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MAXWELL SCHEELITE ASHLAND

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Mr. F. W. Libbey
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Dear Mr. Libbey:

This is in regard to the scheelite occurrence near Ashland as noted in assay sample (P-9251) -- Last Saturday I succeeded in contacting Maxwell. Although not able to go along he did direct me to the spot -- a railroad cut directly behind Jackson Hot Springs Resort, two miles NW of Ashland. He described the deposit as being a 400 foot face and indicated that his sample had been chipped at intervals along the length. The scheelite zone, several feet in width, was easily located, being a heavily iron stained zone apparently made up mostly of quartz and epidote(?) with scheelite. The rock looks fairly good under a black lamp with most of the scheelite being very finely disseminated. The average WO₃ content will, I am sure, go much higher than the sample submitted by Maxwell. It was not possible to tell much concerning the zone as the lower portion of the exposed face is covered by talus. It seems probable that the zone is several feet in width. I will revisit the property within the next few days and see if there are any surface traces along the strike. An adit to the Mattern Mine, (Jackson County Metal Mines handbook -P-34) which is a short distance to the east, will also be checked. All in all, the occurrence looks very interesting and promising at this stage.

It is unfortunate, however, that the deposit is in Maxwell's hands (assuming that he owns the property). He is strictly a promoter and will, I fear, ruin any economic possibilities for both this property and Bratchers. At present I understand that he is attempting to promote a large mill for the scheelite ore at Ashland. This is on the basis of two undeveloped prospects. He represents himself locally as a geologist, but his knowledge along this line consists of few incorrectly used geologic terms.

Sincerely,



H. D. Wolfe

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