

Gold Hill

BLOSSOM MINE

Copper - Gold

611 Peyton Building
Spokane 8, Washington

August 22nd 1947

Mr. James G. Ferbrache
Gold Hill
Oregon

Re: BLOSSOM PROPERTY

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith assay certificate covering your samples that you sent to Kellogg.

The results are very low grade and of no interest whatever.

Yours very truly,

Rowland King
Field Engineer

RK:B

Enclosure

cc RDL

June 1. 1932

Mr. Louis H. McGuire,
Jacksonville, Ore.

My dear Louis:

I am writing to learn how you are progressing and presume that you are still at the above address.

Mr. Martin has never communicated with me regarding the Cassadaga Mine and I presume is doing something in other directions.

You need not feel at all bad about the result of the sampling on the Blossom. These things happen this way pretty often. As for the assays, they are a thing of the past and you owe nothing for them. Your work was so good in this particular examination, as well as in the others that you have made--Wolloy etc.--that I will be glad to recommend or employ you at any time. Levensaler appreciates your work also and he is a good friend to have.

Do write me and let me hear how you are getting along. In your last letter you speak of shipping to Tacoma. Have you been able to make any shipments yet? All good luck to you and yours.

Things are very quiet with me but the MINING SERVICE has had some subscribers and we have been able to answer all the enquiries that we have so far received.

Very truly yours,

Box 588

Medford, Oregon

February 24, 1932

Mr. W. J. Elmendorf

905 Allison St.

Seattle, Wash.

Dear friend,

I am sending you a hurried report of the out standing features of the Blossom Mine. Mr. VanDeBougart is a Mason and belongs to St. Johns Lodge in Seattle F. A. A. M. He claims to know you. They are nice people and will give us all the time we want to investigate and handle their proposition.

I am sending the samples up by auto freight in one sack. There are only 7 out of the ten to be assayed. I believe it will be possible to make around 6 foot advance per shift by machine drill along the hangwall side of the Blossom Vein.

Haven't started yet on my own proposition but expect to have everything ready by the first of the month. The weather is fine and I would like to start in.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Kelsall of Mine and Mill Supply Co. Seattle in regard to the Sailor Group in B. C. You have the rest of the report. Were you able to decipher the printing?

By the way, if you run into a buyer for the Cassadaga (Mr. Martin) on Bullion Mt., Siskiyou Co., Calif. I have the complete maps showing assays etc. There is between \$250,000 and \$290,000 blocked and proven ore. Selling price is \$150,000 on excellent terms. There is a \$20,000 commission to us. Some good bets for this would be McCarthy of the Hecla; Hussey of Spokane Exchange Bank; C. V. Brennan, Britannia Mining Eng.; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

The outcome of the samples from the Blossom Mine will be interesting I believe we will be able to dicker on a \$50,000 price. They are asking \$100,000 at present but Matt Reace told me he had a bond and lease for

\$30,000. He probably told them a lot and they shoved up the price but they are in very tight circumstances financially as I bought a lot of groceries and took up to them They are not in a position to get more than \$50,000 as they can't hold out that long. They offered a \$15,000 commission. Sample #2 is the one Matt Reace stated would run \$153. I wonder what we will get? All samples taken in the Blossom were large and carefully mixed and quartered down. Wishing you the best of luck in your under takings.

Your friend,

Louis H. McGuire

*P.S. Most of the Applegate Country is
too spotted for dredging from what
hear.*

Feb. 22, 1932
Box 588
Medford, Oregon

Mr. W. J. Elmendorf

905 Allison St.

Seattle, Wn.

Dear friend:-

I received your most recent letter of the 18th instance and was very glad to hear from you. With regard to the Martin property there is no chance to do anything at the present time as there is between 8 and 10 feet of snow at the present time. I haven't had a chance to see Mr. Martin at the present but expect to soon. Spent a whole day on the Blossom and will say that there are tellurides present as I saw them in the big vein.

Talked to a man over in the Applegate country who was an old timer and whom I found from different inquiries to be quite reliable on the Placer Propositions of that country. He told me that he helped a San Francisco Mining Engineer by the name of Griffin drill the ground for dredging possibilities. He told this man there was a strip that would run from \$30,000 to \$35,000 per acre. He couldn't remember which. It was approximately 400 feet wide. Outside of the strip there was nothing. There were large boulders which made dredging impractical also. This man believed if the ground could be bought around the \$50,000 figure it would be a good proposition to equip for hydraulicing. It would require between 3000 and 4000 feet of pipe to connect with the present ditch also either two nozzles one for stacking the tailings or a hydraulic elevator. You would probably spend from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to equip the property depending of course how you went at it. This man put down three test pits so he claims one at the upper end, one at the lower and one in the middle. He told me they all panned good but he could not get to ~~water~~ bed rock in any of them as there was too much water. You can take this piece of information for what it is worth as I have neither the time or money to check it. I believe we could get the ground for around the \$50,000 figure.

Yours truly, Louis H. McGuire

Box 588

Medford, Oregon

Feb. 25, 1932

Mr. W. J. Elmendorf

905 Allison St.

Seattle, Wn.

Dear friend:-

After mailing the map to you of the Blossom I remembered I made a mistake. The strike of the Van Lou Vein would be S.68 degrees W. instead of S.68 degrees E. as I have ~~it~~ ^{written}. Thus the Van Lou intersection would be before the No Name Vein intersection on drifting ~~to~~ to the left. I was certainly turned around up there that day. It was because I travelled in a circle. Can't remember when North seemed South as it did up there.

It will be easy for you to erase the Van Lou and orient it around right. I remember also that day I was up there we figured that on drifting ^{intersection} to the left the Van Lou ~~would~~ be encountered first about 150 feet ahead of the present face. You will be able to see more when you come as the snow will be gone and you will be able to determine more accurately what to expect. All I know about the dyke and the Von Moltke vein is what the owner told me. Everything was under snow on that side as the sun did not get at it sufficiently. In case the assays turn out O.K. and you decide to come down it would be wise to write the owner and tell him to clean those cuts out better so you can properly sample and examine them.

Yours truly,

Louis H. McGuire

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TACOMA SMELTER

AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING CO.

TACOMA, WASH.

A. H. RICHARDS
MANAGER

E. A. WHITE,
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

March 10, 1932


Mr. L. A. Levensaler,
Hoge Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the results on the samples you left
originating with ~~O. B. Brown, Wenatchee~~, Washington:

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Au</u>	
16 1	0.03	0.60
17 2	0.03	0.60
18 3	0.02	0.40
19 4	0.13	2.60
20 5	1.07	21.40
21 6	0.04	0.80
22 7	0.02	0.40

Yours very truly,



EAW:GS

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March 12, 1932

Mr. L. A. Levensaler,
Hoge Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Lewis:

The samples you left with the laboratory, to which you refer in your letter of March 11th, came through to me with simply our own sample numbers 16 to 22 inclusive, and on checking back I find that sample #16 corresponds to your sample #1 and so on in succession so that our sample #22 corresponds to your sample #7. The reference to U. B. Brown was my mistake as I had nothing but my memory to guide me as to the point of origin of these samples.

Yours very truly,



EAW:GS

March 14th, 1952

Dr. L. H. McGuire,
Box 583,
Madison, Ore.

Dear Louis:

I have the assays on the Blossom samples which
run as follows:

10.1	Gold	ozs.	per	ton	0.05
" 2	"	"	"	"	0.03
" 3	"	"	"	"	0.02
" 4	"	"	"	"	0.13
" 5	"	"	"	"	1.07
" 6	"	"	"	"	0.00
" 7	"	"	"	"	0.02

I will be glad to have your analysis of these
results but they seem too low to us to be of any interest.

Yours very truly,

Box 588

Medford, Oregon

March 1, 1932

W. J. Elmendorf
905 Allison St.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Elmendorf:-

Just received your letter of the 27th. Received the map and have made the correction.

Am returning my map to you along with a Crater National Forest, Oregon map which shows the geographical location.

You probably have the ore samples by the time this letter reaches you.

The intersections of the NoName and Van Lou veins are only approximate, and were largely determined by the owner and Matt Reace, the latter took three days to examine it when there was no snow on the ground. This was figured by using a 60 degree dip of the veins. The present face of the left hand drift of the Blossom vein is nearer the surface than the point of the vein under the raise.

Am enclosing a rough sketch which will explain the above point.

Your friend,

Louis H. McGuire

P.S.

George Haff did have charge of the Sylvanite mine at Gold Hill.

Blossom

COPY. Gold Hill Ore. March 8th. 1932
Letter from Geo. Haff to L. A. Levensaler.

Yours of the 2nd. regarding the Blossom mining property to hand.

During the month of June 1905, I located the Blossom property, and at that time I thought that I had found something worth while from a showing of size and values. But did not seem to have a very long shoot at the surface. I dropped down the hill a little ways and run a surface tunnel about sixty feet along the vein which showed the shoot to be about thirty-five feet long. The ore was, or vein I mean to say, about six feet in width. I sunk a winze from this tunnel about twenty feet and later this ore was shipped to the Tacoma smelter by G.R. Harmes who took an option on the property. This was during 1906, and the ore values from this shipment was around fifteen or sixteen dollars per ton. A lower tunnel, a crosscut, cutting the vein around sixty feet in depth and drifting along the vein for a distance of one hundred feet showed values from 111 samples \$5.60, and a width of 15 feet. While the real length of the ore shoot being about 60 feet in length and the better part of the ore values being about five feet wide.

During 1922 I was doing the assessment work on the property, and a Mr. Willoughby from Seattle happened along, and was so much taken by the property and a bond and lease was entered for a price of \$15,000- on a two year option. However he was unable to do much, and finally his holdings shifted around to a party by the name of Frates, Seattle, then to Van De Bogart. Bogart came to me with a proposition as to what I would take for the property spot cash and I offered it for \$5,000-. But he fell down, while I kept on giving them extensions from time to time.

During 1928 a party wanted an option on the property and I started proceedings to dispossess Bogart and he came back with an action for labor lien ~~for~~ to the amount of \$1,200-. However, I have not thought the property of sufficient worth to fight the matter out in the courts to reclaim title to the property and that is the present situation.

The vein is of the crushed zone type, re-silicified cris-cross stringers and of good walls. The vein is of Arglite shistose material. Country rock diorite. I would not recommend the property. As there is not water for operation of large tonnage, and would be a sinking proposition, as no other values seem to show along the vein where openings have been made. And Bogart wants a large price, which is out of the question.

Very sincerely and truly,
signed G. L. Haff.

Box 588

Medford, Oregon

February 14th, 1932

Mr. W. J. Elmendorf
905 Allison St.
Seattle, Washington

ans 2/18/32

Dear friend,

Arrived here Friday P.M. The weather is surely fine lots of sunshine but oh boy the nights. Last night we let our water run so the faucet would not freeze and this morning we had an icicle from the sink to the faucet.

Expect to look at the Blossom property the first part of next week. Will send you the samples and a short description of the property.

I met your old friends Mr. & Mrs Lou Corbett. They said they sent their best regards to you Mrs Elmendorf and Elnora and the other girl. They said they would surely like to see you folks. He said there is about ten feet of snow on the Siskiyou so I guess that it will be some time before Mr. Martin can do anything.

Hope to hear from you from time to time. I don't know exactly how long I will be here but for a week or so anyway.

Your friend,

"Mac"

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During 1920 I was doing the assessment work on the property, and a Mr. Willoughby from Seattle happened along, and was so much taken by the property and a bond and lease was entered for a price of \$15,000- on a two year option. However he was unable to do much, and finally his holdings shifted around to a party by the name of Krates, Seattle, then to Van De Bogart. Bogart came to me with a proposition as to what I would take for the property spot cash and I offered it for \$5,000-. But he fell down, while I kept on giving them extensions from time to time.

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Very sincerely and truly,

signed G. L. Haff.

Box 588

Medford, Oregon

Feb. 29, 1932

Mr. W. J. Elmendorf

905 Allison St.

Seattle, Wn.

Dear friend:-

I am enclosing Bill of Lading via Seattle Portland Auto Freight Co. for samples from Blossom Mine. There are ten altogether three of which are not to be assayed. Found another good high grade "shoot" of ore. Sorry to have kept you waiting for the samples. You can examine the Blossom O.K. now as the snow is all gone there. I suppose it will be the latter part of this month before you could get on the Cassadaga.

The samples will arrive Wednesday morning in Seattle. Hope everything with you is coming along O.K.

Yours truly,

Louis H. McGuire

Re: -MANGANESE MINERAL DEPOSIT-

Spokane, Washington.

March 1, 1949

To Whom it may concern:-

On behalf of the present Co-Owners of those certain Manganese Mineral claims situated in Township 37 S. Range 2 East of W.M. description of which is, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10; and the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9: Located in Lake Creek Division of the Eagle Point Mining District, County of Jackson, State of Oregon. That the location notice or certificate of said mining claims are recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said County, (that being the proper office of record).

This area is covered in "Science, N. S. Vol., 48 pp 439 - 440, of the date of November 1918". Work done by Messers Pardee and Parks, government engineers, July 1918. (Lake Creek District)

'Medford, Oregon is the nearest city. Relief is moderate, streams are numerous and run dry part of the year. The area is underlain by basaltic and andesitic flow of tuffs. About 1500 tons of ore containing at least 15 per cent Manganese is in sight.'

'Drilling has indicated an area of four acres underlaid by 10 feet of Manganese ore, about 120,000 tons. Gives sequence of igneous rocks for the area, platy basalt 500 feet, red basalt 100 to 300 feet; Platy basalt up to 100 feet; Gray buff Manganiferous tuffs and breccias 500 feet, basalt up to 100 feet.'

In 1923 an engineer from Joplin, Mo., was engaged to make a private examination of the deposit for a group of mining men from Tacoma, Washington. He spent some three months on the ground, he established data showing the deposit to be over 1600 feet in width and that the mineralized zone extended over a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, several open-cuts were made over extensive area, followed by diamond drilling, results indicated an average cross-section of the underlying Manganese ore to be over 12 feet, giving an average contents of 15 to 17% of the mineral Pyrolusite (MnO₂) disseminated throughout the vast bed of volcanic tuff breccia. He estimated his findings determined a probable tonnage of the area at 30 to 40 tons per acre. In some of the open-cuts the ore occurred in masses, some weighing 25 to 50 pounds of the clean ore.

A small mill was installed (Faust type) crusher, rolls and giggs, capacity 20 to 25 tons; Approximately 1500 tons were milled and 200 tons high grade, hand sorted. Mill concentrates averaged near 52.7% and the high grade neared the 60% MnO₂. High freight rates and break in the market caused much suspense. Operation was discontinued and their contract became void.

The property is commendable for its extent of commercial tonnage and offers real opportunity for those who have the necessities of experience and the capital which a property of this magnitude demands. Reasonable time will be granted for its examination, if after exploration your findings are meritorious, we would consider an offer on a bond and lease basis, or cash consideration.

Respectfully Submitted

Owen A. Thomas

P.O. Box 267

1 1/2 acres
1/2 mi off pavement

Gold Gill Oregon, March, 8th, 1930.

L.A. Levensaler,
Seattle Wash,

Dear Lewis:

Yours of the 2d regarding the Blossom mining property to hand.

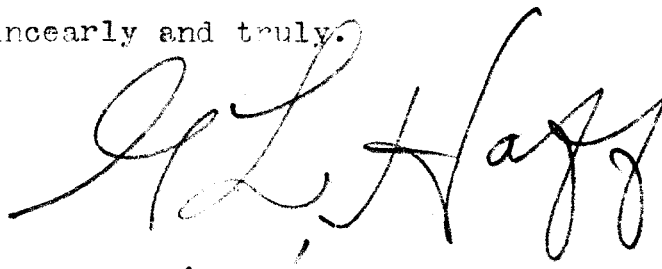
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Very sincerely and truly.



G. CLEVELAND TAYLOR
MINING ENGINEER

Box 1018, Roseburg, Oregon 3/19/49.

Dear Rowland:

Thanks for your letter regarding Anton Money. I have advised my company to abandon the trip north unless they have some supporting evidence of values aside from the Money report.

Have not seen the old Blossom Mine near Gold Hill. I did examine an old gold property eight to ten miles from there on Jumpoff Joe Creek. Inclosed is a copy of the only data I have which is taken from the State report on Jackson County. You will note that this data is about 11 years old. If they are getting gold there now it must be from some new development.

I made one trip out west of Selma several years ago to see a chrome property, but did not examine any copper there. I believe I do recall some talk about copper in the vicinity and saw some ore from somewhere around there at Grants Pass which consisted of chalcopryrite and pyrrhotite. Some of it looked good and I intended to go and have a look but never did go. Most of the copper ore in southern Oregon has been lenticular, however just across the line in California (out Applegate River way) is the old Blue Ledge copper mine which produced some good grade copper ore over considerable length. During the last war the Bureau of Mines drilled some holes to check the downward extension and got negative results. I have seen that report.

Earl

~~Earl~~ Annes, mining engineer of Grants Pass has been doing some work on a gold prospect up Grave Creek and has made some small shipments of very high grade ore. He seems to think that he can develop some milling grade ore there also. I have not seen the property, but some of the specimen seen in his office ~~was~~ were quite high grade.

If you get down this way give me a call and again thanks for the data,

Sincerely


G. Cleveland Taylor

611 Peyton Building
Spokane 8, Washington
March 17th 1949

Mr. G. Cleveland Taylor
Box 1018
Roseburg, Oregon

Dear Grover:

I was very glad to get your letter of the 14th. It least I now know that you are still with us.

Several years ago Anton Money attended one of our Annual Conventions and sold himself to a few of our smarter engineers and operators. They asked Church Holmes, who was then with Sunshine and doing some work for us in the Yikon, to have a look at the thing Money was dealing with. I just finished a telephone conversation with one of men that hired Holmes. He says that Money is completely unreliable, and anything written by him must be discounted absolutely. This seems to confirm some of the reports that you have.

When I failed to hear further from you last fall about the Trinity County prospect I concluded that you had not yet seen it. Will be glad to have your ideas after you do get down there.

What do you know about the Blessom mine, not far from Medford? This is an old timer, some present talk of nice gold values, but I am skeptical. Also a large copper deposit about 9 miles west of Selma.

Glad to hear from you any time. Please extend my best regards to Mrs. Taylor.

Sincerely,

Rowland King

RK:B

G. CLEVELAND TAYLOR
MINING ENGINEER

Box 1018, Roseburg, Oregon 3/14/49.

Mr. Rowland King
611 Peyton Bldg.,
Spokane 8, Wash.

Dear Mr. King:

The Zenda Mining Co., of which I am engineer, have asked me to check a placer property in northern British Columbia and have sent along a report by Anton Money F.R.G.S. (?)

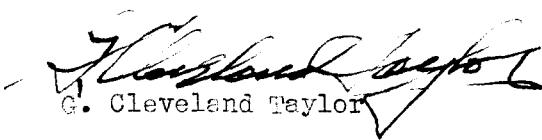
The report is not very well written, much is left unsaid, except indicated high values etc. It is a long way up there and am naturally trying to get some dope in advance. I have never met Money, but have some unfavorable dope on him. Am told that your company checked one of his placer reports a few years ago on a property in the Yukon. Perhaps you can tell me something about your experience with him and it will be regarded as confidential.

The value of a report as you know is based on the knowledge you have of the writer.

I wrote you last fall about a copper prospect which I expected to inspect in western Trinity County and said I would write again if it looked good. Well when I went to examine the showing I could not reach it on account of early storms so still have not seen it. Expect to have a look in May.

Will be glad to have a line from you and with best regards I am

Sincerely yours


G. Cleveland Taylor