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MINING NEWS NOTES

Talks with Prominent Bohemia Mining Men and Prospectors.

WORK PROGRESSES

Pushing Extensive Improvements.—Mining Congress Closed.

The Anaconda smelters have again started up, after a close-down of a little over a month.

All and Elsie A. Walker have sold to the North Fairview Mining Company, the Fairview, the Dirigo and the Harris claims in Bohemia district.

G. O. McGilvray will go to Bohemia Monday with a force of men to build snow sheds over the tramways of the Oregon Securities Co., in their Champion Basin group of mines.

J. L. LeRoy arrived in this city Friday from Portland to visit his promising mines in the Bohemia district. He is a member of the well-known LeRoy Mining Company, which controls a fine group of mines in Bohemia, which promise to become heavy producers of the yellow metal.

The Democrat has been shown today some ore from the recent strike in the Maine claim of the North Fairview group of mines in the Bohemia district. It goes \$500 to the ton, and there are stacks of it just like it besides others that run \$150 and mountains of lower grade ore. The company will put in mills the coming year and the prospect is a golden one.—Albany Democrat.

Work is progressing rapidly at the Oregon Securities Co.'s, camp. The flume is now practically completed, only the installation of the connecting pipe at the power house remaining to be done. The power plant building is now in the course of erection, and Superintendent Mathews has a number of teamsters engaged in hauling the electrical machinery to the mill site in Champion canyon. A crew of carpenters, are now hard at work on the mill building and other buildings in course of construction at the mill site.

D. G. McFarland and W. P. Huff returned home from a trip to the Bohemia Mines Monday. The interest and pleasure of the trip was marred by the recent little flurry of

bad weather, some snow falling in the camp, which soon disappeared. However, they visited some of the best properties in the camp and were decidedly well pleased with the mineral character of the district and were surprised at the great improvements in progress and the extensive scale on which many of the larger properties are soon to be operated.

O. P. Adams returned home Monday from a visit to the Ophir and other mines in Bohemia which he recently sold to G. B. Heugen. He says some very fine ore has just been uncovered in these mines. Mr. Adams was in the camp during the recent heavy fall showers and reports a disagreeable trip. However, the beautiful fall weather following the recent rains enables the miners and road builders to proceed with their work with a renewed vigor and all of their operations will be well in hand before the snow begins to fall in November or December.

Jas. Hemenway, the merchant, returned from a several days sojourn in the Bohemia Mining District last Saturday. He was surprised at the vast amount of development and improvement work going on in the district and says that the Oregon Securities Co. will soon have in operation one of the finest and largest mining plants on the Pacific Coast and that their properties are sure dividend payers. The Crystal Consolidated, and F. J. Hard's fine group of mines are just as promising properties while scores of smaller claims give promise of a rich reward to their owners. Mr. Hemenway says the former 30 miles horseback or stage ride up to the mines requiring a full day is now reduced to less than one-fourth of that time by the O & S. E. railroad and the fine new wagon road from the present end of the railroad into the camp.

The close of the sixth annual session of the American Mining Congress at Deadwood, S. D. Saturday showed 789 members legally enrolled. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. H. Richards, Boise, president; Col. Thos. Ewin, Los Angeles, first vice president; R. C. Patterson, Omaha, 2nd vice; Col. J. T. Grayson, Portland, 3rd vice; T. K. Muir, Portland, treasurer; Irwin Mahon, Carlisle, Pa. secretary. Portland, Oregon, was unanimously chosen as the place for holding 1904 congress. Adjournment came amidst the greatest enthusiasm typical of miners, every one evincing the greatest satisfaction in the results of the sixth annual session. Just before adjournment E. W. Martin, on behalf of the Blackhills Mining association, presented to President Richards a badge of membership in the American Mining congress made of Blackhills gold as a token of appreciation for his services in furtherance of the interests of American industry.

F. J. HARD

Secretary Oregon Mining Exchange; Vice President Oregon Miners Association for Bohemia District.



F. J. Hard of Portland, Secretary of the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange, is general manager of the Vesuvius, Riverside and Oregon-Colorado mining companies in the Bohemia mining district. Mr. Hard is a native of New York state, but many years of his life has been spent in Colorado mining districts, where he familiarized himself thoroughly with mining operations and was eminently successful in all his undertakings. He first visited the Bohemia mining district nine years ago and was so favorably impressed with this, at that time, comparatively new mining camp, that he returned four years later and acquired the above mentioned properties, among the very best in the district, for his company. Since that time Mr. Hard has labored diligently to bring this great mining district to the attention of mining investors and operators, and while personally interested in a good group of mines, he has been broad enough and liberal enough to work for the advancement of the entire district and to him is no doubt due more credit for the present prosperous condition of the district and its rapid development than any other man. He has been the means of directing the attention of such men as Geo. W. Lloyd, G. B. Hengen and many others to this now well-known mining district, always representing one part of the district to be as good as another, and assuming that quartz mines of greater merit than those under course of development and in actual operation in the Bohemia district could not be found on the Pacific coast. Mr. Hard has fully a mile of tunnels completed in his group of mines. Patents have been secured for the Vesuvius and Oregon-Colorado, and survey for patent on the Riverside is in progress. A sawmill is being installed at the Vesuvius to supply lumber and timbers for extensive improvements incident to the actual operation of an extensive plant, when there is no doubt but what large dividends will be realized. At the Oregon-Colorado many tons of ore are in sight, and that will also be a large producer as soon as the necessary machinery can be installed. The Riverside is making a splendid showing, work on the deep tunnel being carried on night and day. The Executive Committee of the Oregon Miners Association met at Portland Monday and appointed Mr. Hard vice-president of the association for the Bohemia district, an honor fittingly and worthily bestowed. This action was taken in accordance with a petition numerously signed by Bohemia mining men and citizens of Cottage Grove, demonstrating fully in what high regard Mr. Hard is held in this city and mining district, and with what appreciation his valuable services in promoting the interests of the Bohemia mining district, is held by the people generally of this community.

main drift, which is being run to strike the ledge 1400 feet deep. Samples from this show an average of \$14.67 per ton, and the body shows a width of 27 feet. On the fifth level we have 73 feet of ore between walls, and the last strike proves that the values increase as depth is attained, showing the permanency of the deposits.

"J. L. LeRoy left Saturday to supervise a shipment of ore to determine its smelting value. After this test is made by the new smelting and refining process, the outside world will readily see the part that Bohemia ores will play in the output of Oregon gold.

"Like all districts in the state, Bohemia has had its knockers, but they are rapidly disappearing as the merits of the camp are demonstrated. I believe the properties I have mentioned will be all great producers in the very near future. Our ores are easily handled, and transportation facilities are good, making the location an ideal one. Water power and wood are plentiful, and all advantages for cheap mining and treating are at hand."

Mr. LeRoy returned Tuesday to his home at Cottage Grove.—Telegram.

Scholarship at Yale.

Marvin M. Scarbrough, who for the past year has held the position of assistant in biology in the University of Oregon, has resigned that position to accept a scholarship in the medical department of Yale University. A scholarship in medicine in this institution is a rare thing and granted to but one person in Oregon. It is given through the courtesy of a friend of the institution who is interested in Oregon students, and is good for a four years course, with the understanding that an additional year's study may be taken if a satisfactory standing is attained.

Mr. Scarbrough is a graduate of the University of Oregon and was elected assistant instructor in biology in recognition of his excellent standing he having made a specialty of that work and this additional recognition is well deserved. He left Wednesday morning.

The young man is a son of Dr. Scarbrough of Creswell.

Large Yield of Oats.

The largest yield of oats thus far reported in this vicinity for the season comes from the Coast Fork valley a few miles out of Cottage Grove. From a field of seven acres Robert Small harvested 455 bushels of oats, or an average of 65 bushels to the acre. This heavy yield was produced on bottom land but not from new ground the same tract having been farmed for many years. With proper farming and an average favorable season there is no reason why such yields could not be more generally reported in this very productive portion of the upper Willamette valley.

Killed a Big Black Bear.

Tuesday morning, J. I. Jones received a telephone message from his farm three and a half miles north of town and near Saginaw, stating that a large black bear was feeding on his field corn and the apples in his orchard and to bring some dogs and a few sportsmen and an exciting chase might be had. Mr. Jones and his brother-in-law, Ed Easley and sons, B. Pleuard and sons and Dr. H. H. Petrie, with the hounds of the two latter gentlemen were soon on their way to the farm armed to the teeth. The dogs soon struck the track and hotly pursued his bearship. Mr. Pleuard was first to get within range of the big game and at once opened fire on it, the first shot missing its mark, but the second was well aimed and laid old bruin low. The chase was brief, but interesting and furnishes a thrilling incident for those to relate who participated in the hunt. The bear was of average size and was plump and fat, indicating that he was thriving on the product of the corn field and orchard. It is observed that deer as well as bear and other wild beasts are found ranging in the foothills and valleys at the present time, which according to Indian tradition indicates an unusually early and a severe winter.

Didn't Believe in Marrying Young.

In his "Studies in Human Nature," Prof. Metchinkoff says: "The desire for sweets, for love and love-making, for long walks and adventures are all impulses that have their days and pass, and the wish to live is an instinct which fills also with satiety." This theory had a striking contradiction in McMinnville, on the evening of the 8th inst, when W. S. Thomason, aged 90, took as a life companion Mrs. Matilda Wiles aged 77.

Our Great Lumber Interests

An idea of the amount of logging done in this county may be gained from the fact that the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company alone has 50,000,000 feet of logs either in their booms at the mills or ready to be floated down the river. They have 4,000,000 feet of logs at their Co-burg mill and 10,000,000 feet more floating down the McKenzie. They have a drive of 6,000,000 feet coming down the Willamette to the Springfield mill and 18,000,000 feet more banked ready for a drive. The logs at the Wendling and Saginaw mills swell the total to 40,000,000 feet. Big mills owned by other parties are located at Eugene, Cottage Grove and on the Siuslaw, besides half a dozen small mills scattered over the country, and all are rushed with orders for lumber.

TALKS WITH MINING MEN.

A. D. LeRoy says Some Good Things for Bohemia in an Interview With a Telegram Man.

The excellence of the Bohemia district is causing much comment throughout the mining circles of Oregon. Many of its properties are being extensively developed, and in every case good bodies of ore are being uncovered. Hundreds of men are already employed, and this number is being added daily.

"The mines now doing extensive work," said A. D. LeRoy, a resident of Cottage Grove, and one of the best-known Bohemia mine-owners, this morning, "are the Vesuvius, Oregon-Colorado, Riverside, Crystal, Oregon Securities and the LeRoy mines." In the latter we encountered some of the finest ore in the district, but there is not a prospect in the camp that has not good ore, and the near future will show many heavy producers.

"Our rich chate was found in the

COUNTY SEAT NOTES

Two Railroad Engines are Demolished in Wreck at Junction City.

THE DISTRICT FAIR

Shingle Mill Burned at Panther—Telephone Line to Blue River.

A telephone line from this city to the Blue river mines is assured.

Twenty-two and twenty-three cents per pound are being offered for hops.

Hooker Bros, shingles mill burned at Panther Saturday night. No insurance.

The family of Jas. Lowe in Fairmount addition is quarantined for diphtheria.

W. A. McMillan and Mrs. Emily Neal were married in this city Tuesday where they will reside.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Orrin C. Stanwood and Florence Laukerking, both of Florence.

Our people should not growl at a little rain during the harvest season. In Minnesota the crops have been buried under an early snow.

The pavilion, grand stand, stock pens, race track and camp grounds are being put in first class shape for the District fair which opens Sept. 29, and ends Oct 3.

At Junction City the coroner's jury exonerated J. J. Butler for the killing of Frank Mulkey. The latter having no relatives, was buried by the county authorities.

Miss Marie Ware has returned home from visiting in Denver, Colorado, Eastern Oregon, Portland and other places, having been away from home several months.

The S. P. pile driver ran into an open switch at Junction Tuesday and wrecked a freight engine which was standing on the switch. Neither engineer Willis of the freight engine or engineer Armstrong of the pile driver, nor any of the crew were injured. The pile driver engine was completely wrecked.

In compliance with instructions from Mayor Hoover, City Marshal Jarvis rounded up seven gamblers in Roseburg Thursday afternoon and brought them before Recorder West. A total of \$150 in fines was collected.—Roseburg Review.

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