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THERE IS BEAUTY EVERYWHERE.

Kansas is having a peck of trouble because somebody has proposed to hold a Kansas beauty show at the world's fair, and already there is anxiety for fear the proper types of feminine loveliness will not be selected, and that somebody will go who should rightfully stay at home.

The idea, from a to lizard, is nonsense. There is no call for a Kansas beauty show at the exposition. Beauty is not so scarce in this country as to necessitate setting it on a pedestal or putting it under glass.

There will be beautiful women there in millions. They will come from every corner of the United States. Some of them will wear silks and jewels, and others will look brave in shirt waists. Some will be there to see the show, and others will be behind the counters to serve the public.

Good looks are the natural heritage of American women, and the climate in Arizona seems to have a little deterring effect on forms and faces as the bracing air of Minnesota.

Of course, there is more or less talk about the Colorado type of beauty; of the Southern girl, with her classical drawl and odor of Jasmine; of the sturdy handsomeness of the Western girl, and the dashing style of the Eastern feminine.

That is more or less artistic license. If you should fill the biggest building at the world's fair with a selected list of beauties from every state in the Union, you couldn't pick the Washington delegate from the Wisconsin representatives, or tell who came from Ohio or Illinois.

There isn't a town or hamlet in this land that does not possess its fair share of feminine loveliness. This is one of the redeeming features of America. It is a feature that makes life worth living.

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VALUABLE MINING PROPERTIES

That Are Being Developed in the Santiam District

Prominent Business Men Who Have Faith in the Outcome--Electric Line Via Mehama

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Gold Creek Mines, June 25, 1904.—The party of Salem mine owners under the guidance of Otto Hansen, accompanied by the Marion county court were entertained at this camp by Col. Sam H. Burghardt, who is in charge of these properties for the Gold Creek Mining and Milling company of Salem. He is a Colorado miner of 44 years experience, and has an able crew of men working under him. Col. Burghardt is one of the best informed and most practical men in development work who has come to Oregon. His camp is well equipped for comfort and effective work. The catering is in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley White of Salem, and they set a splendid table. The men working in the mines are a fine crew, mostly young fellows from the valley, who have adopted mining as a profession. A 15 horse power dynamo, with lighting plant and electric drill have been installed and are in successful operation. The foundation has been laid for a saw mill that will cut 15,000 feet of lumber a day, that is to be used in the construction of the mining plant in timbering tunnels, building stamp mills and constructing ore bins and laying down mule car tracks.

A Whip Saw Gang.

All the timbers and lumber used in the mine up to the present day, has been produced by a whip saw plant, operated by the muscles of stalwart young miners. As these mines are located in the Forest reserve, no lumber can be cut for any purpose but to be used in connection with the development work of the mines. The most magnificent timber grows on all sides, virgin forests of trees from 100 to 200 feet high. The machinery for the saw mill plant is partly on the ground, being packed in from Elkhorn, on horses, or dragged on sleds along the narrow mountain trails.

Long pieces of shafting are carried on two horses with side poles separating the animals. When the saw mill is constructed, it is the intention to build a mule track down to the mouth of Gold creek, with iron straps on wooden rails. The stamp mills that are to be taken into this district this fall, over the new wagon road, which is to be constructed by November 1st, will cost about \$50 each to be freighted in. To pack them in would cost at least \$500 per mill of 10 stamps. Hence it is easy to see the importance of early construction of the wagon road. Without a wagon road, the stamp mills and mines will practically lie idle after the development work has been completed.

The Gold Creek Group.

Among the mines in this group of the Santiam district, are the old original Bimetallic mine, the Single Standard, Wall Street, Morning, Little Mac, Copper King, Portland, Brooklyn No. 2, Golden Lode, Sunset Lode, New York, Evening Lode, Log Cabin and others. The old Bimetallic mine is about 500 feet higher than the present camp, and was the scene of considerable pioneer development work. There are two old fashioned wooden overshot wheels, a Chinese air pump made nearly all of wood, and a primitive blower and smelter. Well known Salem men, like M. L. Wilmot, O. C. Reeves, J. F. Gilmore, John Heidecker, Ashley White and others prospected and opened this mine. Most of them has since disposed of their holdings. The Bimetallic was incorporated seven years ago, and has since been sold out and merged with the Gold Creek mines. Besides a number of development tunnels, one cross cut tunnel has been worked 300 feet which cuts all the principal ledges of the Gold Creek property. These ledges are rich in minerals and are from 6 inches to 6 feet across. The ore can be

stopped down in large quantities at very small expense. The Gold Creek group of mines are easily worked and the company that is developing them has faith to expend thousands of dollars a month on their property. Otto Hansen, as president is confident of enormous mineral values and they are already exposed to the light of day. He is a successful business man of wide experience, a practical machinist and accustomed to large operations. Under his management, these properties have become very valuable. He is giving the best years of his life to the development of this property and mining men from many different states, who have visited the camp, say there is not a richer exposure of mineral values in the United States than has been obtained by the work already done in the Gold Creek mines.

The Freeland Mines.

These mines are located farther down Gold Creek and have also undergone considerable development work. They seem to be easier operated. The ore requires less blasting. These properties make a great showing for the money spent and bodies of rich ore are in sight that will surprise the most conservative. The Freelands are men of progressive ideas and have unlimited faith in the wealth-producing powers of their claims. A pan full of the tale taken from the Freeland Consolidated tunnel washed out about a pound of valuable concentrates in the presence of the reporter. One of their tunnels has been driven 400 feet at an expense of \$1200, the ore is similar to that of the Gold Creek claims, being rich in copper and gold, going as high as \$80 per ton.

J. L. Freeland is a Salem business man and secretary and treasurer of the company. He has faith that is backed up by monthly bank checks for a large pay roll. He believes that as a result of the developments of these mines, an electric railroad will be constructed from Salem via Mehama and up to the Little North Fork which presents an easy grade and sufficient water power to handle all the traffic. The Freelands are one of three firms that propose to put in stamp mills this fall and will bear their share of constructing the proposed wagon road.

The Lewis & Clark Mines.

On Saturday the party of Salemites and county court officials hit the trail for this group of mines, which is the highest up and possibly the richest in the whole district. It is located on the second fork of the North Fork of the Santiam and is owned by capitalists from Silverton and Mt. Angel including such well known citizens as Dr. Brooks, George Custer, Marion Palmer, Fred Schwab, Frank Feller, Julius Wolf, Kit Bowen and others.

About \$1200 a month is spent here on development. There is a dynamo drill, turbine water power and electric light plant. Work is carried on day and night. Under the direction of J. H. Lemker and A. H. Dawes, who located and prospected this mine and organized the company. They have one solid face of ore 16 feet across that goes \$30 to the ton. A number of tunnels have been constructed from 75 to 200 feet long. Work started last September and has been continued without interference except two months. Hundreds of tons of valuable ores are lying on the dump and some is going to waste by being swept down the creek. This mine is at an elevation of 2000 feet and yet here we found a 700 pound dynamo had been sledded on poles and was in perfect operation. There are about as many men employed here, as at the Gold Creek group.

The Little German Mines.

One of the first mines you strike in coming up the Little North Fork is the Frieberg and Hanover owned and operated by Fred Osterman and Chas. Wolf of Salem. On the way up the party stopped and took lunch at their cabin, which is on the banks of the roaring Santiam. Chas. Wolf,

the jolly Salem butcher, had on his Sunday clothes and made us a pot of coffee, which, with the invigorating mountain appetite, was enjoyed by everybody.

We next took a dive into their tunnel, obtained some rich samples of ore and started on a long tramp up the river. Mr. Ostermann is educated in chemistry and metallurgy. He can put any crude mineral into solution and some of the ore from their mine is so rich in copper that merely dipping a nail into the solution coats it with that metal. The ore which they are taking is all about the same quality as all the mines in this group, showing rich blendings of gold, silver, copper, lead and antimony.

Some of the Other Mines.

There are many other mines in the Santiam mining country which are being developed, which lie about 40 miles north of the Quartzville district in Linn county. Among these are the "Sunnyside," owned by G. C. Holt and other Portland parties, showing many ledges of mineral quartz. The "Poor Man's" Mine Company, of Portland, also have some valuable properties. One of the first mines as you go up the North Fork is the "Pierce-Slater" mine, formerly owned at Salem. There is a group of about 12 mines known as the "Mineral Harbor Claims," which are awaiting development. It would require a page of this paper to enumerate the mining claims that have been located in the Eastern part of Marion county, and it seems that this industry is the last one to be developed in our community. To illustrate the extent of the mining companies doing business in this section, it may be stated that, the incorporation tax amounts to nearly \$1000. The Eddy bill falls heavily on these new enterprises that are not yet paying a dollar. It would seem to be a proper amendment of this law, that mines undergoing development work not be taxed until the corporation becomes a dividend paying concern.

Roads Should Be Opened.

Nothing should be left undone to open a wagon road from Elkhorn into this mining district. The proposition of the mine owners to construct and grade a road, providing the county will put in the bridges, is liberal and practical. That would insure the immediate erection of stamp mills, and the first carload of concentrates shipped out to a smelter would demonstrate the incalculable mineral wealth of this region. Thousands of miners and labors would be employed within a few years, and, where thousands of dollars are now being sunk on tunneling and prospecting, hundreds of thousands would be coming back to Marion county from the mineral product. The Journal has given this industry considerable space. The editor of this paper has taken the time to thoroughly investigate these mining properties. He believes there is more substantial merit in this industry than in any new enterprise that is offered to the people of Oregon for encouragement or investigation.

Credit to Our County Court.

County Judge Scott and Commissioners Needham and Miley deserve the approbation of the people for taking time to tramp over the mountain trails and endure the discomforts of making the personal research necessary to become familiar with the facts. While the court was out on this trip they learned a great deal about building roads in a new country. They investigated the work done by a number of road supervisors, and gained a great deal of practical information about the conditions under which people on the frontier and in the mountains are compelled to struggle to make a living. The Marion county court has shown a willingness to consider the facts and to give the mining industry favorable consideration. They will make no mistake if they follow up their trip into the Santiam mines by prompt action. They will evaluate in the construction and maintenance of a good wagon road that can be traveled all the way around. It must not be overlooked that these mines, when they are once opened, can be worked at all seasons of the year. They will become the central point for the distribution of large sums in the employment of labor. The supplies and provisions required for these mining camps will add to the prosperity of

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