence Baker of Larch's store, left for his home in Lowell Sunday after an extended visit. He visited the mines before leaving and was very favorably impressed with what he saw.

Mr. H. O. Thompson returned from Bohemia where he has been making some additions to the Vesuvius electric plant, installing lights in the mine, etc. His account of the trip appears elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. Melvin Wire of Drain and his brother Wesley of Eugene with others passed through Bohemia last week, leaving their wagon at the end of the Oregon Colorado Road and took a pack out fit down Horse Heaven Creek to the Steamboat river where they will hunt and fish a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Brady of Creswell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brady of Chicago, Ill. were in town for a time Tuesday. Mr. Wm. Brady is the chief Analytical Chemist of the Illinois Steel & Iron Co. and is much interested in the Bohemia ores on exhibit. He is greatly pleased with this section of country.

John W. Buck and F. Oldham of Baltimore, stockholders of the Crystal Consolidated Co., who have been up to Bohemia looking over that property returned Saturday morning. They are greatly pleased with the camp, and think the camp has a wonderful future before it. They want to see things move much more rapidly in the district for they think with the people here that there are great times before us. The timber of the district was a great surprise to them also, and they hope to see more of the mines later on. They are much pleased with the management of the property in which they are interested and hope soon to see it become a producer, and dividend payer.

## THOMPSON SEES BOHEMIA

Secretary of Commercial Club Visits District—His Opinion.

EDITOR NUGGET:—It is not my intention to write a story of Bohemia, but after spending a few days in the mines of the Bohemia District, I desire to present to the citizens of our town, through the columns of your valuable paper, a brief description of what I saw in the way of mines. I might say here that the greater portion of my time was spent in looking over the properties of F. J. Hard, consequently I did not have an opportunity to visit the entire district.

During my brief stay, however I visited many mines and must say I am delighted with the district and am sincere in the statement that the camp has a great future ahead of it as a producer of mineral wealth.

I visited the following mines: Vesuvius, North Fairview, Crystal, Golden Slipper, Riverside, Oregon Colorado, and a portion of the Oregon Securities Company.

I was royally entertained during my visit by Geo. Knowles, Chas. Otterson, Alex. Lundberg, Superintendent Archer of the Oregon Security Co. and F. J. Hard, and I wish to say right here that the miners of the Bohemia District from the humblest prospector to the general managers are hospitable and courteous to those who visit the camp and are more than pleased to have you visit the mines. Every man living in Cottage Grove should make it a point to visit this camp and learn from personal observation the actual condition of the camp that he may be able to talk intelligently of it. If you do this you will find that the good qualities of the camp are so numerous that you will not take note of its poorer ores and will not have any discouraging reports to make on your return.

I have not a cent at stake in this camp, I visited it out of curiosity to know what was there and after doing so, I consider it my duty to speak the truth and present to those who are interested, the actual condition of the camp as it appeared to me. I am not a metallurgist, but I have visited and lived in many mining camps, and consider that I am familiar enough with mining to know a good thing when I see it, and to detect the discouraging points of a camp.

While we all know that some are doomed to disappointment in every camp, I am convinced that taking the district as a whole it is no longer

a question as to what there is in the mines of Bohemia. The wealth is there and it has simply resolved itself into a proposition of how best to get it out and treat the ores. This can be solved only by better methods of transportation and the erection of a suitable smelter at a convenient point for the treatment of ores. It is evident that there is enough ore in sight to warrant such an investment. An inspection of the camp for a period of two weeks by the tenderest tender foot and an expert mining engineer would result in the same conclusion.

In entering the district over what is known as the Harderabble road, I found it necessary to travel by stage after leaving the terminus of the O. & S. E. R. R., a distance of 17 miles, 12 miles of which is over a comparatively level road, the remaining 5 miles leads up the mountain side over a good mountain road of about 10 per cent grade.

As I rounded the last bend in the road, I found I was at the Vesuvius mine, an ideal mining camp employing about 35 men. Here at this mine, the first thing to attract the attention of the visitor is the roar of the machinery, occasioned by the crusher and constant dropping of the ten stamps of F. J. Hard. A further inspection of camp reveals the fact that the mine is a producer, we find the tunnel of the lower level of the Vesuvius has followed the ledge into the mountains for a distance of 1000 feet.

The second level is 350 feet above the first on the same lead. In these levels good milling ore bodies are encountered, and miners are busily engaged in the stops and ore shoots taking out the ore and dumping it into the bin where it is conveyed a distance of 2000 feet by means of a aerial bucket tram to the mill where it is milled and the precious yellow metal extracted from the rock, other metals going into the concentrates and stored to await the coming of the smelter and I might say that here at this mill I had a ball of amalgam in my hands that weighed probably 4 1/2 or 5 pounds. This property has good improvements, in the way of boarding houses, saw mill, etc., all of which are lighted with electricity.

In this mine a vein of ore is exposed for a distance of 700 feet that will average 4 feet wide, 350 feet deep which would be 980,000 cubic feet or 70,000 tons. A tunnel 900 feet lower and closer to the mill penetrates this same property a distance of about 750 feet, the breast of which is in solid milling ore. This will be 1500 feet in length and 900 feet in depth to the above figures.

We will now pass on to the prop-

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## BOSTON MAN SEES BOHEMIA

what Rev. W. H. Marble Predicts for the District.

Cottage Grove, Ore. Aug. 18 1905 Through the courtesy of Mr. Frank J. Hard it has been my good fortune to visit the Bohemia Mining District, Oregon, and especially the properties owned and managed by Mr. Hard, namely the Vesuvius, Oregon Colorado and Riverside mines.

We reached the camp Monday Aug. 7th. On our arrival at Cottage Grove we were met at the station by Mr. F. J. Hard after our long and interesting journey across the continent. The journey to the Vesuvius mine was made by train over the Oregon & South Eastern R. R. to Wildwood, and thence by stage to the home of our friends Mr. and Mrs. Hard. There are pleasant surprises all along the journey. The scenery is truly charming as we wind about the mountains over the county road to Fairview mountain where the Vesuvius property is located.

Tuesday we visited the Vesuvius mine, went through the underground workings and over the ten stamp mill. Wednesday we went to the Oregon Colorado mine and Thursday visited the Riverside property.

We have been wonderfully impressed with what we have seen at each of these properties, this is truly a campaign in genuine mine-making. Our faith in mining has been greatly increased by this visit in this wonderful district.

The Vesuvius is truly a great property. In company with Mr. Hard we have visited every part of the 300 acres of this great property intersected with veins. We found the mill running day and night and its machinery and whistle calling the help to work reminded us of our busy manufacturing plants in the East. This mine is being thoroughly developed, improvements are continually going on and the mine is becoming bigger each day and more valuable.

We saw the ore of which there seems to be an inexhaustible supply stowed into the cars from the upraises in the upper tunnel, which is in the mountain some 1200 feet, condensed to the tram and thence to the mill in buckets and watched the process of reduction through the mill, crushing the ore, passing through the stamps, over the amalgamating and concentrating tables.

It was an interesting experience to anyone, especially to one who never visited a stamp mill.

The Vesuvius camp is a busy camp. We found twenty to twenty-five men actively employed in the mine and at the mill, each doing his work assigned under the personal direction of Mr. Hard, whose masterly control of all the details of this work keeps things moving successfully on.

It is no small task to open up and develop a mine and bring it to a dividend paying basis, this great achievement is being accomplished as fast as the conditions will warrant, by the management of the Vesuvius mine. We predict a great future for this mine.

We passed over the new wagon road to the Oregon Colorado mines, four miles to the southeast over as good a road as we saw in the district. We visited the upper workings of this property, also the long tunnel on the Confidence claim, and found ore on the dump and in the tunnels in great abundance, thousands of feet of tunnel work has been done on this property and there is a sufficient quantity of ore mined and in evidence in the mine to warrant the establishment of a big plant at this excellent property. We took several fine specimens of ore from the tunnel and could get it in fifty or more places in the tunnel. Nearly all the work done has been in the ore and ere long another dividend payer will be added to the list of successful mines.

Our ride to the Riverside horse back, following the mountain trail was full of thrilling experiences and surprises. When one considers that all the supplies for these miners, and equipment for the mines has to be packed over on horses and carried over these mountains we wonder at the progress made. The mine is situated on the opposite side of the mountain from the Oregon Colorado, near a fine stream of water, with beautiful falls which will supply power for the working of the mine.

We went into the 1200 foot tunnel, 800 feet of which has been in good pay ore giving a depth of 800 feet. We found in this Riverside mine as fine a body of ore as one could wish; the ore giving its various colors was a pleasing sight.

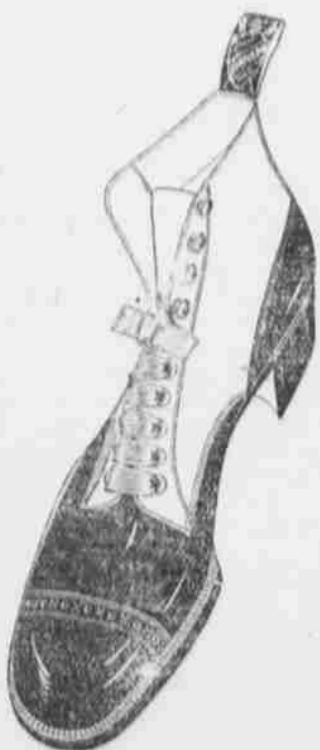
It is not a question of ores in these mines.

It seems that these properties have every asset to successful mining. They have good pay ore in abundance, in true fissure veins, plenty of timber to furnish the mines with lagging, and water easily available for power, and weather such as to allow continuous work, and a management intelli-

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