

October 16, 1944

Mr. John C. Higgins  
H and H Mines  
1303 Public Service Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Higgins:

Please refer to your inquiry concerning the "Doc Ray" Mine  
on Foots Creek.

Mr. Treasher wrote that he had never examined the property.  
I wrote to our field engineer, Elton Youngberg, and he sub-  
mitted the information contained in the enclosed memorandum  
report.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Libbey  
Director

FWL:jr  
Encl.

April 17, 1944

Mr. W. A. Noon  
H. and H. Mines  
General Delivery  
Drummond, Montana

Dear Bill:

As yet I have not received my conscription, as you put it, and so I can probably look at your kyanite sample if you bring it in in the next week or so. I am pleased to hear that you are doing some investigating of the possibilities of using your sand in steel foundries, and also glad to know your production is up.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. Lowry  
Assistant Geologist

WDL:ff

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April 15, 1944

Mr. Wallace Lowry  
c/o Oregon State Dept. of Geology  
and Mineral Industries  
Woodlark Bldg.  
Portland, Oregon

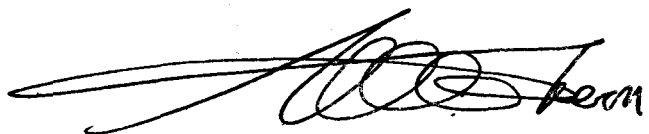
Dear Wally:

I expect to have a new kyanite sample down to you in a few days and I am wondering how things are with you in your department. I shipped out some molding sand samples and the foundries are going to test this sand out for us.

Our tungsten production is increasing and the weather has been fairly decent for this high mountain plateau.

How did you come out with your conscription notice?

In haste,



W. A. Noon

WAN:er

July 7, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon  
Olympic Hotel  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Knowing that you are about to make a trip to Washington, D. C., it has occurred to me that you might like to take to the proper authorities there some first-hand information on the mine labor situation as we find it at present here in Oregon.

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With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

H & H MINES

By \_\_\_\_\_

G. S. Hinsdale, Manager

GSH:LV

May 8, 1942

Mr. John C. Higgins  
H and H Mines  
Public Service Building  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Higgins:

The reaction of the War Production Board to my report to them of April 17 in which I recommended an electrolytic zinc smelter for the Pacific Northwest is given in a letter from Mr. George Heikes dated April 29. A copy of this is attached.

I have given a copy of it to the Bonneville boys and to Jensen.

The power angle is being taken up today or tomorrow by Dr. Raver who is in Washington with the Zinc Section of W.P.B.

Senator Holman has hit the ceiling and I hope we can keep him there.

Will keep you informed.

Cordially yours,

Director

EKH: jr

December 12, 1941

Mr. John C. Higgins  
H & H Mines  
Public Service Bldg.  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Higgins:

The attached assay report evidently refers to a sample  
which was brought into the Portland Office.

Cordially yours,

Director

EKN:ac



October 28, 1941

Mr. John C. Higgins  
Public Service Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Higgins:

I promised to send you copy of data presented to Mr. John A. Church, head of the Copper and Zinc Division of the O.P.M., by Dr. Mendenhall of the United States Geological Survey. It conveys the recommendations of the Survey as to the zinc tonnage reserves.

Cordially yours,

EKN:vm  
encl.

Director

**H. & H. MINES**

1303 PUBLIC SERVICE BLDG.  
PORTLAND, OREGON

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**AUG 27 1941**  
STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY  
& MINERAL INDS.

August 26, 1941

Mr. Earl K. Nixon, Director  
State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries  
702 Woodlark Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Enclosed herewith please find the following files:

James A. Adams, J. M. Everly, Albert Burch  
and C. F. Anderson

Sometime ago you loaned these to Mr. Carl Anderson,  
and we wish to make this record of returning same to you  
herewith.

Incidentally, we are still looking for a competent  
assayer and also for someone to take the job of mill super-  
intendent and metallurgist. We did not make a deal with  
Mr. Adams, and I presume he has told you about it.

With kindest regards and thanking you for the  
information you have furnished us, I remain

Very truly yours,

GSH:LV  
Enclosures

*W. J. Sunday*

*returned to  
"Positions" file*

July 26, 1941

Mr. John C. Higgins, President  
H. & H. Mines  
1802 Public Service Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Higgins:

Early this month Mr. Wayne R. Lowell, who formerly spent a year as a junior geologist with this department, was in the Bohemia district working on the paragenesis of the ores. He spent quite some time, I gather, on your properties with the cooperation of your foreman, and took a considerable number of specimen samples for thin sections, polished sections, and research study.

Lowell left the department to return to the University of Chicago for his Ph.D. degree, and the work he has been doing in southwestern Oregon recently is in connection with his doctorate thesis on the paragenesis of the metallic ores of western Oregon. I have discussed the matter thoroughly with Lowell and believe he is doing a piece of work that unquestionably would be very interesting and might easily be very important, indeed, to the mine operators in western Oregon. If you will refer this note to Carl Anderson, I am sure he will tell you that one of the questions that engineers are always interested in is this question of paragenesis, that is, the sequence of emplacement of the veins or minerals, their origin, temperature relations, etc.

Now the principal point of this letter is to make a suggestion. Lowell will probably spend between \$50 and \$100 on polished sections and thin sections alone of your mines and others in the Bohemia district, principally yours. Although Lowell did not request it, I made the suggestion when he was here the other day that if he would undertake to render a special report on the paragenesis and origin of the ores in your mines, I would suggest that you contribute a sum of money for the information received. In this way you would get special attention to your particular problems and Carl might have pertinent questions he could ask of Lowell and exchange information. Might say that this department is "subsidizing" Lowell and his work to the extent of \$150 — as we are one other young geologist writing a doctorate thesis in this state as we expect his work to be a legitimate contribution to the geology of Oregon.

Mr. John C. Higgins

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If you feel kindly toward my suggestion, and are willing to help Lowell out, I know that he will appreciate your action no end because he is pretty well strapped for funds.

I have made a similar suggestion to Mason Bingham of the Benton Mine and he intimated a kindly feeling toward the idea.

Sincerely yours,

Director

EKN: jr

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METALLURGICAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF MINES  
RARE AND PRECIOUS METALS EXPERIMENT STATION

RENO, NEVADA

July 26, 1941

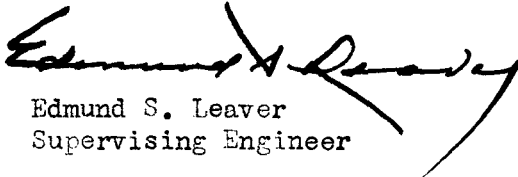
Mr. Earl K. Nixon, Director  
State Dept. Of Geology & Mineral Industries  
702 Woodlark Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The sample which accompanied your letter of July 21, 1941 has been examined as requested with the following result:

The spectrographic analysis showed no beryllium in the sample.

Very truly yours,

  
Edmund S. Leaver  
Supervising Engineer

July 21, 1941

Mr. Edmund S. Leaver  
Supervising Engineer  
U. S. Bureau of Mines  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Leaver:

Under separate cover we are sending you a sample of rock that is alleged to contain beryllium. We doubt if it does, but the representations are so made that we need badly to have a spectrographic test. Would you be kind enough to do this and let us know promptly?

The sample is representative of the Gearheart Mt. "deposit".

Thanking you kindly, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director

EKN:va

July 1, 1941

Mr. G. F. Hinsdale  
Higgins and Hinedale  
Public Service Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hinsdale:

The bearer, Mr. Lewis Mills, wishes to borrow our United States Bureau of Mines Technical Paper 227, which I loaned you a short time ago in order that you might copy certain procedure for the assay of quicksilver ores from it.

*Received*

Would you be kind enough to let Mr. Lewis have this report as he is planning to do some work in the Ochecos?

Yours very truly

F. W. Libbey  
Mining Engineer

FWL:hk

February 17, 1941

Memorandum to Mr. Hinsdale:

I am sending U. S. Bureau of Mines Technical Paper 227. I had looked for Bulletin 227 instead of the Technical Paper. I find that this paper is now out of print, so you could not buy it even in Washington. You may keep it to have such part of it copied or photostated and then you may return it to us.

F. W. Libbey

FWL:hk



February 6, 1943

Mining Equipment Division  
Serial Number Section  
Room 1419  
Temporary Building "R"

REGISTERED

H & H Mines  
1303 Public Service Bldg.,  
Portland, Oregon

Attention: Mr. G. S. Hinsdale

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 1, in which you state that you are not operating the Champion and other mines in the Bohemia Mining District. We are therefore cancelling Serial Number 33-4 and request that you return to this office the Certificate showing the above mentioned number.

If you have received an authorization for a quota assignment, please return this also to the Mining Equipment Division, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Knoizen  
Director  
Mining Equipment Division

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cc: Mr. Earl K. Nixon  
cc: Mr. A. M. Dixon

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MR EARL K NIXON=

:TECHNICAL CONSULTANT WPB 702 WOODLARK BLDG=

:RETEL 28TH. FORM PD-1-A ISSUED JULY 22 BY PRIORITIES SECTION  
WIL GIVE YOU RESULTS WITHIN ABOUT ONE WEEK=

FRANK A AYER CHIEF OF PRODUCTION COPPER BRANCH.

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

**WANT A REPLY?**  
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July 28, 1942

**FRANK AYER**  
COPPER SECTION, WAR PRODUCTION BOARD  
TEMPORARY R BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

REFERRING HIGGINS COPPER PROPERTY COVERED BY LETTERS LEFT WITH YOU. NO FURTHER WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINING PRIORITIES SECTION WPB SINCE J.E. VAN GUNDY WIRE OF JULY 14. THIS COPPER OPERATION DOWN TO TWENTY TWO MINERS AND SINGLE SHIFT BASIS. NORMAL OPERATION REQUIRES SEVENTY FIVE TO EIGHTY MINERS. MINE AND MILL WILL PROBABLY CLOSE DOWN IN THIRTY DAYS UNLESS RELIEF COMES. HIGGINS NOW NEEDS A-1-a PRIORITY ON 100,000 FEET PLYWOOD FOR HOUSES TO KEEP MINERS AS COVERED OUR DISCUSSION. SHOULD MINE CLOSE REGARDLESS ACCOUNT LABOR SHORTAGE HOUSES WILL IMMEDIATELY BE MOVED PORTLAND FOR DEFENSE INDUSTRIES THEREFORE A-1-a PRIORITY REPRESENTS NO DIVERSION OF MATERIAL FROM CRITICAL STATUS. KINDLY CONTACT MINING PRIORITIES SECTION PROMPTLY AND ADVISE.

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SEND FEDERAL GOV'T RATE COLLECT NIGHT LETTER

**EARL K. NIXON**

cc Mr. Hinsdale

July 24, 1942

4H: FAA  
Room 1635  
"R"

Mr. G. S. Hinsdale  
Manager  
H & H Mines  
1303 Public Service Bldg.  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hinsdale:

I have your letter of July 7th addressed to Mr. Earl K. Nixon of the War Production Board, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Nixon left this with me on a recent visit to the Washington, D. C. office. I also have a copy of your letter, dated July 1st, addressed to the Mining Branch of the War Production Board, concerning the securing of a priority rating of at least A-1-c for plywood with which to erect portable houses on your Champion Mine property.

We have taken the matter of obtaining a priority for approximately 100,000 square feet of plywood at your estimated cost of \$7,000.00, with the Priorities Section of the Materials Division. We understand that they are okaying Form PD-1A as of July 22nd. Probably a week will be required for it to be finally executed.

We hope you will be able to secure the material required to complete the construction of these houses in order not only to avoid the necessity of your shutting down your mine operations, but to make possible the increased production you contemplate if you are able to house the miners at the camp.

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Ayer  
Chief of Production  
Copper Branch

FAA:VED:RZ

*C. C. McJannet*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 16, 1942

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mining Branch

First Floor, Wing 1  
Temporary Building E  
Sixth Street & Adams Drive, S.W.

AIR MAIL

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Mr. Earl K. Nixon  
Emergency Coordinator of Mines  
for Oregon  
State Dept. of Geology & Mineral Ind.  
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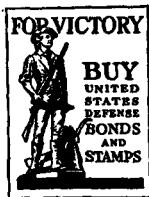
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have the H and H Mines, Public Service Building,  
Portland, Oregon, execute the attached Forms for  
each of their operations and return to this Office  
by air mail.

Sincerely yours,

*Wilbur A. Nelson*

Wilbur A. Nelson  
Administrator of  
Mining Branch

Enc.



July 7, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon  
Olympic Hotel  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I have just dictated a letter in which I have attempted to explain to you the labor situation as we find it at the moment at our Champion Mine property, which we are operating under Preference Rating Order P-56, Mine Serial No. 33-4.

In order to hold what miners we have left at this property, and with the hope of getting additional men, we have started the construction of a dozen family dwellings. These dwellings must be portable, since we expect to use them at our outlying mines during the summer and move them to the Champion Mine for winter operation. They must be windproof, rainproof and snowproof, which means in short that they must be constructed out of dry lumber, and they must be insulated. As far as I know, plywood is the only dry lumber obtainable in the state of Oregon today, and of course it is next to impossible to build a portable house out of any material other than plywood. We wrote the War Production Board on July 1, copy of which letter is enclosed herewith.

Two carpenters are just completing the first housing unit this week. This unit has consumed the time of these two men for a little over two weeks. Now that they understand what they are to do, we can add two more carpenters and complete one unit each week with four men.

Perhaps if the Priorities Board has not already acted on our application, you can do something to speed this matter along.

Very truly yours,

H & H MINES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
G. S. Hinsdale, Manager

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interest, etc. etc. . . . .	25,000	<u>145,000.00</u>
Difference is profit annually . . . . .	215,000.00	
Or profit per ton of mine ores- say \$7.00		

I am of opinion this result can be accomplished during the year 1913, and that results will never be less than named per ton of ores worked from start to finish, whatever the extent of mine and milling operations may be. As a matter of fact, the chances are that proper development of the known bonanza ground in the Musick and Helena groups will show ores in a very large quantities with values around \$25. per ton.

In conclusion I cannot too strongly emphasize to you the value of the district as a whole. It is without any qualification one of the best undeveloped districts to be found on the Pacific Coast, with great possibilities in the way of sulphide ores, all of which are gold bearing and will be lasting in depth and extent, while holding to their present values per ton for all time. There is no example of failure to record, when ores of this kind are found in so great abundance and over so wide areas, and under so favorable conditions for mining and treatment.

I shall be pleased to add any special details to the above

and beg to remain

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. H. Adams.  
Mining Engineer and Metallurgist.

Address, 18 Broadway, New York,  
Box 200, Portland, Oregon.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE WEST COAST MINES

COMPANY, BOHEMIA DISTRICT, OREGON.

December 31, 1912.

Champion Mine	Buildings, dwellings, etc	8,013.02
"	Milling plant and machinery	27,132.57
"	Buildings around the mines	4,104.14
"	Assay Building	345.00
"	Compressor buildings and machinery	10,342.78
"	Incline Tramway, double track and covered	10,132.61
"	Saw mill Machinery	2,344.36
"	Lumber on Hand	250.00
"	Mine equipment, cars, extra rails, etc.	2,560.59
"	Pipe and fittings	211.65
"	Machine parts and fittings	271.01
"	Compressor parts in stock	63.69
"	Power drills, parts and fittings	466.66
"	Tools for compressors, pipe, mine carpenters	1,410.36
"	<del>Boarding house supplies</del>	<del>550.00</del>
"	Furniture and fixtures of boarding house, etc.	327.40
"	Mine supplies, powder, steel, etc.	1,591.73
E	Incline Tramway supplies	75.00
"	Office supplies	76.65
"	Blacksmith supplies of all sorts	980.37
"	Stamp Mill Supplies	254.25
"	Team Supplies	50.00
"	Assay outfit and supplies	252.60
Musick Mine	Mill and Dwellings,	2,493.25
Helena Mine	Mill and Dwellings	1,000.00
Power Plant	Buildings and machinery connected to ditch	34,477.26
	Dam and ditch	11,857.35
	Telephone line around the camp and in mines	319.42
WAGON ROAD	From Champion bridge to No. 9 Tunnel 6 miles	26,000.00
	<b>TOTAL INVENTORY OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$144,753.71</b>
	ADD to this the concentrates in bins in the Mill H use 240 tons at assay values	20,560.00
	<b>TOTAL INVENTORY OF FIXED AND MOVABLE PROPERTY.</b>	<b>\$166,313.71</b>

ITS EQUIPMENT OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC MACHINERY, OWNED BY THE WEST COAST  
MINES COMPANY, BOHEMIA DISTRICT, ORE.

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M. Haber, Electrical Engineer-Portland, Ore.

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After a visit of ten days duration at the mines of the West coast Mines Company, in Bohemia District, Lane County, Oregon, I have disclosed the following facts:

The plant of this company is located on the Frank Brice Creek, at the mid-way station between mines and the town of Disston-the terminal station on the railway which ends at Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon.

The plant is located on the banks of the Creek, - the station is called Bonita, and it is seven miles distant from the Mill House of the Champion Group of Mines.

The Hydro-electric plant at Bonita consists of a Tuttle Water wheel, which develops 250 H.P. under a working head of 135 feet, the wheel regulated by a standard Governor.

The machinery consists of:

One 180 K. W. Two phase Westinghouse Generator, 1100 volts  
~~144 amp per terminal 7200 volts, and 225 per amp-belt~~  
driven.

Exciting Dynamo 5' 62 K.W. volts, 45 Amp 1400 R per min.  
belt driven.

On a switchboard 2 panels equipped with 4 amp-meters,  
2 volt-meters, one 4 pole switch in 1100 volt circuit,  
4 fuses in the same circuit, 1 double pole switch with  
fuses in the exciting circuit, and shunt regulator  
for dynamo.

Two 100 K. W. transformers, 1100 to 11000 volts in reserve.  
Two 100 KW transformers, 1100 to 11000 " " operation  
or 1100 (not clear)

One station service transformer, high tension switching  
frame with three high tension disconnecting fuses.  
Lightning arrester in each phase of the 3 phase high  
tension line. The low tension or generator side of  
the Transformers in 2 phase and the high tension, or  
transmission side is in 3 phase connected.

The Power House is a well constructed frame building,  
the foundations resting on bed rock.

The Generating Room is 32x45 feet.

Foundations are already completed for installation of  
a second water wheel and generating set.

A storage and a work room are provided adjoining the  
generator room.

A 6 mile, 3 phase Transmission line of No. 6 wire  
connects the power station with the milling plant on  
the Champion Group. This line has poles from 30 to

35 feet, the tops of poles 6 to 7 inches diam. and they are spaced about 120 feet apart. Glass insulators are used throughout the line.

The Dam in the Frank Beice Creek, is well constructed of logs. The head raise is 6,000 feet in length, partly ditch and partly wooden flume, along the steep hillside.

The flume is 5 feet in width, and 30 to 36 inches in depth. The ditch is 4 to five feet width and 3 to 4 feet deep. This ditch could be widened at small expense, in case of increase of the power plant at any time in the future.

A penstock of 18 inch steel pipe connects the flume with the power plant. This is 135 feet long.

One nozzle directs the water under pressure to the water-wheel. The tail water discharges into the Creek with sufficient fall to always give the maximum value of the head of water.

The quantity of water, measured on the 27th day of December, 1912, was 4375 cubic feet per minute. This will develop 796 effective horsepower on the shaft of the water wheel, under existing head of 135 feet. It is stated that the water in the dry season of the year is never less than one-half what is now seen.

#### ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OF MILL AND MINES.

Lightning arresters are placed in each phase of the high tension line.

One high-tension switching frame with 12 high tension disconnecting fuses.

Transformer switching frame (low tension side) with 2-- 100 amp double pole switches, 6-- 50 amp. double pole switches, 12 double pole fuse blocks, 1-- 2 phase starter for a 40 H.P. motor.

One switchboard, 1 panel for 2 phase oil starter for 100 H.P. motor 4 fuse blocks in this circuit.

One switchboard, 1 panel with 1 voltmeter, 1 ampere meter, 1 double pole switch for 100 amp 1 automatic disconnecting switch, 1 shunt regulator.

Two 76 K. W. Transformers,	11000 to 440 volts
" 50 " "	11000 " 2000 "
" 25 " "	11000 " 440 "
" 37½ " "	11000 " 440 "
" 25 " "	11000 " 110 "
" 60 " "	11000 " 440 " in reserve

One motor generator set A.C. 40 H.P. 2 phase 400 volt 48 amp per terminal with D.C. Dynamo 30 K. W. 580 volts, 54 amp. used to work the transway, inside the No. 9 tunnel.

One 100 H.P. 2 phase motor, 2000 volts driving an air compressor.

One 50 H. P. motor, 2 phase 2000 " in reserve. Never used.

One 75 " " " " 440 " driving stamp mill

One 15 H.P. motor, 2 phase 440 volts driving crushers.  
One 15 H.P. " " " " " " " the concentrators  
One 50 " " " " " " " " inoline tramway.  
These motors are 7300 alts. per min. and are equipped  
with suitable switches and starters.  
One Baldwin Locomotive for the N. 9 tunnel service.  
One " " " " Trolley line Champion to  
Musick mines.

All the electrical equipment and accessories, the mine  
motors and inside lines and connections, are in best of  
physical condition, having been in active service up to  
the end of the year 1912.

The Milling plant, office, boarding house, lodging  
houses, dwellings, stables, and inside the mines, and  
shops connected with mines, are well lighted by use  
of tungsten incadescent lamps.

There is a complete steam plant in the Mill, used prior to  
installation of the electric plant. Details of this  
plant I did not get.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANTS IN THE BOHEMIA DISTRICT.

There is an unusual opportunity for marketing power and  
light in this district, and this phase of the question has been  
submitted to me inasmuch as it will be necessary for the  
West Coast Mines Company to very materially increase its  
electric plants within a short time, and while doing this to  
meet their own private requirements, it would seem to be a  
wise course to construct plants of sufficient capacity to  
meet the present and future demands of all the mines, and  
to supply the surrounding valleys with all the power and  
light that they may call for in years to come.

It is well understood that outside interest on the in-  
vestment, hydro-electric plants which will generate 1000  
kilowatts of electric energy, cost no more in labor and  
attention than does the smaller plant now operated by the  
Company of Bonita.

In additional investment of about \$13,000 will enlarge  
the present plant at Bonita to double its capacity.

If this increase of electrical energy were sold at the  
commonly accepted prices of the district, viz: at rate of  
\$5 per H. P. month; or \$60 per H. P. year, there would be an  
income to this company of \$1,250 per month, or \$15,000 per annum.

There is a market at the present time for about 300 K.W.  
in the immediate neighborhood of the Champion and Musick groups of  
mines, which estimate is based upon the knowledge that 45 stamps

are being operated by steam or gasoline engines, and these parties would most certainly prefer the electric energy were the opportunity offered them to secure it at any reasonable rate per month or year.

The 350 mining claims of this district are hampered to a greater or less extent at this time, by the excessive cost of power and light, and it is the consensus of opinion of mining men who have visited the region within a year, that modern methods of handling the operations of the mines and treating the ores must include the use of electricity - without which progress will be exceedingly slow.

Electric smelting of the vast ores of this district will be successfully inaugurated within a year. To handle the reasonable tonnages of ores which the district can easily supply, it would be necessary to plan for several times the electrical energy now supplied by this company.

Without going to details of figures, I state it as my opinion from general observation and from private information, that it would be possible to secure hydro-electric power to the extent of 20,000 H. P. all of it within fifteen miles of the Champion Group, and all of it at prices considered exceedingly favorable.

I state further, that all of this power could be sold to advantage at good profits, considering the conditions, and with certainty of stability in the business.

I am prepared to give details and specific information upon demand.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) M. Hober,

Electrical Engineer.

Portland, Oregon.  
January 10th, 1913.

Champion, Oregon,

October 16th, 1915.

Mr. H. C. Mahon,

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to your request, I will endeavor to embody in the following a complete statement of the physical condition of the West Coast Mines Company property, from information gained personally during my incumbency of four months of Engineer in Charge, - making a complete underground survey of the property, taking over eight hundred assay samples of the veins and overseeing the mining and milling of practically one thousand tons of the ore. While this is too short a period to gain anything like complete knowledge of the present and probable future value of the property of this magnitude, I have been fortunate in having the assistance of two men who are thoroughly familiar with the different ore bodies during the various stages of development, thus greatly facilitating my work of investigation and enabling me to combine the history of the past with the facts of the present.

Stated briefly the property is a combination of three groups of claims originally mined and operated separately and at great profit under the names of the Musick, Champion and Helena, with a total of forty eight claims. It is located in the heart of the Bohemia Mining District, Land and Douglas Counties, Oregon, in the Umpqua National Forest Reserve at an average elevation of five thousand feet above sea level, being fourteen miles by well constructed wagon road from the town of Disston, the nearest railroad point, - transportation facilities being good. The district receives a tri-weekly mail service, the postoffice of Champion being on the Company property, Long distance telephone service connects the camp directly with the outside world, the Company also owning a private telephone system connecting the office with the mines, mill and power house.

Comfortable mess and bunk houses, electric lighted, hot and cold running water, inside toilets and baths suitable for the accommodation of over one hundred men, are maintained by the Company.

A milling plant with a twenty-four hour capacity of ninety tons, consisting of three crushers, thirty stamps, three concentrators, three vanners and six canvas slime tables, is located on the Champion Group, at an elevation of seven hundred feet below the present lowest working tunnel and connected with same by an inclined double track gravity tram thirty-one hundred feet in length, - the descending loaded ore cars hauling up the empties, being attached by clutches to an endless 7/8" cable, all controlled by electric driven hoisting and lowering apparatus. Adjoining the mill plant is the compressor and electric transformer room connected by transmission line with the Company's 300 H. P. water driven power plant seven miles down Champion Creek. (Detailed description and inventory of electrical and other equipment being given in a separate



report.)

The district is well watered and heavily timbered, there being on the West Coast property alone 30,000,000 feet of merchantable fir and sufficient water ordinarily to supply power eleven months of the year.

The ore bodies which are technically known as "lodes" are of great extent varying from three to fifteen feet in width between walls of andesite, the prevailing country rock, and are directly traceable on the surface for many thousand feet. The steep mountain sides afford ideal tunnel sites for years to come, thus eliminating the expense of sinking, and the attendant heavy expense of draining the mine of water by mechanical means.

The Champion Group on which the greatest amount of development work has been done and around which all work centers, lies between the Helena and Musick Groups, - the Helena group consists of 26 claims and is developed by 5660 feet of tunnels and crosscuts. The only thoroughly developed vein on this group is known as the Champion vein, to which I will confine my description, as I will to one vein each on the Musick and Helena, the other known veins being unexploited and developed by short tunnels only, and open cuts neglected naturally for the known riches of the three developed lodes.

This Champion vein or lode is opened up at a depth of over three hundred feet from the surface by a crosscut 950 feet in length known as ~~the tunnel~~, and by ~~three tunnels above~~, and has been stoped in the Western Section practically to the grass roots - something over \$500,000 having been taken out of this section alone according to old records - one stope alone yielding in a single month over \$96,000. The Eastern Section is practically virgin ground and has ore blocked out and ready to mine of approximately twenty thousand tons, at an average value of \$10.00 per ton, while a continuation of ~~the~~ tunnel on the vein for 400 feet would block out ore immediately available for milling of approximately 80,000 tons, which would give reserves for over three years for a mill of the present capacity.

Since taking over the property the present management has opened several new chutes of ore of values ranging from \$30.00 per ton to several hundred dollar, but as these are local enrichments and are not to be depended upon for continuity they are not considered in my estimates. The past workings show that "gouging" for rich ore was the prevalent system of mining, which accounts for the presence of the splendid ore bodies remaining in the old workings - while too low to work at that time with inadequate shipping facilities and crude milling machinery and methods, - modern methods should show a handsome profit on the same ore.

Up to the present time all of the work by the present management has been expended in placing the mine in a workable condition, - it being necessary to retimber tunnels and ore chutes, put in raises for the economical handling of ore and cleaning up the mine generally, - no attempt being made to mine, - the only ore sent to the mill coming from cleaning up, together with ore from the Musick taken out in doing the yearly assessment work, - the assessment work for the year 1915 amounting to \$4,800, being practically completed.

The main working #9 tunnel is electrified and the ore cars are tramped by an electric Baldwin Locomotive from the various ore chutes directly to the inclined tram where they are lowered to the mill, the tram capacity at a safe speed being two tons every five minutes. The ore from the Musick Mine is handled through this same tunnel, it being tramped on the surface from the Musick to #6 Champion tunnel where it is dropped down an ore chute directly to #9 tunnel.

The Musick Mine of twelve claims, one of the earliest producers in the District, has had comparatively little work outside of assessment work done since the combination of the properties in 1902. The present management has placed it in workable condition besides completing the assessment work, etc. It is developed by 4160 feet of tunnels and cross-outs and workable ore to the amount of \$180,000 or approximately 15,000 tons of \$12.00 ore is ready for immediate mining. Two Phenomenally rich ore bodies were taken out of this property during the few years operation on a small scale, and the \$500,000 credited to it is easily believed, the U. S. Mint reports crediting the district with well over a million dollars. Good ore in the floors of the tunnels proving beyond dispute the continuity of the ore with depth, both in richness and extent. Where already mined, the oxidized core of the vein only has been removed, the valuable sulphide ore on either wall having been left in place. Crude milling methods were used, there being no crusher, the ore being crushed by hand and only the free gold values saved. Some of the various waste dumps on the property are of high value and as soon as ore can be handled economically a fine profit can be realized from milling the dumps. The same is true of the Champion dump, with an approximate tonnage of 30,000 tons of \$6.00 value, conclusion arrived at after careful sampling and assaying the present season.

The Helena Property consisting of ten claims from which over \$6000,000 was taken out of a small area, is in a badly caved condition and at present is inaccessible for thorough examination. The writer has taken out some rich specimens from the old workings, which proves nothing beyond the fact that there is foundation for all the rich reports of past production. At present we are driving a tunnel above the old caved workings and are in over 60 ft. at the present writing. Heavy wire gold shows in panning samples of the surface dirt above and beyond the drift, the same character of gold showing in the slips in the face of the drift, giving every indication of a continuation of the rich ore body that was encountered below. Owing to the lateness of the season in getting started on the Helena work, it was thought advisable to start the new drift rather than attempt work on a badly caved tunnel with unknown difficulties to surmount and attendant heavy expenses.

This property has a splendid record and has been entirely neglected since the year of 1902 when combined. It was the plan of the of the new Company to run a tunnel from the Champion side through the mountain and under the Helena lode, in fact, several hundred feet of this tunnel has been run. This plan is feasible and will be carried out by the present management. The portal of this tunnel is near the present milling plant, and will tap the Helena vein 800 ft. below the present lowest tunnel, and 1600 ft. below the highest point on the vein. As it will follow the vein for its entire length, 4,000 ft., it will develop not less than 1,000,000 tons of ore, ready for mining.

Recommendations: - For the future development of the property as a whole I would recommend; First, the continuance of #9 tunnel in the Cham;ion, together with #6 tunnel 240 feet above, the continuation of #12 cross-cut, which is already in 425 feet and within 200 feet of the ore body. This cross cut is 300 feet vertically below #9 and will give a tremendous reserve of ore as soon as the ore body is encountered. The greatest project of all would be the driving of a tunnel at right angles with the veinage system of the District on a level with the mill ore bins which would be 700 feet vertically below #9 - through the mountain to and under the Musick Group a distance of approximately 50000 feet. This would cross out every vein on the Musick and Cham;ion Groups at good depth and would encounter the Musick lode at a depth of 1000 feet below the present deepest developed mines of the world. This tunnel could be run on an immense cross dike showing gold values as high as \$3.00, which might improve with development, and help pay the expense of drifting. An aerial tram is also suggested for the conveyance of ore from the Musick to the Champion mill, a distance of 5400 ft. air line.

Some few additions to the mill equipment are necessary - three concentrators, a Classifier and several units of slime tables will place it in first class condition for continuous and economical work.

We have a harmonious, skilled organization from mine to mill, which in combination with valuable and extensive ore beds, adequate milling machinery and cheap power, should show handsome annual profits.

Very respectfully yours,

R. H. Spencer,

M.E.

*Bohemia Mining District - Lead Area. Musick Mine file*

104 S. 11th St., Cottage Grove, Ore.  
April 2, 1959

Mr. R. L. Anderson,  
Sunshine Mining Co.,  
300 West Mission,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Mr. Anderson:-

This writer learned, through a Mr. Todish, of you. It seems that some three years ago, Todish did an "assessment" job for me. Thus, he came to know much about the BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT AND his having worked at one time for the "SUNSHINE", naturally felt an interest in both, his home being here in C.G.

A few days ago, RAY told me he had been in GRANTS PASS and while there had met a SUNSHINE engineer. For the moment, he could not recall the engineer's name. It is assumed by your GEOLOGIST Mr. COLSON that the reference is of yourself.

This writer is interested in two ways, perhaps that of a selfish interest through having advanced in age to that of 83 and realize the need of "putting-my-house-in-order" through disposing of my mining holdings and second that of seeing a "seasoned" outfit come in and develop the deep base ores of the DISTRICT, a blessing both to the DISTRICT and the supporting community.

Mr. COLSON has advised me that the area has had one examination and rejected. I urge that you, as their engineer, find a way to set aside a few days for a reexamination with a view toward a possible exploration of the underlying deposits.

The DISTRICT, as you no doubt know, has had three big producers of gold from the ores lying above the "water-table".

Of those three, the CHAMPION was, most likely, the most prominent. Now, long since idle. Its No. 12 level is the lowest in elevation of the DISTRICT. It carries in its "sludge" a pronounced indication of "copper". I am told, but not confirmed, that its rails are being metamorphised.

The MUSICK, the next lowest level of the three is carrying a very pronounced deposition of "galena". Of the copper, the sulphide is largely "chalcopyrite".

If you choose to make this a "side-trip", Mr. TODISH lives with his parents on 3d St., My address being that as at the above heading. If I be not at home, my wife can direct you to camp where you will find an "open-house". Should you desire further advance information, you will, of course, so request.  
Sincerely yours,

*Bohemia District is southeast of Cottage Grove, Oregon.*

*Stanley S. Day*

March 30, 1959

Mr. Flويد S. Day  
104 South 11th Street  
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Dear Mr. Day:

One of our examining engineers, Mr. R. L. Anderson, has spent some time in the Medford and Lakeview, Oregon areas, and though he didn't acknowledge meeting Mr. Todish, I suspect he was the Company representative you mention. I am not aware of any conclusions reached at the meeting so I am forwarding a copy of your letter to him.

It may be that we can affect a visit upon the disappearance of the snow.

Please carry your proposal further with Mr. Anderson. His address is:

Mr. R. L. Anderson  
Sunshine Mining Company  
300 West Mission  
Spokane 1, Washington.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. COLSON  
Chief Geologist  
Sunshine Mine

JBC:mls

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April 23, 1959

Mr. Floid S. Day  
104 S. 11th Street  
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Dear Mr. Day:

Your letter to me at this office arrived during my absence from Spokane while in Quebec, Canada.

Our exploration program for 1959 is already planned and the exploration allocation budgeted for the various projects. Under these conditions, no re-examination of the Bohemia District could be expected this year. My itinerary for the summer-fall season is also scheduled.

It is unlikely that we shall become interested in the Bohemia District in the future. My superior, Mr. Garrett, Chief of Exploration, Mining Division, inspected the Champion Mine in the past when employed by a different company and did not find it of economic interest at that time to that company.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Anderson  
Field Engineer

RLA:mj

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May 18, 1955

Mr. Bud Hartman  
Culp Creek  
Oregon

Re: Bohemia District, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I have your letter of May 11th addressed to me at Kellogg.

It will not be possible to talk with Mr. Eichelberger about his report on the Bohemia District as he is in Europe at this time.

I do not see how we can be of any value to Mr. Patten in his pending damage suit. I would suggest that you take this up with us after the suit is settled. In the meantime, we may be able to get some information on the El Capitan and other properties in the district.

Yours very truly,

RK:DO

Rowland King  
Chief Engineer

c/c RMH JR

Rec'd 5/18/55

Bud Hartman  
Culp Creek, Ore.  
May 11, 1955

Mr. Ronald King  
Sunshine Mine  
Kellogg, Idaho

Dear sir;

Sorry I have been delayed getting the information to you, after our conversation over the phone. However, I will give you some of the details.

Mr. Patten has outright 25 claims in this district, also holds power-of-attorney on two others.

On one group there are 23 veins entering a dyke, the dyke is exposed on the surface east to west for 3000 feet, and at places the vein is 2000 feet wide. There has been around 850 feet of drifting and cross cutting at approximately the 200 foot depth.

Searching for high grade ore is all they thought about around this country and they by passed everything else. This is a very ~~LARGE BODY OF~~ ore that big companies look for. The ore consists of au., ag., some cu..

Another group joining this group, has a vein width of 4 feet with a lot of ore exposed. A lot of drifting in this group has exposed rich stibnite, cu., pb., Zn, some ag. with an average value of \$45 au.. There has been some hot spots assaying 21 ozs au. and at places the vein is pure stibnite.

Mr. Patten has some placer claims also.

There is around 25,000,000 feet of virgin timber on these claims, 65% peeler logs.

The Bohemia Lumber Co. is very interested in this property, something could be worked out between a Mining and Lumber Co. if you would want to handle the property that way.

There is an enormous amount of base metal in this country and no one operating. All base metal here carries au.

I suggest you see Mr. Frank Schelberger and read his report on the Bohemia district. There is only one group of these claims in that report and they are called El Capitan Mine. They are known as the President group now. When the writer of this group talked to Mr. Patten, the price was \$10,000 down and a royalty.

See Mr. Schelberger and find out who helped Mr. Watkins examine these claims and write that report, as there is a damage suit pending this month over this group, as Mr. Patten has been held up from mining these claims for four years, would appreciate very much if you will do this at once for me, and as soon as conditions warrant I will let you know and you can send the Co. engineers over and you will not be dissappointed in what you see and hear.

Give my regards to Church.

Yours truly,

Bud Hartman



*Read Instruct  
Oregon*

327 N. 11th St.  
Corvallis, Ore.  
Mar. 24, 1951

Mr. Rowland King  
Sunshine Mining Co.  
611 Peyton Bldg.  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Mr. King:

I have your letter of March 16th answering my letter to you regarding mines in the Bohemia District.

I can see that it is easy to get the idea that the deal is complicated from my letter. However, I can deliver binding contracts on all the mines mentioned. The only bad feature is that separate royalties will have to be paid. In order to avoid making separate lots of concentrates I suggest the amount of royalty be determined from sampling the ore as it goes from the crusher to the fine bins, with appropriate deductions to cover tailing loss and cost of shipping concentrates. I am sure we can work this out if you are interested in leasing or buying after you have examined the mines.

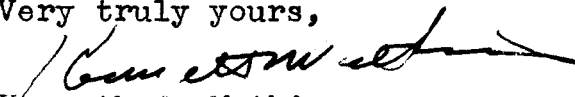
I want \$20,000.00 for assigning my lease on the Champion mine and mill, \$7500.00 of this to be in cash. This is to partially compensate me for preparation and improvement work done last Summer in the Champion mine and mill. No down payment will be required on the other mines. 10% royalty will be satisfactory. I will entertain any other reasonable proposal, but I prefer to lease.

I am enclosing some maps prepared by Manning W. Cox of AS&R in 1946. Plan and assay maps are very large and can best be viewed here by anyone making an examination of the mines.

I am also enclosing part of a prospectus I prepared in 1947. This was never used for sale of stock but part of it gives a good description of the Bohemia mines. Values, tonnage developed and ownerships have changed considerably since it was written.

I will try to answer any questions you may have, but an examination is the best way to get the full picture. If you have any particular type of deal your company requires let me know and I will see if I can make an offer that will fit your proposal.

Very truly yours,

  
Kenneth O. Watkins

Year Ray.

Spokane  
Mar 27/51

Recently a man named Kenneth O. Watkins, of Corvallis, Ore., was referred to me by a mutual Portland friend. It seems that Watkins has, during the past 18 years, purchased and otherwise gained control of quite a group of old mining operations in the Bohemia Mining District, Lane County, Ore. He now wants someone to take over. Among other things he has a lease (5 yrs) on the Champion mill, said to be modern and capable of handling 125 tons/day.

In 1946 Manning W Cox did some mapping of the underground work on several different mines in the group. I have copies of some of the maps made by Cox.

The data submitted shows fair values in the base metals, Cu, Pb, Zn, with good Au and small Ag. The project might be of some interest on account of the base metals.

It occurs to me that you might have a chance to discuss this with Cox and determine, without too much trouble, what is wrong with the project. Evidently the A. S. + R. didn't want it, and it would be well worth while to find out why.

From what information I have now, it would seem that in order to get enough tonnage to keep the mill going, it will be necessary to carry on mining operations at a number of separate places. The veins are not very wide, and the estimated tonnages for individual mines are relatively small.

If you can get something from Cox, I will appreciate it, it might save a lot of time.

Best regards,

Rowland

Ray reported that Cox unwilling to discuss matter in any detail. Intimating that A. S. + R. might still be interested

March 16th 1951

Mr. Kenneth O. Watkins  
327 N. 11th Street  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Your letter of March 12, 1951, regarding your mining properties in the Bohemia Mining District, Lane County, Oregon, has been carefully reviewed.

This matter is of some interest because you have gained control of enough property to reasonably insure a constant source of ore for the Champion mill; and further, because of the lead-copper-zinc content in the ores.

It would appear at first glance that the whole deal is somewhat complicated; you own a number of properties, have stock and voting control in others, and agreements and leases on others. Perhaps this is not as complex as it may seem.

We would be very glad to have you send us the complete data that you mention; after a study of this we will be able to advise you regarding its interest to this company.

Yours very truly,

SUNSHINE MINING COMPANY  
Exploration Division

Rowland King  
Field Engineer

RK:b

cc RDL

327 N. 11th St.  
Corvallis, Ore.  
Mar. 12, 1951

Mr. Rowland King  
Peyton Bldg.  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Mr. King:

At the suggestion of my friend, Mr. Mason Bingham, I am writing you regarding purchase or lease of my mining properties.

I have spent the greater part of the past 18 years in the Bohemia Mining District, Lane County, Oregon. Several years ago I started acquiring the mines there as fast as my finances would permit. I now own the Sunset, Warrener, Annie Trail, Leroy, Lehman and Riverside Mines. I own 44% of the stock and control by voting proxies Helena Mines, Inc., a Nevada corporation, with about 2,200,000 shares of one-cent stock outstanding. This Corporation owns the Oregon-Colorado and Lead Crystal Mines and has a purchase contract on the Helena Mine. This royalty purchase contract is 2/3 completed.

By stock ownership in the Tar Baby Mining Co. and by agreements with the Board of Directors I control the Musick Mine.

I also hold a five-year lease on the Champion Mine and mill. This Champion mill is a modern selective flotation mill with a capacity of 125 tons per day. It is designed to handle ore from all the above-mentioned mines which are within a few miles of the centrally located Champion Mine.

These mines are developed by 74 adets, with about 32,000 feet of drift and crosscut, with raises between levels in the major mines. Veins are narrow, but in most cases walls are good. Distance from smelter makes concentrate transportation expensive. Mining costs are not excessive as hoisting and pumping are eliminated. Value of the ore is high as can be seen from the enclosed sheets.

I milled some ore at the Champion in the latter part of 1950. This operation proved that the grade of the ore was as good or better than mine sampling indicated and convinced me that a reasonable profit can be made if enough ore is mined to keep the mill operating at capacity.

Now, when I finally own or control nearly all the mines in the District and have the mill in shape to treat all types of Bohemia ore, I find my health not too good, my finances too low, and my time taken up with my logging and farming business.

Therefore, I am willing to sell or lease all my mines. I prefer to lease and take a royalty, but will sell if the price is right.

I am enclosing a few sheets to show the type of ore I have developed and the value of the ore mined last Fall.

If you are interested, I have much more data, including plan and assay maps, which I can furnish.

If your company is not interested and you know of any substantial operators who would be, please pass this information on to them.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth O. Watkins

July 22, 1939.

Mr. John C. Higgins,  
Care, G. Spencer Hinsdale,  
Yeon Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear John:

I enjoyed your visit very much and appreciate hearing of your mining activities. Since you were here I have looked up my file on the Bohemia District and have my report, some other reports, an old map of the Champion workings, and some assays, to which you are quite welcome if you care to look them over the next time you are in Seattle. Should I go to Portland I will bring them with me as they might be of some interest.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

G. SPENCER HINSDALE  
710 YEON BUILDING  
PORTLAND, OREGON

July 24, 1939

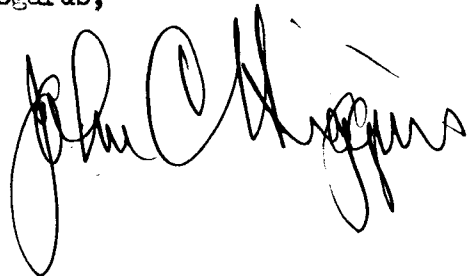
Mr. Lewis A. Levensaler  
Hoge Building  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Levensaler:

Thank you for your letter of the twenty-second. I will be very glad to have a chance to look over your Bohemia reports either on my next trip to Seattle or when you come down here.

I enjoyed my visit with you very much. I tried to get hold of you the next morning to take you down to the Washington Iron Works to look over the dredge they were building, but you were out and I, therefore, had to go without you.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Spencer Hinsdale". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing.



June 28, 1938

Mr. F. Dale Wyatt,  
408 Madison Avenue,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

I wish to thank you very kindly for your favor of June 22 referring to the Helena Mine.

The historical sketch in your letter with reference to the past history and production and present status of this mine has considerable appeal but I am afraid I cannot do anything with the property as most of my sources of money are not very venturesome.

I believe from what you say that it would be possible to get rather a substantial loan from the government right now as they are handing out money rather liberally. It would be advisable to get an up-to-date report on the mine and make application for a loan.

Thanking you for having brought this to my attention, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

408 Madison Ave.  
Cottage Grove, Oregon  
June 22, 1938

Mr. Lewis A. Levensaler  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Levensaler : -

Having met you in the Bohemia district several years ago I am taking the privilege of writing you regarding one of the properties you viewed at time. It is possible you will not be interested in what I have to relate. I do not know what the outside situation is when it comes to raising outside money for mines even though the gamble is removed.

The Helena mine, one of the mines you viewed for Mr. Bob, produced \$2,225,000.00 between the years 1898 and 1902. It was sold in 1902 for a large sum to combination who intended working the Champion, Musick and Helena. The mill was moved from the Helena to the Champion and the Champion was made the center of operation and nothing more was done on the Helena. It caved and none of the old mine could be viewed. It was held by patent and no work was done until 1934. In 1927 I advised a friend to buy it at an administrators sale. From 1927 until 1934 I tried to sell it but the answer was always the same \*Caved and can't see the ore but it looks good. As my time was up on the property and having faith in it I with two friends took an option. They were not mining men and all they did was to furnish a small amount of money and I with a small crew did the work. From May 1934 until October 1934 I shipped six cars of ore to Midvale Utah which gave us \$34,000.00 in gold. With this we built good buildings and put the mine in fine shape. My plan was to continue shipping and develop new ore which was there and put the mine in condition for a mill. The shipping of the ore and the fine showing we had caused my associates to loose their heads. An engineer viewed the property and made them an offer for a one half interest which they thought we should accept as it was big enough for all. My third was cut to one sixth and while I was retained as manager at the mine I had to do the work which was outlined by the engineer who was not on the ground. After a winters work with a crew of men putting in raises to various levels and conditioning the mine it was decided to put in a mill. I objected as the mine was not yet ready

for a mill. It was easy to see that I was not in great favor as I was conservative. I thought it best to resign which I did and later sold to the company.

A fine 40 ton flotation plant was put in - Atlas Imperial Diesel for power and all in all it is a fine plant. The plant cost new was something over \$30,000.00. I have watched the mine because I think it is the real mine in Bohemia. The first summer they milled about 2000 tons of ore and were prepared for winter work. After the snow was on someone left a valve open on the diesel tank and the oil was lost so they shut down for the winter. The recovery for the 2000 tons was very low. Mineral Separation tests showed a recovery of 97% as possible with the mill but not being willing to pay the price of a mill man and thinking some other reagents just as good they lost between 30% and 40% of a good grade ore. They had failed to do necessary timbering and during the winter parts of the mine caved and known ore was covered. While the caves are not bad the next order was get what you can during the summer of 1937 and quit. This was done and not a foot of new ground was opened up and less than one half of the ore we had opened with our years work was left in the mine. The mine has since gone thru another winter and it will take a little work to put it into shape. The work of the summer of 1937 was under a leaser and his job was to get what high grade he could. Here is something that can be proven and that is for a period of six weeks his mill tails did not go below \$20.00. They milled 2000 ton. On the 4000 (about) tons milled they produced something over \$150,000.00

The Helena Mines Inc. is thru. The mine has gone back to the owner and the mill which is in good condition is on the property and is owned by the leaser. It is for sale I understand for \$10,000.00. The original price we had on the mine was \$75,000.00 but the owner who lives in Idaho has been told that they wrecked the mine and he is holding for \$10,000.00 on terms. It will take a small down payment on the mine and cash for the mill but the mill can be moved from the property and is worth what is asked for it. I have the mine tied up for a short period.

What I would like to do is this- Find someone with between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00 who would be willing to buy the mill and contract the mine in their own name. Let me produce the ore which I know exists and mill it with the right recovery under a good mill man. I would ask a small living wage. The first money made would go to refund the amount paid for the mill, the cash payment required for the mine and the cost of mining, milling and shipping this known ore. After this is refunded then I am asking an interest in the property which I believe should be 50%. I know the mine and know what can be done. If it were just for what I know is in sight I would not be so interested but it is what it will develop into that makes it such a good proposition. However what is in sight will make everyone a nice profit.

Is their money for such a thing? If you know of anyone that might be interested on a quick sure deal of this kind I would appreciate hearing from you and could be pleased to come to Seattle and go over the deal with them.

If you are interested a wire at the above address will reach me.

Sincerely,

*F. Dale Wyatt*

F. Dale Wyatt

H. T. Andrus

Yonkers - N York

Sometime ago I examined a gold mine in

AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING CO.  
1108 HOPE BLDG. SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
Mining Department

Bohemia Dist - ~~near Cottage Grove~~ <sup>western</sup> Oregon I have

just now been able to work out terms with  
owner stop. The mine ~~has~~ had a large gold  
production from oxidized ore near the  
surface and when the ore became too base  
to work profitably by methods ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> twenty  
years ago operation ceased but with new  
~~mining methods of~~ <sup>method</sup> concentration by  
selective flotation the values can be  
saved and operation made highly  
profitable stop. This mine has ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> greatest  
development possibilities I have seen and  
shows all the earmarks of a big producer  
and can be had on very attractive basis if  
interested ~~could furnish~~ <sup>could furnish</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> details  
~~would you be interested~~ address Hope Bldg

L. G. L.

December 17, 1934

Mr. Fred J. Bartles,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartles:

I have just written to Mr. MacInnis  
as requested in your letter of the 12th.

Enclosed is a letter addressed to  
the State Board of Engineer Examiners which you  
may use if it will serve your purpose.

I am glad to hear that you have  
finally placed the Champion Mine with satis-  
factory persons.

Wishing you every success and with  
kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

LAL:B  
Encl.

December 17, 1934

Mr. A. L. MacInnis,  
Congress Hotel,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. MacInnis:

Mr. Fred J. Bartels has written to me regarding your interest in the Champion Mine, and he has asked me to write you my impression of the mine and of him.

I examined the mine in 1930, and as a result I made a recommendation to my client to drive the lower tunnel because I felt that the chances of picking up the vein at that depth and bringing the property back to production were good. However, the property was under option to others who had brought it to my client and they were unable to agree on satisfactory terms.

I have known Mr. Bartels for a good many years and my experience with him has shown that he is thoroughly honest, hard working, and a capable engineer.

I hope your contact with Mr. Bartels will be pleasant and your development of the mine remunerative.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B



ALFRED F. SMITH  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

HOTEL

CONGRESS

PORTLAND, OREGON

Dec 12 - 34

Mr L. A. Lervusalev;  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr Lervusalev;

Have just completed  
a report on the Champion Mine for Mr.  
A. L. Mae Innis. We have contracted the  
Champion to Mr. Mae Innis.

Will you kindly write  
a letter to Mr. A. L. Mae Innis, Congress  
Hotel, Portland, telling him what your  
opinion is as to the Champion and what your  
reactions are as to my ability.

I intend to make  
application for registration to the State  
Board of Engineers Examiners, and a letter from  
you to the Board will be greatly  
appreciated, as to my character, ability, etc.

Kind regards,  
Fred J. Bartels.



SIXTH AVENUE AT MAIN STREET



April 9, 1934

Mr. J. G. Baragwanath,  
230 Park Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Baragwanath:

Re: Champion and Music Mines,  
Bohemia District, Oregon.

I left with Mr. Wilson some data regarding these properties and he was going to write me as to whether or not they were of interest.

While the gold values are fairly good, the ore is very complex and would involve rather an elaborate milling process.

The person who holds the option on the Champion Mine and who brought it to my attention is extremely anxious to know whether or not it is of interest.

I should appreciate an early reply.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B

Evening Star  
April 4 - 34

Dear Louie:

Your letter of 3/9 was received by me shortly after arrival at C. Grove, and answered immediately. In answering I informed your request agreeable. Since that time we have had no word from you. Will you kindly inform quickly as possible if you propose coming here as stated in your letter.

A party who is an Operator and fully able to handle the deal has been urging us to inform what we propose to do. Before doing anything we will await your definite answer.

Kind regards

*F. J. Murtels*  
*Ray H.*

P.S. Have not been out since December and we are doing fine in the Mill. Plan going out about the 15th and would like to have you in before that date.

F.B.

Evening Star  
Mar 21 - 34

Dear Louie:

Your letter received  
yesterday, and arrangement will  
be agreeable.

D. H. B. Kindly inform my  
father one day in advance, and  
he can arrange to have you  
brought up here.

If not too much trouble  
would appreciate a little bourbon  
as I'm awfully dry.

Kind regards  
F. J. Bartels

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Evening Star mine

Mar 3 - 34

Mr R.E. Tobin,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr Tobin:

Your letter came in today and I'm surprised that you have not received the contract.

To hurry things along I showed my father, and also wrote him a note to have Judge Harris change the name in the Collins contract and forward to you. The contract was registered to you Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and when your letter was received my folks had the postmaster send a tracer.

I wrote Mr Serrussaw that I was very busy & thought that contract would answer the purpose until we should do something definite, and that also would save making a trip out.

I sent the letter from Serrussaw to Judge Harris, and my mother informed that an addressed envelope was enclosed when the contract was sent to Cottage Grove for the signature of my father and Secretary, so fail to understand

how an error could have been  
made as Judge Harris is a  
very careful man.

I'm sorry over the  
delay as I hurried the thing along  
as much as possible, and as no letter  
acknowledging receipt of the contract  
was received is reason for the Seattle  
letter of inquiry which you answered.

Very truly yours  
F. J. Bartlett

Evening Star  
Feb 25-34

Mr L. A. Lervusalew,  
Seattle, Washington,  
Dear Lervusalew:

Have an opportunity to send mail out tomorrow, and wish to inquire whether you received the contract. As we have a great deal of work to be done here did not desire to go out unless absolutely necessary, and figured the Collins contract would answer the purpose until we meet.

I selected you from a group of four who asked for a contract as I have a lot of confidence in your ability as a mining man and manager.

At the present time we are driving a raise and are in on which pass a long string of free gold, and more coarse than we generally get. Have the block uncovered for a length of 150 feet above; all of which is good mill ore.

Kind regards,  
F. J. Baileys

E. R. BRYSON  
RICHARD SHORE SMITH  
LAWRENCE T. HARRIS

**HARRIS, SMITH & BRYSON**  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW  
201-6 MINER BUILDING  
EUGENE, OREGON

February 6, 1934.

Re Bartels Mining Company-  
Tobin lease, option

Mr. J.H. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove,  
Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I hand to you in triplicate  
the documents which you requested. You should sign  
as Vice-president.

The documents should then be forwarded  
by you to Lewis A. Levensaler, Hoge Building, Seattle.  
Mr. Tobin should be requested to sign each of the  
three documents and return two of them to you.

Yours very truly,

HARRIS, SMITH & BRYSON,

By

*Lawrence T. Harris*

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encls

*3 Gandy return copies to  
J. H. Bartels  
#  
Cop 43  
Cottage Grove,  
Oregon.*

M. A. NEWMAN  
MINING ENGINEER

Mr. Lewis A. Kewensder,  
1110 Hoge Bldg.,  
Seattle, Wash.

Union League Club  
San Francisco, Cal.  
Feb. 2/34-

Dear Kewensder; your letter of the 29 ult. just received and thank you for the information on the geology of the Blue Ledge Mine.

Regarding the Champion Mine in the Bohemia District in Oregon, am enclosing you the results of a preliminary sampling of this property made by me last August.

The enclosed blue print shows assays of samples taken by either Bartels or an engineer by the name of Esmeralda A. Collins. It goes on their representations that I looked into the property and my samples are those in yellow. Gold was calculated at the old price. My results were anything but satisfactory, so I dropped the matter entirely.

It was put up to me as having 50,000 tons of 70 ore left in future, but I failed to find it.

You can make a copy of the bluepoint if you so desire, and when through with it, kindly return same to me.

Looked into the Pulisade Mine in Napa Co. - two weeks after you did. Would have sampled the low grade oxidized ore in the upper levels if the owners had granted me sufficient time. They wanted 1000 cash so I let them keep the property for some one else.



M. A. NEWMAN  
MINING ENGINEER

My idea was if this upper block of ore could be worked profitably, the profits could be used in sinking from the present lowest level. Under such conditions I thought the gamble might be worth taking.

Have had considerable work of late, but not much money in it. Have had to take the work at almost any price.

Will be pleased to hear from you always when you have the time to write.

Yours Sincerely  
M. A. Newman

January 29, 1934

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

As I am leaving in a few days for New York, I shall appreciate it very much if you will draw up an option on your property for me.

Please have the option read to Mr. R. E. Tobin, who is in the office here with me, as I can handle it to better advantage in making a presentation of the property. Please sign the option and after Mr. Tobin receives and signs it he will forward it to New York. If any detail changes are necessary we can work them out after I return, but I should like to have this option with me in New York.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B

January 11, 1934

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I have given the subject of the Champion Mine considerable thought recently and I have about decided to make a trip to New York to see if I can interest friends of mine there.

Before doing so, however, I naturally would like an exclusive option, which I assure you I will not abuse, nor will I hold up the property any longer than it takes me to find out whether or not my people are prepared to carry out the terms of such an opinion on my recommendation.

You can either have the option made out and sent to me, or if you think it advisable I will meet you at Eugene and we can go to Judge Harris' office to work out the details.

Please let me hear from you, preferably by telegraph, at the earliest possible moment.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B

Evening Star

Jan 5, 34

Mr L. A. Lervusalev,  
Seattle, Wash,

Dear Mr Lervusalev;

Your letter of Jan 3,  
received this evening, and in reply  
wish to inform that the remaining  
\$135,000.00 is to be spread over a period  
of five years. The 15% royalty to apply  
on payments due. as the Collins  
contract is in Judge Harris's office  
cannot tell you how the remaining  
amount was proportioned.

We will give you a  
reasonable time, and if you can line  
up the proper people kindly inform  
in advance so we can meet you in  
Judge Harris's office in Eugene. I am  
confident we will have no difficulty  
with the contract, or your commission  
also may reach an agreement and sell  
all of the property.

James reported favorable on  
the Champion. He is the most hard-boiled  
engineer I have ever met. Sincerely, F. J. Bartels

January 3, 1934

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Bartels:

I wish to thank you very kindly for your favor of December 26 informing me that you have decided not to give the people with whom you have been dealing any more time.

I know you appreciate the fact that with this information coming to me at this particular time it is going to be a little difficult to do anything with it. Investors generally hold off during the first part of the year. However, I shall go right to work on the job and see if I can line up the proper people who are able to satisfy you and carry the deal through to completion.

While I have no written agreement from you, it is my understanding that the purchase price of the property is \$150,000.00; \$5,000.00 to be paid on completion of examination and acceptance of the contract; \$10,000.00 to be paid within one year from that date; and the remaining \$135,000.00 to be paid on a royalty basis of fifteen per cent of the production. If this is correct I wish you would confirm it by letter.

Also, in the event I am successful in completing this deal, let me know what you will allow me for having brought it to a successful conclusion.

I hope that you are doing well with your operation and taking every advantage of \$34.00 gold.

Kindest regards, and wishing you a Prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely,

LAL:B

Cottage Grove, Or  
Dec 26-33

Mr L. E. Lervensaler,  
Seattle, Wn.,

Judge Harris  
Surgeon

Dear Mr Lervensaler:

Have decided to not give  
the people with whom we were dealing  
any more time. Have been put off from  
time to time all summer, and I think  
that sufficient for them.

Will you please let  
me know when you can be here.

Nearly all the snow  
is out of the hills, and I will leave  
for the mine in the morning with  
a load of freight. My father will phone  
me the time of your arrival here,  
and I will meet you.

Very truly yours,  
F. J. Bartels

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Royalty 15%

10,000 one year

on price of \$150,000.

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Sept. 12th, 1933.

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

My dear Lewis:-

Thanks very much for your letter of Sept. 6th and the information contained therein on the Champion Mine near Cottage Grove, and the Mountain Lion Mine in the Republic District. Will pass this on later to Bill Morehead at the first opportunity and I am sure he will be duly grateful.

We are all busy as hell down here with gold at \$29.00 per ounce and none in sight. Every old "cat" now has possibilities.

Flew to Cheyenne, Wyoming, to look over a no-good Quicksilver prospect and stopped between planes in Salt Lake as I returned.

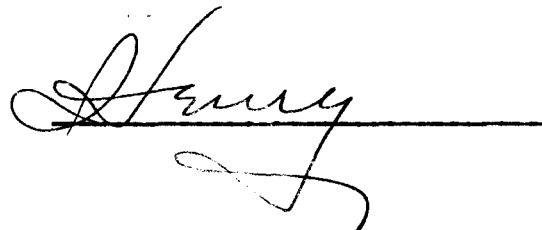
Saw Means and Stiers who seem to be mostly waiting for something to happen.

My son, Gordon, has been in Oregon the past two weeks looking over a flock of "cats" and originally he intended to make Seattle and would have called on you but I have pulled him back from Portland.

Can't you think of some excuse to get down this way as I am saving a pinch bottle of Scotch but it is hard work and it may not stand the strain.

Again thanking you for the information regarding the mines and with kindest regards to yourself and good wife, I am

Sincerely yours,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry", is written over a horizontal line.

HWG/S

September 6, 1933

Mr. H. W. Gould,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Henry:

Your letter of August 18 with reference to the Champion Mine in the Bohemia District near Cottage Grove, Oregon, has remained unanswered on account of my absence from Seattle.

I visited this property a few years ago but did not make a thorough examination as some one had been in there ahead of me and sampled it in considerable detail. I have often wanted to see the results of this sampling but never have. All I can say at this time is that no business developed as a result of the sampling.

Much of the ore that was sampled was mixed oxide and sulphide. The ore itself is rather complex, carrying zinc, copper and lead. However, the previous operation showed a good gold content. The future of the property depends entirely upon the development of sulphide ore that could be treated by selective flotation.

It is my understanding that the present owners are milling ore from the oxidized portion of the mine, in a small way. This operation, however, is limited.

I have always thought well of the property from a development standpoint.

With reference to the Mountain Lion Mine in the Republic District that Bill Moorehead inquired about, I do not believe this property would be of any interest by itself as it has shipped some ore in the past both to the Tacoma and Trail smelters. The property is interesting to anyone planning on a consolidation of numerous groups in the Republic District. The Days, of Wallace, Idaho, are very heavily interested in the camp, and in fact have examined the Mountain Lion Mine.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B



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ECONOMY, CAPACITY, EXTRACTION

August 18th, 1933.

Mr. Lewis Levansaler,  
Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Lewis:-

A friend of mine seems very much interested in the Champion Mine in the Bohemia District near Cottage Grove, Oregon. I believe you told me once that you did considerable work in this District and I was wondering if the property was worth a trip up there.

The information that comes to my friend is that there is a large tonnage of ore blocked out of which I am naturally skeptical.

Any information that you could give me would be very much appreciated.

Bill Morehead was just in and wanted to know if I would ask you if you knew anything of the Mt. Lion Mine in the Republic District, Ferry County, Washington. Richardson, Bill's man Friday down at the New Idria, heard of it and got all hepped up about it. Bill sent him to look at it but I told him you would know all about it. A word regarding same would be appreciated.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



HWG/S

P. S. Was sorry to have missed you on your last trip down but was in New York or Washington A few business?  
Kindred  
HJ.

June 8, 1933

Mr. F. L. Sizer,  
1106 Hobart Building,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Frank:

I wish to thank you for your favor of May 31 enclosing a letter from C. E. Root, Eugene, Oregon, parts of which read like a dime novel.

I have visited both the Lucky Boy and the Bohemia Districts. There is no similarity in the two areas, and certainly no connection. The Bohemia District I believe has some good possibilities. I consider the headwaters of the Blue River absolutely worthless, from what I have seen.

I am not familiar with the Wineberry District. From the description given in Mr. Root's letter it would be rather inaccessible. Deep development in the Cascades of Oregon has been very disappointing.

I am returning Mr. Root's letter herewith.

I am sorry things did not develop favorably enough so that we could do something with the Rainbow.

Mr. Elmendorf is at present in the hospital. His condition is very much improved and he will probably be out in another ten days.

Let me hear from you occasionally. Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

LAL:B

March 18, 1933

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

Since receiving your favor of February 4 I have been busy trying to finance a property in Alaska, which I hope to conclude shortly. If your property is then available I will send you a preliminary contract for consideration.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B

Cottage Grove, W  
Feb 6-33

Mr. S. A. Levensaled,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Levensaled:

Just out from the mine, and the reason I did not connect with your telegram - the phone line has been out, and my father could not reach me.

For the last 60 days we have had almost a continual storm. The E. Star house & mill are completely snowed under but we ran the mill the last 22 days & will run a steady day shift just as soon as I return. We have a fine stope opened - average 4' wide.

You might send the form contract you speak of altho I may not be out for another 30 days.

Sincerely yours

F. J. Bartels

February 2, 1933

Mr. Fred J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I regret very much that we failed to make connections as per my telegram to you from San Francisco. I was prepared to get off at Eugene and go over the matter with you with reference to an option on the Champion.

If you still wish to do something with the development of this property kindly let me know and I will send you a form of contract that you can read over and make such corrections and suggestions as you desire, after which we can get together for a final draft.

I hope that you have had a successful winter operation, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

LAL:B

Champion

Feb 2 - 33

Mr L. A. Lervensalew,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr Lervensalew:

A party brought the two letters from you to the Champion mill today where I met him.

I have been very busy at the mine, as the season has not been out. Also the phone line has been down for the last three weeks so it has been impossible to talk outside.

As a preliminary will send your letters to Judge Harris and can draw a option along the lines of the Collins contract for 60 days. The Collins contract does not contain agreement as to commission but if your people do business we will draw a separate agreement for your commission, and work out any changes necessary in the contract.

on the entire property  
if you can get a \$15,000 payment and  
your people install about a 25 ton  
float plant in the evening star mill  
will let the entire property go.

The Mitchell contract was  
for \$250,000 on entire property which  
carried a \$50,000 commission. So you  
can work along those lines if you so  
desire.

Sorry I could not meet  
you in Eugene. However any contract or  
option drawn now, or before final details  
would perhaps be changed anyway.

Kindly keep me informed  
as to your progress.

Sincerely  
F. J. Batels

# Memo of Contract

Agreement dated this — day of January 1933, between Fred J. Bartels of Cottage Grove Oregon, hereinafter called the optionor, party of the first part, and L. A. Liversaler, of Seattle, Washington, hereinafter called the optionee, party of the second part.

Whereas the optionor is the owner of — mining claims in the Bohemia Mining District, about — miles east of Cottage Grove, Oregon, comprising approximately — acres, the title to which property is guaranteed by the optionor as clear and unencumbered, the names of the — mining claims being as follows:

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Whereas it is desired by the parties hereto that the optionee shall explore, develop, equip and operate the said mining property for mutual benefit according to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

Now therefore, in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one (\$1.) Dollar by each party to the other in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The purchase price of <sup>the purchase price for as herein provided</sup> the mining properties herein described is \$250.
2. ~~The~~ The period of this agreement shall be twenty (20) years from the date hereof subject to earlier termination as hereinafter provided.
3. The optionee agrees to begin the exploration <sup>within a period of ninety (90) days or as soon thereafter as snow conditions permit</sup> and development of the property <sup>thereby</sup> and placing thereon such mining, milling and other equipment, buildings, etc as he may find justified and desirable in the best interests of the property, ~~within a period of ninety days or as soon thereafter as snow conditions~~

~~permissit the economic handling of supplies and equipment to the mine.~~

5. All the money needed in connection with the programme indicated in clauses 3 + 4 hereof, together with such amount of money as may be needed for current working capital, if and when the property is upon a producing basis, shall be provided as an advance by the optionee.

6. If and when the property is upon a producing and profitable basis, the net profits, (arrived at by deducting from the net proceeds of the crude ore and/or concentrates or other products, the operating expenses of the property,) shall be divided as follows, to-wit:

(a) Seventy five (75%) percent of the said net profits shall be credited against the advances of the optionee mentioned in clause 5, until such time

4. After beginning exploration and development as provided in clause 3 the optionee agree a minimum of 100 shafts per month.

as the said advances together with interest thereon at six (6%) percent per annum shall have been there reimbursed to the optionee.

(b) Twenty five (25%) percent of the said net profits shall be divided in the proportion of fifty (50%) percent thereof <sup>shall</sup> <sup>and apply on the purchase price mentioned in clause 1</sup> to the optionee, and fifty (50%) percent thereof to the optionee and shall be paid accordingly at quarterly intervals.

7 If and when the reimbursement mentioned in clause 6, paragraph (a) hereof has been effected, all the net profits thereafter shall be divided in the proportion of fifty (50%) percent thereof <sup>and shall apply on the purchase price mentioned in clause 1</sup> to the optionee, and fifty (50%) percent thereof to the optionee, and shall be paid accordingly at quarterly intervals.

("Clause 8" over")

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When the optionor shall have received from the optionee through operation or otherwise the sum of two hundred & fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars he shall deliver <sup>to the optionee</sup> a proper deed to the properties herein mentioned and this contract shall terminate. ~~provided that no default~~



9. Upon the termination of each quarterly period hereof, the optionee shall render accounts, as soon as conveniently possible, and shall make distribution of the profits to be accounted for hereunder under clauses 6 and 7 hereof.

10. At all reasonable times the accredited representative of the optionor shall have full and free access to the property covered hereby and to the plants and the books and to the metallurgical and financial records, so as to be current informed thereof and so as to be assured as to the correctness of the accounts as rendered.

11. The optionor shall have sixty (60) days from the date of mailing of the said quarterly accounts within which to examine the same and to object thereto in writing, if any error

is found therein, and failing such 6  
objection within the said period, the  
accounts shall be considered as correct

12. The product from the mines, whether crude  
ore, concentrates or other products, shall  
be marketed at the best terms obtainable  
thereon from any reputable smelters in  
the United States, with due regards to  
difference in freight rates thereto,

13. The charge for Seattle ~~administration~~ <sup>office expenses</sup>  
shall be ten (10¢) cents per ton on all ore  
milled and/or shipped, but not exceeding  
Three Hundred (300) dollars per month and  
shall not be charged until the property  
is upon a producing and profitable basis.

14. The optionee hereby expressly reserves  
the right to terminate this agreement  
at any time during the period hereof  
upon giving thirty (30) days previous  
notice in writing to the optionor of his  
intention so to do and upon the

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termination hereof either by limitation or by notice as herein provided, the optionee shall be under no further liability hereunder other than the payment of all bills and other obligations incurred by him and all profits due the optionor up to the date of such termination, and the optionor shall be entitled to take possession of the said property together with all machinery, buildings and equipment placed thereon, free and clear of any further claim in regard thereto upon the part of the optionee.

15. The optionee agrees to keep said premises free and clear from any and all liens for labor and material, and the optionor reserves the right to post on said premises such notice or notices required by law to protect said premises from any lien or liens for indebtedness incurred by the optionee.

6 If the optionee shall abandon operations, except for causes beyond his control, for a period of six (6) months or more, it shall be lawful for the optionor to enter upon the properties for the time being subject to this agreement and there upon this agreement shall be terminated, but without prejudice to any claim by either party against the other in respect to any breach of this agreement prior to the date of the said entry or claim by the optionor to any share of the profits payable by the optionee under this agreement down to such date.

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Nothing in this agreement shall interfere with the present <sup>mining and milling</sup> operations of F. J. Bartel on the properties herein mentioned, until a mill has been placed upon the property by the optionee, provided such operations of F. J. Bartel ~~shall~~ do not extend below the level of Champion tunnel No 9. After a suitable mill has been placed on the property by the optionee.



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18. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

I witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed and their seals affixed and duly attested.

Attest:

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optinor

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COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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December 7, 1932

Mr. Fred J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

My trip to British Columbia has been delayed, but I am leaving tomorrow. Therefore it will be a matter of perhaps two weeks before I can meet you at Eugene or Cottage Grove.

I hope that I will not have any further delays.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

November 23, 1932

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I wish to thank you for the copy of Minerals Separation tests made on your ore. I have not had a chance to study this carefully but it looks as though a very good separation can be made.

I expect to make a trip to British Columbia within the next day or so and upon my return will try to arrange to come to Cottage Grove and talk over with you the option on the Champion.

I really believe I can devote my time to handling your property this winter. I have already discussed it with two or three and I feel confident that we can work out an arrangement to your satisfaction.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B

1110 Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Washington,  
November 4, 1932

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Box 43,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

My dear Bartels:

I have your favor of October 29 referring to the work that Mr. Carl F. Williams did at the Champion Mine. I would appreciate very much receiving the results of Mr. Williams' work.

Other matters have come up that have prevented me coming to Cottage Grove, but I anticipate being able to get away right after election.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

Box 43  
Cottage Grove, Oregon  
October 29, 1932

Mr. L.A. Leavensaler  
1004 Hoge Building  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Leavensaler:—

During the summer, Mr. Carl F. Williams visited this district, as a movement was on foot to build a custom mill. We have just received the results of Mr. Williams work, and thought they might be of interest to you.

The sample from No. 9 level, was taken from five different places and quartered down from two hundred pounds. The sample from No. 6 level was cut across three faces five feet wide and a portion taken from our mill heads over a period of a week.

Yours very truly,

*F. J. Bartels*

FJB:R

San Francisco, October 17, 1972

Mr. L. A. Levensaler,

Seattle, Washington..

Dear Mr. Levensaler:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 15th and wish to thank you for same. My understanding is that you do not believe it is worth while to take this Wyatt proposition up at the present time, but in the event anything should develop in the future which you believe would be of interest to us you will advise me.

With personal regards,

Yours very truly,



A.H. RICHARDS

AHR:G

1110 Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Washington,  
October 15, 1932

Mr. A. H. Richards,  
American Smelting & Refining Company,  
405 Montgomery Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Richards:

With further reference to the possibilities of Mr. Dale Wyatt's erecting a custom mill to treat the Bohemia ores near Cottage Grove, Oregon, I doubt if the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, under its present regulations, could advance money for this purpose as the venture could not guarantee either interest or return of capital and no would would assume any personal liability.

It will be necessary for Mr. Wyatt, in submitting his proposal for financing, to have his request backed by at least one or two reputable engineer's estimates of the tonnage and grade of ore actually available. So far as I know these are not available -- they have several reports but made by engineers without standing.

Personally, I believe the district has merit but I do not know who would be willing to finance the investigation.

I am corresponding with an owner of one of the important properties in the Bohemia District so I will be able to keep more or less in touch with the situation, and should anything develop that might be of interest to either Tacoma or Selby I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

1110 Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Washington,  
October 15, 1932

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Champion Mine,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of  
September 26.

If you feel that you are willing to make a  
deal on a development basis, such as we previously  
discussed, I will be glad to go into the details of an  
option with you; but I will be unable to do anything  
with the property if a cash payment is required on the  
purchase price or fixed payments due from time to time.  
Such a deal simply can not be handled.

It is possible to get money for development,  
and when the property is sufficiently developed to  
warrant the proper type of mill to divide the profits  
between owner and operator, such profits as are paid  
to the owner to apply on purchase price to be agreed  
upon.

Please let me hear from you with reference to  
this.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B



San Francisco, October 5, 1932

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

Dear Mr. Levensaler:

I must apologize for delay in an\_s\_wering your letter of September 14th with reference to Mr. F. Dale Wyatt's proposal.

If my understanding is correct, the finance group would pay for this mill and the mill would be owned by a corporation who would agree to pay this money back within a certain length of time. The profits therefore would go to this corporation and in the event our Company did take over the management, it would be entirely up to us to make it a profitable ven\_ture. I assume that our Mining Department would appoint a man\_ager to operate the mill and he would employ his own staff and operate it on some definite salary basis. If I have the right idea of the picture, we would be assuming quite a responsibility. I do not know that we would object to this in the event a survey indicated that there was sufficient ore available amenable to concentration and of the proper grade.

I would appreciate hearing further from you just how you believe we could come into the picture and I will then put the whole proposition up to our Mining and Milling Department to see whether they would be willing to co-operate.

Needless to say if such a mill is installed either Tacoma or Selby would be very interested in obtaining the tonnage for same.

Yours very truly,



A.H. RICHARDS

AHR:G

Champion Mine,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon  
September 26, 1932

Mr. L.A. Levensaler  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Levensaler:-

Since my last letter to you, I thought it would be possible for me to make a trip to Seattle and discuss the Champion with you. However, due to building the mill, I have found it impossible for me to get away.

Considerable work remains to be done to get the mill in condition for continuous operation during the winter months.

If you can come to Cottage Grove, I can meet you there, or have a car bring you to the mine. I think we can come to an agreement along lines discussed to start work in number twelve.

We have had a very short summer but think we can plan on six or seven weeks of favorable weather to prepare for winter.

With kind personal regards,

I remain, yours truly,

F. J. Bartels

FJB:R

San Francisco, September 16, 1932

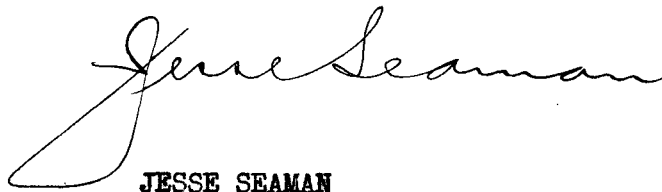
Mr. L. A. Levensaler,  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Levensaler:

Your letter to Mr. Richards of the 14th inst.,  
regarding a suggestion for Mr. F. Dale Wyatt, is at hand.

Mr. Richards is away on vacation and will not be  
back until about September 27th, when your letter will be brought to  
his attention.

Yours very truly,



JESSE SEAMAN

JS:G

Cottage Grove, Oregon.  
September 3, 1932.

Mr. Lewis Levensaler  
Hoge Bld'g  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Levensaler:

At the present time we are working on a Custom Mill for the Bohemia Mining District. The mill is to be financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and is to be owned by the district or a cooperative group. While we are certain of the funds and are busy working out the details there are problems that confront us. It is probable that the Mineral Separation North American Corporation will do the work for<sup>us</sup>, but the problem of management is coming up soon and I have an idea that I am wondering if it could be worked out. The United States Smelting Company have been in the field and are anxious to buy the ores but I do not know any of them so do not care to ask their opinion. Your people no doubt would like to get the output from such a plant, and my idea in a rough way is this: We obtain funds from the finance group to pay for the mill and the mill is owned by the district but we must, as you know, keep the management out of our hands; Could the mill be placed under the management of the smelting company taking our products?

Do you have any information on this subject and do you believe such an idea could be worked out?

Very truly yours,

*F. Dale Wyatt*

September 14, 1932

Mr. F. Dale Wyatt,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

I have just returned from Montana and have your letter of September 3.

I am glad to learn that you have succeeded in arranging for finances for a custom mill for the Bohemia Mining District, and I will at once take up the question of management, as suggested in your letter, and write you just as soon as I receive replies.

Personally, I think well of your proposal and believe there is enough ore in the properties that are more or less centrally located to support the operation of a custom mill of moderate capacity. However, some study should be made regarding tonnage available and the character of the ore, for as I recall it, at the Champion, the ore was rather complex and there occurred at the horizon of the lower tunnel a mixture of oxide and sulphide ores.

Please let me hear from you further regarding your plans.

Thanking you for having brought this to my attention, I am with personal regards,

Sincerely,

LAL:B

1110 Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Washington,  
September 14, 1932

Mr. A. H. Richards,  
American Smelting & Refining Co.,  
405 Montgomery Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Richards:

I am enclosing copy of a letter that I have just received from Mr. Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt at one time was in control of the Musick Mine, one of the former producers of the Bohemia District. He put this property into a consolidation with the Champion Mine which was the largest former producer.

At one time I tried to get Mr. Guess to undertake some development in this camp but he was not inclined to do so; probably because of my intimation that the veins occurred in tertiary andesite and that deep development in the Coast tertiary andesites has been discouraging. He therefore did not feel like undertaking deeper development of an area that had a bad geological record.

After gold properties became more in demand I again tried to interest him, stating that it would take only a reasonable amount of money to determine if these fissures actually went down and continued at greater depth in commercial ore. If so the camp would offer great development possibilities, but he did not feel sporty enough to try it.

Please write me if you think either Selby or Tacoma could entertain Mr. Wyatt's proposal and be of some assistance to him. It will probably be necessary for Mr. Wyatt to assure the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that the money will be spent under experienced executives.

Personally, I think well of the venture but feel that a more careful study should be made of the

A. H. Richards

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September 14, 1932

Bohemia District before building a custom mill, but as the government generally does things backwards they will probably build the mill first and then begin to look to the ore. If they want to do it this way of course I do not believe in discouraging them for I believe that some gold bullion and concentrates can be shipped from Bohemia. The district is not without merit.

Yours very truly,

LAL:B  
Encl.

Cottage Grove  
Ore

June 22 1932

Mr L. A. Levensaler,

Seattle Wn.

Dear Sir —

answering your letter of  
June 18<sup>th</sup> will say that  
Fred is in the mines  
and will be out July 1<sup>st</sup>

He expects to see you  
when he comes out this time.

Very truly yours

J. H. Bartells.



June 18, 1932

Mr. Fred J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

It has been my intention to go to Cottage Grove to confer with you regarding the Champion Mine but I have not yet had the opportunity. However, I still have it in mind and hope to be able to meet you before long.

Some time ago I asked you about the map that Mr. Squires made for Mr. Mitchell, reflecting his complete sampling and giving assay returns, etc. Do you think it possible to obtain a copy of this map? If you know Mr. Squires why don't you write to him to see if you can get the map now that Mr. Mitchell is through with the property and out of the picture?

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

May 24, 1932

Mr. P. J. Bartels,  
P.O.Box 43,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

Glad to hear from you but sorry to learn that you have been laid up with a broken knee cap.

Just at present I cannot state whether or not it will be possible to meet you at Cottage Grove in about three weeks. I will have to let you know at a later date.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

Cottage Grove, Ore

May 22 - 32

Box 93

Mr S. A. Lervensalew,  
Seattle, Wn.

Dear Sir:

Remained at the champions  
much longer than I had intended  
due to a broken knee cap, so cannot  
make the trip to Seattle at this time.

One can now drive to the  
champion mill, and in about three  
weeks to the boardinghouse.

Will you please inform  
if you can meet me in Eugene, or  
Cottage Grove in about three weeks  
to discuss Champion mine.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

F. J. Bartels

February 19, 1932.

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your favor of the 9th.  
I will be glad to see you on your trip to  
Seattle and discuss Champion mine.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

LAL/AC.

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Notes on Bohemia Mining Dist. Oregon by D. S. McDonald*

Cottage Grove, Oregon,  
February 9, 1932.

Lewis A. Levensaler,  
Consulting Engineer,  
Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Levensaler:

I have your letter of January 5, 1932.

I have been in the Camp most of the Winter; and this I assure you has been an unusually severe winter. At the present time there is about 20 feet of snow on the average throughout the entire camp and in places where the snow has drifted the depth is from 25 to 35 feet. Unless we have early and long warm rains it is probable that the snow will not be out of the camp until the latter part of May, or it may as late as June.

I hope that I shall have an opportunity of discussing with you the possibility of dealing with the property. I am not entirely certain whether I shall be in Seattle within the next few weeks, but I hope to be able to go to Seattle at some time within the next couple of months, and if I am able to realize my hope and go to Seattle I assure you that I shall write to you before going and endeavor to make arrangements to see you at such time so I can go over the entire matter with you and possibly we can make a deal which will be mutually satisfactory.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Bartels*

January 5, 1932

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I wish to thank you for your favor of the 1st, but I was rather disappointed in not receiving more encouragement from you regarding my letter of December 16.

During these trying times it takes from two to three months to arrange for finances for development, so if we wait until April it will probably be June or July before anything can be done.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

Cottage Grove, Or  
Jan 1 - 32

Mr L. A. Lervensaled,  
Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Wn.

Dear Mr. Lervensaled:

I have your letter of Dec. 16, 1931 and in answer to same advise that there is already an unusually heavy fall of snow and in fact the heaviest fall of snow that I have ever known for this time of year in the Bohemia District. Due to excessive cost it will be almost impossible to do anything before April next, and consequently I think it will be best to defer consideration of any proposed development work until that time. I may, however, see you sometime before April because I am thinking of making a trip to Seattle during the month of March next and if I go to Seattle I shall be sure to call on you.

With best regards, I am  
Very truly yours,  
F. J. Bartels.

December 30, 1931

Mr. J. H. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of December 17 in which you state that Fred Bartels is expected in Cottage Grove about December 24.

I shall be glad to hear from him with reference to my letter of the 16th.

Thanking you very kindly for having replied as you did, I am

Very truly yours,

LAL:B



178 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dec. 18, 1931

Dear Mr. Swensaker,

I turned in my report on the Bohemia District early last spring. It was somewhat incomplete and I had hoped to finish up the field work last summer but as you know appropriations ceased and the work was not completed. I understand that a general report on what is available on all the Cascade Mineral deposits is now being prepared, but am forwarding your letter to the Survey for answer.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Buddington

Cottage Grove Ore.  
Dec - 17 - 1931

L. U. Ferrissier

Seattle Wash

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter of the 16th I  
wish to say Fred Bartels is in the mines & will  
not be in Cottage Grove until Dec. 24th as I  
will have him answer your letter immediately  
upon his arrival.

Yours truly,

J. H. Bartels

December 16, 1931

Mr. F. J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

My dear Bartels:

A short time ago Mr. Goodspeed and I were discussing the development possibilities at the Champion Mine, and we both agreed that the property warrants further development.

I am willing to see what I can do for you in the way of securing this development money if you are agreeable to a deal that will permit the completion of the lower crosscut with some drifting and raising before any money is paid on account of the property. Such exploration will not in any way interfere with your mining operations in the upper horizon of the Champion vein.

Please let me hear from you regarding this. If agreeable we will then work out the details.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LAL:B  
CC Mr. George Goodspeed

Portland

Dec 1-31

L. A. Lewenthal Esq.  
Hoge Bldg  
Seattle.

Dear Louis,

As per your letter of recent date, I wrote to Bartlett regarding the "Champion" property.

Tried to make some money and is pretty cocky he really does not know what a real value is. I

feel satisfied he will come to realize that his price is too high before very long. The organized ones will not last long.

Louis: I really believe the Helma is a better property and I think we can get a much better deal on it from what I can learn the ore shute is much longer and the view

to get find a really commercial mine and I know what you have been up against.  
Sincerely yours F. J. Bartlett

stronger and wider than either  
the Champion or Mescal. The cross  
cut may have to be driven a  
little further to reach the vein  
from the Champion side. It is now  
in several hundred feet. I do  
not remember the distance but  
will look the history of the mine  
up if you think it worth while,  
it is also patented. The snow  
conditions would not interfere quite  
as much as at the Champion,  
as the tunnel is started at a  
lower elevation. Herewith please  
find Fred's letter.

I may be up before long. will  
drop in on you for a short visit

Very cordially yours

Bob

Cottage Grove, Or  
Nov 23-31

Mr R. W. Wiley,  
Portland Oregon  
Dear Bob:

We did not do any business with the Los Angeles people, as Judge Harris figured they were not strong enough financially, and since that time we have decided to keep the mines.

Since you were at the E. Star we have improved the mill a great deal and have been doing fine in the mill.

John and I brought the cylinder of the mill engine out for re-boring and since that time 5 feet of snow has fallen and it will be a hard job getting the engine parts back to the mine, but we will get in somehow.

It certainly is a difficult job to get a really commercial mine, and I know what you have been up against.  
Sincerely yours F. J. Burtels

December 9, 1931

Mr. A. F. Buddington,  
United States Geological Survey,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Buddington:

Has the geological work and publication on the Bohemia District, Oregon, ever been released? If so I would like to obtain a copy of same. If not can you tell me when it will be available?

Personal regards.

Yours very truly,

LAL:B

Portland

Nov. 8-31

Mr. L. A. Zevensaler  
Hoge Bldg.  
Seattle

Dear Louis -

Have just returned  
from Eastern Oregon, no luck?

I haven't seen our friend

Bartlett since last summer.

He is a bit rocky to deal  
with as he is making not  
less than \$5,000 per month  
milking the oxidized ones.

I will try him out again  
and see what terms we  
can get. He may have come  
down a bit. Sincerely Bob



October 31, 1931

Mr. R. W. Wiley,  
666 Poplar Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Bob:

Have you seen our friend Fred Bartells  
or had any correspondence with him regarding the  
Champion Mine? If he has made no disposal of the  
property it might be well to reopen the subject  
with him.

Personal regards.

Very truly yours,

- LAL:B

*Ans Aug 5" 1931*

Portland, Ore.  
Aug. 3, 1931.

*Lewis*

W.J. Elmendorf, E.M.  
905 Allisen St.  
Seattle,  
Wash.

My dear Mr. Elmendorf;

Under separate cover I sent you a report on the Bohemian district. H. W. Squires, consulting engineer for E. W. Mitchell of New York. Mitchell barely got started when the slump in the stock market put him out of business. His scheme was too big an undertaking and required too much money.

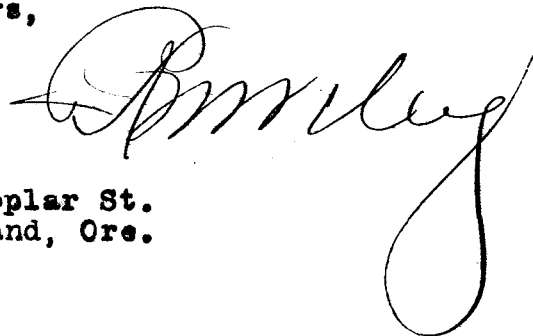
During the spring and summer I have made several trips to this district. It is 35 miles from Cottage Grove, the nearest railway point. There is a good road now to the mine. I was certainly surprised to see the amount of mining that had been done in the past. It has produced about \$9,000,000 in gold, practically all from the oxidized ores. The veins are strong fissures and no doubt deep seated. The Champion vein seems to be located in about the center of the mineralized area. The Musick and the Helena are located on fissures running parallel to the Champion. The Champion has been the biggest producer. All the oxidized ores have been worked out but there is quite a tonnage of sulphide ore developed. The bottoms show good values in gold, some lead, copper and zinc. Number 9 tunnel shows practically all sulphide ore. I believe the ore will average \$15 per ton or better in gold. I haven't been able to get Mr. Squires' assay sheet. Number 12 cross-cut is now in 450 ft. It will have to be driven 450 ft. farther to intersect the vein. This will give 320 ft. more back, and determine whether it is a mine or not. The ore shutes are long and the values are very regular. It has every indication for making a real property.

The Champion group now consists of 29 claims, not more than one or two are patented. The owners want \$200,000, \$2,500 cash, \$15,000 in one year, and \$10,000 the following six months, the balance in two equal payments, the last payment to be made three years from the signing of the papers. We can probably get a little better terms on the payments and maybe a little reduction on the price but the initial payment of \$2,500 will have to be made as this money is required to complete the purchase of the Bohemia claim.

Fred Bartel is now running a five stamp mill on this property. As he is well up on the mountain he has more or less trouble with shortage of water. He told me ~~was~~ taking out about \$3000 a month, and he is not overaly anxious to sell, but I think he realizes that he won't get very far with the present equipment.

Now William I have sent this dope to a friend in New York City. He may or may not be interested but I expect to hear from him in a few days. If I had know you were still in the market for a gold mine I wouldn't have bothered sending this to New York. I believe this is a very worthy proposition, the best I have seen. Keep it in mind and I will let you know just as soon as I hear from New York. Please keep this matter confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. M. Kelley'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and address.

662 Poplar St.  
Portland, Ore.

Portland

Jerusalem M  
Hoge Bldg -  
Seattle

Dear Louis -

After you left yesterday I thought of a quartz-lead on Coyote Creek eight miles from Wolf Creek P.R. Station. I have never seen this lead but it claimed by the owner to be not less than 8 feet wide and carries gold values of \$5<sup>00</sup> per ton. This would hardly pay for mining and transportation charges. There is another on near Roseburg that may contain better values. I will look at

in my way home  
send you some sample  
so you can make your  
own determinations. I may  
leave of something else on  
the trip.

Cordially yours  
Smiley

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*Call  
man*

July 1, 1931

Mr. R. W. Wiley,  
622 Poplar Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Bob:

I am afraid I will not be able to meet you to discuss the Bohemia property with Bartels earlier than a week or ten days. For fear that we might lose the property I believe it best for you to get Bartels signed on some sort of an agreement that we can handle.

Independent of the American Smelting and Refining Co., I have one or two clients here who are almost ready to hand one some real money if they can find a gold mine.

I am willing to recommend the development of the Champion and I believe if you will tie it up we can make a little money.

You know about the nature of a deal one should have on a property that has to have a serious amount of development work performed before establishing an opinion as to its real worth. Therefore, get enough time to complete the crosscut tunnel and do, say 1,000 ft. of drifting, with some raises, before any serious payments are made. Remember that no one wants to make payments on an option during the development stage of the property. If the development is not successful they always lose enough money without putting additional money into the pockets of the owners who in the end get their property back -- if the development is a failure.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

LAL:B

July 14, 1931

Mr. R. W. Wiley,  
622 Poplar Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Bob:

I have your recent favor regarding Bohemia property. I have talked this over with Tobin and we do not feel that there is any opportunity to handle the property along the lines suggested.

About the only proposition that could be considered would be to establish a larger purchase price, say \$300,000.00. Of course do not offer this unless you think it is necessary. No fixed payments guaranteed; work to begin within 60 days at minimum rate of development of 500 shifts per six months; right to withdraw at any time upon thirty days written notice; when property is in production pay 10% of gross production to owners to apply on purchase price, or 50% of the net profits.

Too many mining ventures have fallen by the way-side because the owners have broken the backs of investors by demanding fixed prices at stated intervals of six months or a year apart when the property is still in its development stage.

If you think Bartels are agreeable to any such above offer you might discuss it with them by correspondence.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

LAL:B



Portland  
July 11 - 30

L. A. Levinsaler & M.

Hoge Bldg -  
Seattle

Dear Louis -

I had a short  
talk with Lobie after you left  
but did not go into details, as  
I could see he was not much  
interested. I am satisfied that  
the proposition is all right  
and that it will not take  
much money to prove the  
value up. The initial outlay in  
starting will not be more than  
twenty five hundred dollars, as  
there is plenty of four inch

pe, water, spikes and air pipe  
also a fan we could rent a  
two drill portable compressor at  
150 per month - part or all of  
this rental could apply on the  
purchase price if we decided to  
keep it, six months work we  
could decide whether it was  
a winner or not. considering  
the amount of equipment there  
is on hand, it is not an  
expensive undertaking, it is  
true that it goes against the  
grain to pay money down for  
the privilege of exploring, but  
it gives the parties a year

to investigate which is pretty  
cheap, considering the small  
outlay in starting, the other  
rents are 20-000 in one year  
5000 in six months the balance <sup>175-000</sup>  
in two years or three years in  
all to complete the purchase  
of the property. I returned  
to you by registered mail the  
report. I had a copy made  
for myself and Fred Ballitts.  
Carl Wyatt did not return the  
report to Fred. so Fred asked me  
if I would not try and get  
me for him, he and Wyatt  
are not on the list of tenants

since this is good volume and  
should make a nice worth while  
if you can see your way clear  
to finance the undertaking I  
will co-operate with you to  
the best of my ability. please  
let me know as soon as  
possible, as I would like  
to notify Battell

Cordially yours

Amey

Portland, Ore.  
May 12, 1931.

MAY 13 1931

L.A. Levensaler, E.M.  
Hoge Bldg.  
Seattle,  
Wash.

Dear Louis;

I returned a few days ago after spending several days in the Bohemian district. I went through the old Champion, the Music, and the Noonday mines. The old Noonday mine adjoins the Champion ground on the east end, but the workings lack 200 feet of being as deep as the Champion workings. It seems to be a strong fissure fairly well mineralized and is probably the extension of the Champion vein. From what I could see, I believe the Champion is the best mineralized vein in that district. The sulphide ores seem to carry very good values. No. 12 tunnel which is now in 450 ft. will have to be driven 400 ft. or more in order to reach the Champion vein. They figure this will give a vertical depth of 300 ft. below No. 9. This will determine whether the vein goes down as well as the value of the sulphides. It will cost around \$16 per foot to drive this tunnel. I believe a few thousand dollars spent in exploration work should develop a gold mine of some magnitude.

I was unable to get Fred Bartell's assay sheet as he had loaned it to Mr. Squires. He is now running his five stamp mill on the oxidized ores and is cleaning up about \$100 per day. I told him I might be able to interest a company to spend some money on driving the lower tunnel to the vein, and do some drifting along the vein; but we would require 18 months before making any payments. In the meantime we would not interfere with his operations. He said he would talk this over with his father and let me know in about ten days. This is a darned good venture. The veins are evidently ~~are~~ very deep seated and seem to hold their values with depth. I have another gold property in British Columbia on the Duncan River that sounds very good. As soon as I know you have returned I will come up to see you.

Very sincerely yours,



June 10, 1931.

Mr. R. W. Wiley,  
662 Poplar Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of June 1 enclosing copy of Bartell's telegram.

I wish you would not let this property get away from you. The More I think of the possibilities of the Champion the more I am willing to drive the lower tunnel. If the company is not interested we will get the money here, so keep Fred in the right frame of mind.

I expect to leave Friday for Eastern Washington and will probably not be able to make an appointment with you and Fred earlier than about ten days, possibly two weeks, so please write him and tell him that we are interested and to let you know if anything of unusual interest develops. If so send me a telegram at once. It will be forwarded to me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

LAL:B

June 10, 1931

Mr. H. A. Guess,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

BOHEMIA DISTRICT, OREGON

The points in your letter of May 25 are absolutely well taken with reference to the Champion and Musick and Helena mines.

The reason that I took no samples at the time of my inspection was on account of the character of the ore. What remains is badly mixed sulphides and oxydes. The sulphide content of the ore is composed of the sulphides of zinc, lead and copper carrying pretty fair gold values.

Further work, if warranted, must be based on the past production of the mine, the size of the ore shoots, etc., and not on the tonnage and value remaining unstoped above the present development.

Considering the fact that the veins are *in Tertiary* andesites which seem to be unfavorable for deepseated ore deposits in the Cascades I was not enthusiastic about developping the property, but now on account of its good gold content and a desire to develop gold properties more of a risk might be assumed.

I conclude from your letter, however, that you feel the development is too speculative.

Very truly yours,

LAL:B

Portland, Ore.  
June 1, 1931.

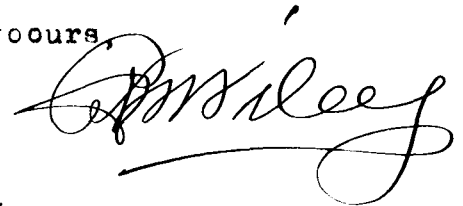
L. A. Levensaler, E.M.  
Hoge Bldg.  
Seattle,  
Wash.

My dear Louis;

Shortly after you left I wrote to Bartells that I had taken the matter up with you regarding the Champion mine, and that you felt disposed to look into it. Also that you probably would be down there shortly after the first. Herewith please find his telegram in reply to my letter.

I am also sending you a copy of Fleet Robinson's report on the Red Elephant group of claims in British Columbia for the year 1909. In 1907 Chapman mentions this property. Since these reports considerable work has been done. In a letter I have received from the owners, they claim to have sunk a shaft 70 ft. ~~They claim~~ the vein is 11 ft. and from the assays they sent me from different places in this shaft the average is a little better than \$16. I do not know whether this is worth further investigation or not. As soon as you return I wish you would please let me know as I may make another short trip to Southern Oregon.

Very sincerely yours,



662 Poplar St.



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COTTAGEGROVE ORG MAY 28 1931

ROBERT W WILEY

668 POPLAR ST PORTLAND, ORG

WE ARE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT STOP LEAVING  
 FOR MINE IN MORNING BUT CAN NOTIFY MY FATHER WHO WILL PHONE ME WHEN  
 TO MEET MR LOUIS AND YOURSELF AT EUGENE HOTEL IN EUGENE REGARDS

FRED.

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

NEW YORK CITY, May 25, 1931

JUN 1 1931

Mr. L. A. Levensaler,  
1108 Hoge Building,  
Seattle, Wash.

BOHEMIA DISTRICT, OREGON

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of May 21st: The maps that you enclose, which you say were prepared by the owners, show, I am inclined to think, values greatly beyond those that any sampling by you or any of our engineers would corroborate. Your memo of August 12th, 1930 to Mr. Goodwin, upon the Musick and Champion stated that they were worked down to rather shallow depths and showed every indication of petering out at further depth and that the veins are in tertiary andesite, which has never contained any deep-seated mines. The Mineral Resources of Oregon, Vol. 2, No. 4, December 1916, contains, upon page 234 a description of the Bohemia District, which states among other things that the Champion Mine is reported to have produced \$1,700,000., the Musick \$180,000., the Helena \$150,000. U.S.G.S. Bulletin 380, upon pages 83/84, upon the Bohemia District states:

"Although some rich shoots occur locally, the average tenor of the ore is low, generally running \$3. to \$5. a ton."

Some years ago Bert Smith collected considerable information bearing upon these properties to see whether or not it presented a worth-while opportunity and decided against it.

I am inclined to think therefore the property contains no such values as the owners' maps would indicate and your letter does not show that you, yourself, in your examination of these properties, sampled them. If, however, you did make a thorough sampling of these properties and found values corroborating these shown on the blue print, then, of course, the matter would present a different aspect.

Yours very truly,

*H. A. ...*

May 21, 1931.

Mr. H. A. Guess:  
120 Broadway,  
New York City,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

BOHEMIA DISTRICT - OREGON

A number of years ago I made an examination of the Bohemia District for Mr. Charles V. Bob and recommended he drive about 450 feet of tunnel together with some drifting and raising involving some 1000 feet of workings in order to test out the downward extension of the Champion Vein at a vertical depth of 320 feet below the bottom of the last stopes. This crosscut tunnel is now to 550 feet and will require, as stated above, 450 feet to reach the vein. This work together with the usual over-head will cost \$25,000 and if the exploratory work is successful it will develop an area containing probably 300,000 tons of material in the Champion Vein and by extending the tunnel to the Musick Vein it should develop an equal tonnage. What percentage of the tonnages will be commercial is, of course, at present unknown.

The old Bohemia District is credited with a production of \$9,000,000 in gold and silver. Of this amount it is reported \$2,000,000 is from the Champion, \$1,000,000 from the Musick, \$1,500,000 from the Helena, and the balance from other various groups in the district.

The ore is very base carrying a high percentage in lead and zinc so that the early operation was largely limited to the altered or oxidized zone where the gold was largely free milling. Samples from pillars and small bunches of remaining oxidized ore indicate that the grade of the ore was approximately \$24.00 per ton, gold and silver. Principle value being gold.

I am enclosing three maps that were prepared by the owners showing the relation of the claims and data reflecting the possibilities of further development.

The proposal that Mr. Bob had involved a large amount of cash, therefore, no business ever developed.

BOHEMIA DISTRICT - OREGON

I have recently had some correspondence with the owners who seem inclined to consider a development proposal if the work is undertaken by an operating company.

I think well of the Bohemia District, in fact, it was the best of the old gold camps in Oregon that had a good early production and stopped when the ore got too base, although, the gold content was still high. If I can get the owners to agree to grant sufficient time to complete the cross-cut and do sufficient drifting and raising to demonstrate the values in the sulphide zone, I would not hesitate to recommend this risk.

Very truly yours,

LAL/BB

Champion, W  
May 17-31

MAY 20 1931

Mr L. A. Lervensalen,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Lervensalen:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter I wrote Mr. Squires asking him for the information you requested and have been waiting for a reply from Mr. Squires but up to this time have not received an answer. Should I receive the assays will forward to you.

Very truly yours  
Fred J. Bartels.

April 11th, 1931

Mr. Fred J. Bartels,  
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Bartels:

Replying to your inquiry of March 17th which has remained unanswered due to my absence from the city, I wish to state that the maps and reports were mailed to Mr. Dale Wyatt at Cottage Grove.

I am glad to hear that you are going ahead with your work. If you are successful in getting the map reflecting the final sampling by Mr. Squires for Mr. Mitchell, I would appreciate very much seeing these results.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

LAL:MB

Cottage Grove, Or  
Mar 17-31

Mr Louis Lervensaler,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Lervensaler:

Will you please inform me whether the two maps and the report of Mr. Squires which I loaned you were mailed to me from Seattle, or whether the maps were returned to me and the report to Mr Dale Wyatt. This information will be greatly appreciated.

During the fall and winter we rebuilt the mill and installed a drill outfit at the Evening Star. During the winter when the weather was not too cold we ran the stamps and the results from the plates were very satisfactory. The small cyanide leaching plant is completed, and when I return to the mine will put it in operation. Very sincerely yours,  
Fred S. Bartels

August 12, 1930  
Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Frank F. Tate  
2142 Clinton Ave.  
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Mr. R. F. Goodwin has forwarded to me your letter of July 24th submitted to Mr. H. A. Guess on the Musick Mine situated in the Bohemia district, Oregon.

I have examined this property but it is not the type of development venture that we are interested in. In combination with the Champion, Sunset and Helena groups, to take in the principal mines of the Bohemia camp, it might be of interest to some parties - but the price for the whole camp must be less than the price mentioned in the report that accompanied your letter on the Musick mine.

I wish to thank you very kindly, however, for bringing this to our attention.

Very truly yours,

LAL:DS  
CC:RFG



August 12, '30

*Copy file*

Mr. Goodwin:

The Musick mine in itself is not interesting, but in combination with the Champion the set-up has development possibilities for a pretty sporty outfit.

These mines had quite a production years ago, they were worked down to rather shallow depths and showed every indication of petering out with further depth. The veins are in tertiary andesite that have never contained any deep seated mines. The Champion has a tunnel that will require 350 feet additional cross-cutting to reach the vein at a depth of a little over 300 feet below the lowest productive level.

If the Musick and Champion can be consolidated it might be worth spending enough in cross-cutting, drifting and raising to try out the Champion.

The initial risk will probably be \$25,000.00

Very truly yours,

LAL:DS

August 12, 1930  
Seattle, Wash.

Messrs. Bartels and Wyatt  
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Dear Sirs:

Upon my return from California I received yours of July 31st enclosing copy of a telegram sent by Mr. Lawrence T. Harris to Mr. Mitchell. I have forwarded a copy of this telegram to Mr. Bob's office, New York.

If Mr. Bob is interested independent of Mr. Mitchell, he will probably write you in due time.

Kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

LAL:DS

August 12, 1930

Mr. E. S. McClellan  
Suite 636  
120 Broadway  
New York City

CHAMPION & MUSICK MINES  
BOHEMIA DIST., OREGON

Dear Mr. McClellan:

Upon my return to Seattle I find a letter signed by Bartels and Wyatt enclosing a telegram their attorney sent to Mr. E. W. Mitchell a copy of which I am enclosing with this letter. I have no suggestions to make.

Kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

LAL: DS

*Champion Music M...*  
*Bohemian*  
*Oregon*

July 31st, 1930.

Form 2

Mr. Frank F. Tate,  
2162 Clinton Avenue,  
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

In Mr. Guss's absence this will acknowledge your letter of July 24th in connection with the Musis Mine located in Lane County, Oregon. We have no information on this property here and I am therefore forwarding your letter and data to Mr. L. A. Levensaler who if free information he may have on the property, is interested, will get in touch with you direct.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. GOODWIN

cc LAL ✓

*Rec'd by [unclear]*

Cottage Grove, Oregon.  
July 31st. 1930.

Mr. Lewis Levensaler  
Mining Engineer  
Hoge Bldg.  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Levensaler;

Acting upon the advise of Lawrence T. Harris who is our attorney we are inclosing copy of wire sent Mr. Mitchell yesterday. In our telephone conversation with you some days ago it was your opinion that we should get in touch with Mr. Bob direct. We have talked this matter over with Mr. Harris and it is his belief that we should give you the copy of the wire sent Mr. Mitchell and if you see fit to do so you can get in touch with Mr. Bob. We expect to start the foreclosure of these contracts within a very few days if we do not have a satisfactory reply from Mr. Mitchell.

We are of the opinion that Mr. Mitchell has been unreasonable in his terms with the parties with whom he is dealing which is the cause of the delay.

We would appreciate anything you can do for us regarding getting this matter righted.

Yours very truly.

F. J. Bartels  
F. Dale Wyatt



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Telegram

July 31, 1930

R. W. Wiley  
622 Poplar Street  
Portland, Oregon

Meet me tonight if convenient 9:45 P.M. Union Depot enroute  
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L. A. Levensaler

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Eugene, Oregon, July 30, 1930.

*act*

**E. W. Mitchell,  
74 Trinity Place,  
New York, N. Y.**

Bartels and Wyatt in the office today with the view commencing suits to foreclose contracts stop in order to avoid necessity of foreclosure would you be willing to escrow quit claim deed to be delivered at end of certain number of days if you do not pay second installment and do assessment work.

LAWRENCE T. HARRIS

Enclosure

September 3rd, 1930

Messrs Bartells and Wyatt,  
Cottage Grove,  
Oregon.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I have just received  
from Mr. Bob's office.

I am afraid conditions in New York are at a pretty low  
ebb as no one seems to be taking very much action just now  
with reference to mine development.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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August 29, 1950

Mr. L. A. Levensaler,  
Hoge Building,  
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BOHEMIA DISTRICT, OREGON

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(signed) R. S. McClellan

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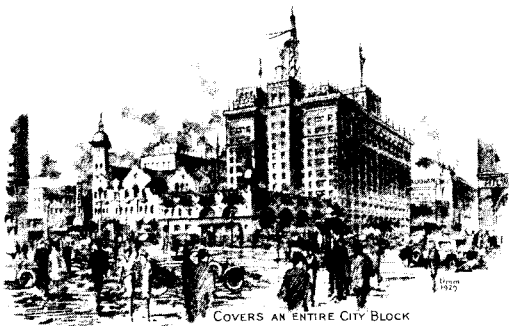
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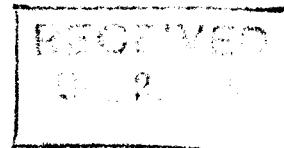
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# Davenport Hotel

LOUIS M. DAVENPORT, PRESIDENT.

Spokane, Washington  
July Twenty Fourth.  
1 9 3 0 .

H.A. Guess,  
120 Broadway,  
New York:



Dear Mr. Guess:

I am sending you herewith copies of reports and maps on a property located in Oregon.

I have as yet made no visit to the ground for the purpose of examination and cannot at this time state from personal observation that the property will check to the reports. It is my belief however that it will do so, for I have every confidence in the man bringing the property to my attention.

I understand that these reports have been requested ~~went~~ to another large producer and I have managed to hold off compliance with the request. Conditions and terms can be arranged to meet your ideas, I am assured and I would therefore ask that the price indicated in the papers not be considered as the one at which business can be transacted, for a decided reduction is obtainable.

Undoubtedly in some of the files of your companies there is information regarding this property and you will therefore be in position to determine whether it is worth looking at. If it is of interest to you and you desire to secure it I will greatly appreciate the opportunity of working with you to that end.

Will you examine the reports and then advise me what action to take, if any, indicating the lines along which you wish me to shape negotiations?

Hope you are well and that everything is just right for you. Kindest regard and best of wishes,

Very truly yours,

*Frank J. Gate*

2162 Clinton Avenue,  
Alameda, California.

*Mr. Charles V. Bob*  
*= 150,000*  
*5,000 after 4-*  
*10,000 within year*  
*Balance 15% Royalty*

July 10, 1930  
Seattle Washington

Mr. Charles V. Bob  
120 - Broadway  
New York City

Champion, Musick,  
Helena and Sunset Mines  
Bohemia District, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as you are familiar with these properties I will not go into any details regarding location, etc.

The grouping of the above claims includes the most productive and developed mines of the Bohemia district, credited with a total out-put of some \$9,000,000. However, this is indefinite as no records of any of the mines are available. What remains is very uncertain, and to ascertain with any degree of accuracy, even in a preliminary way, the commercial tonnage and values, would involve at least a few months time with a crew of samplers and numerous concentration tests, and cost between \$3000. and \$5000.

The tonnages and values presented by those interested in the properties are not supported by sufficient data to be acceptable.

Under date of August 16, 1929, H. W. Squires wrote a very sanguine report for E. W. Mitchell, in which

stopped on good bottoms at a shallow depth and will probably go deeper or there will be a recurrence of ore shoots in some workable form; although, there is evidence on both the Champion and Musick lowest level that the ore shoots are not as strong as on the upper levels.

The Champion vein is the most extensively developed, vertically and longitudinally and has also been the largest producer. A cross-cut tunnel, known as No. 12, is now in 560 feet and will require an additional 400 feet to intercept the Champion vein at 320 feet vertically below its present bottom level. At this elevation it is practical to continue the cross-cut with drifts and raises and develop the Musick vein 650 feet below its present lowest level. These figures should be checked by actual survey as they are only approximately correct.

There is a recurrence of ore shoots along a vein length of 1500 to 2000 feet in the Champion upper workings and about the same length along the Musick vein. If the exploratory work is a success it will develop an area containing possibly 300,000 tons of material in the Champion vein and an equal tonnage in the Musick vein; what percentage of these tonnages will be commercial is at present unknown.

Unless Mr. Squires' assay maps are available, the values and character of the ore in these veins can not be forecast without considerable sampling. It will, however, be principally gold and silver in a complex association of zinc, lead and copper sulphides. In addition to the above tonnage numerous other veins will be cut that might increase the tonnage 100%.

These are merely some of the possibilities of the properties and must not be interpreted as a reliable forecast of the development. In my opinion, the properties warrant the risk of driving the incompletd No. 12 cross-cut tunnel to the Champion vein and drifting say 300 feet or so, with possibly some raising. In all, not to exceed 1000 feet of exploratory work as a preliminary. With favorable results, the venture then offers unusually attractive possibilities, as the present grouping embraces some 2000 acres of well fissured mineralized ground that has been fairly productive at shallow depths.

If you are contemplating the proposal under Mr. Mitchell's contract, which is now in default, I do not consider the venture attractive. It is only interesting on a pure development basis, to be worked out step by step, with the right to quit on 30 days written notice without further liability on your part; also, no cash payments, or agreement to mill until the exploration of the deeper levels have developed to your satisfaction.

The 1000 feet of prospecting will cost \$20,000. and consume from four to six months. At the same time, a survey of the developed areas of the mines should be made. This, with engineering costs and concentration tests, will add another \$5000. The initial risk, therefore, will be \$25,000. at the rate of \$5000. per month.

In the event Mr. Squire's detail assay maps are not available, it is advisable to sample the upper ore shoots,

-5- C. M. H. S.

where possible, in a preliminary way at least, before making any conclusions regarding deeper development.

I realize this report is very sketchy and has not recorded any of the possibilities of the Helena and Sunset groups or Grouse Mountain. Such reference is premature as the chances of the other properties will be nil if the Champion development is negative.

Very truly yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
L. A. LEVENSALE

July 10, 1930

Mr. Charles V. Bob  
120 - Broadway  
New York City

My dear Bob:

I am inclosing confirmation of my telegram sent to you yesterday.

I made a preliminary examination of the Bohemia properties as per Mr. Brown's telephone request.

Examination of these properties will involve a great deal of sampling, however, I do not believe a final conclusion will be different than the one I have made as the result of this preliminary.

Please do not say anything in New York about my trip to the Bohemia district for you, as I have worked out a new arrangement with the N. S. & R., dating from October 1929. Since that date I have devoted my time exclusively to them and I am not permitted to do any independent work; but on account of our old friendship I want to be of every possible assistance to you that I can on the Coast, and I appreciate the opportunities and considerations you have extended me. However, should you care to consider Bohemia further and decide to have the properties sampled, which really should be done, I will get a good man here to do the work that does a great deal of sampling for me. His work is absolutely dependable.

Thanking you for remembering me, I am with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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San Francisco, California,  
April 25, 1930.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. E. E. Morrison, President of the Western Gold Mining Corporation, 554 Miner Building, Eugene, Oregon, called at this office April 24th, and brought in some picked samples of ore that he claims can be produced in quantity at the mining properties owned or controlled by himself in the Bohemia Mining District, about twenty-two miles from Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Mr. Morrison stated that in the past these properties had been worked on the surface for recovery of gold contents only. As the ledge on the surface can be traced for a considerable distance, some work has been done underground, which indicates to him that there will be a considerable tonnage of gold-silver-lead ore.

The properties are not developed to the extent, as yet, where he would wish one of our Company Engineers to investigate, but he stated that some time in the not too distant future, after he had further developed the properties, he would send to this office some representative samples of the ore for purpose of assay and analysis.

I told Mr. Morrison that we would be glad to cooperate in any way possible with him, and when his property had reached the development stage where he thought one of our Company Engineers would be interested, that it was entirely probable we would have one of our Engineers make a visit for purpose of examination.

J. B. CATHCARW.

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*Lane or  
Douglas Co*

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ROBERT W. HUNT COMPANY, ENGINEERS

CHICAGO August 29, 1928

American Smelting & Refining Co.

Gentlemen:

We have advised our client, Mr. J. E. Burns, who is interested in the Musick Mine, Cottage Grove, Oregon, to arrange for a sample testing of his ore and we have suggested your plant.

An analysis of a sample of the ore as submitted to us by Mr. Burns, shows substantially as follows:

% Lead	18.72
% Zinc	7.38
Gold, oz per ton	.88
Silver, oz per ton	4.08
% Iron	9.09

We should like to have a medium sized test sample run for the purpose of determining the separation and about what the concentrates would carry and the market value.

Will you please advise us how small a sample you could run with reasonable accuracy and the cost of such a test run.

Will you kindly wire us collect so that we may advise our client promptly in this matter.

Thanking you for your courtesy, we remain,

Yours

ROBERT W HUNT COMPANY

By CC Whittier

CHICAGO August 29, 1928

August 31, 1928.

Robert W. Hunt Company, Engineers,  
2200 Insurance Exchange,  
Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Sirs:

Your air mail letter of the 29th inst. was received this morning and we enclose herewith confirmation of night letter sent you to-day.

As stated in our wire, we are not equipped to make milling tests on ores at this plant but have used the Eureka Metallurgical Co. of Salt Lake City, whose work has been quite satisfactory.

We do not have a zinc operation on the Pacific Coast but should this proposition develop and your client have a lead concentrate for disposal, we would be very much interested in negotiating with you.

Yours very truly,

JS:G

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ORIGINAL SIGNED  
BY JACOB SEAMAN

# THE J. F. LUSE COMPANY

PAID UP CAPITAL \$ 500,000.

SUTHERLIN VALLEY FRUIT LANDS  
SUTHERLIN, OREGON

September 14, 1916

SUCCESSORS TO  
SUTHERLIN LAND & WATER CO.

Mr. H. R. George,

Seattle, Wn.

Dear Sir:

Have just wired you as follows in answer to your night-letter received this morning. As I do not have your street address, as mentioned in wire, I am addressing this letter "general delivery". I trust you will receive same promptly:

"H. R. George,  
Seattle, Wn.

Mailing you general delivery corrected copy taken from assayer's book. Cannot send detail statement of other metals. They consist mainly of silver, lead and copper. In some instances running equal to the gold values. Other parties are figuring on proposition; can not give exclusive option. If your people will act promptly am confident can hold proposition for you".

J. F. Luse."

In reference to the other metal values I do not have any way of securing them here and ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> have to take this matter up with Mr. Elmer, our superintendent at the mine. It would take several days to get the information. I am, however, writing Mr. Elmer tonight asking if he is in a position to give a list of the metals contained in the general run of ore. Our assayer has been taking only the gold values as a rule. In some instances, especially in the base ore, of course, he makes a record of the other metals and they, as a rule, contain silver, lead and copper which in base ore often runs as high in value as the gold.

I am in hopes you can get some information from the report I am sending you, which I have had corrected. As you understand this report is only the general run or sampling of the mine as taken by the engineer or foreman of the mine in ascertaining whether the ore is running of sufficient value to justify their putting it through the mill. In a good many instances samples are taken where the foreman does not expect much if any values, it being merely to ascertain if it will justify in running. It is the record as shown by the assayer and our superintendent tells me it is hardly a fair test as they have sampled a good many old workings where the best ore had been worked out.

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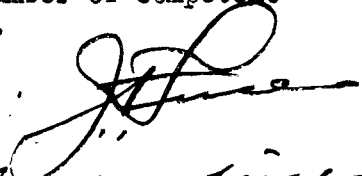
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What is needed is further development work on what is known as #12 tunnel. It should be extended which would open up a large body of rich ore. This developing is what the mine must have to make it a big mine and a good payer. With the mill changed for handling base ore the mine will prove to be a big producer.

In reference to giving you exclusive option, I could not do so at the present time on account of some other deals that are pending, but I do not think they are being crowded very fast and I am quite sure if your parties act promptly you will have no trouble in securing the property. I would suggest that you send in your reports and find out if your people are ready to act and then we will take the matter up with you and I will give you any assistance I can, and if the property has not been sold, will make arrangements so that your people can have time to examine. I have been trying to get in touch with Mr. Walters today over the phone. So far have been unsuccessful. I shall try and see him before he goes to Seattle, in fact, I am run up to Seattle with him.

I would suggest that you try and get your parties to act as promptly as you possibly can. I will give Mr. Walters a set of photographs which I have just had taken and which show the property very well. They also show some of the underground workings and the general topography of the country. These photographs will show you that there are three big mines which are consolidated into a groupe. These three mines, when developed, will be one of the biggest producing mines in the west, is the opinion of a number of competent engineers who have examined the property.

Yours truly,



*I enclose copy of letter just rec'd from our man Elmer, giving statement of leads & tales for test part week. Mr. Elmer realizes we are looking at good profit by not having right equipment for milling #9 reef would open up a large body of ore like that they are now running.*

C O P Y.

CHAMPION HEADS AND TAILS REPORT

F R O M

September 4 to Sept. 12th inclusive.

Sept.	4th	Heads	\$14.00	Tails	\$4.00
"	5	"	14.80	"	5.00
"	6	"	10.40	"	3.60
"	7	"	11.20	"	3.00
"	8	"	19.80	"	4.80
"	9	"	19.20	"	5.20
"	10	"	27.60	"	5.20
"	11	"	19.20	"	6.00
"	12	"	15.20	"	6.00

Hear Mr. Luse:

Above are mill heads and tails since our last report.

Mill is running fifteen stamps ten hours per day of twenty-four hours. Stamp duty is low because of inside amalgamation with chuck plates and low drop with high discharge.

As has been dwelt upon in other letters, the most desirable expenditure that can be made in mill would be for replating of amalgamating plates. The plates in use have been robbed of plating in days prior to this administration and there is but one small plate which can be kept clear of foul accumulation due to high acidity of the ore treated.

Average hours run per day exclusive of plate dressing approximates nine hours.

As has been noted in earlier communications the building or construction of a tailings dam is a very essential expenditure.

I would like to have an opportunity to run thirty days with twenty stamps on this class of ore and in connection with the matter wish to call your attention to my letters of various dates respecting development which I have advised and urged on No. 9 to get under this same and other shoots further west on No. 6.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Wm. W. Elmer.

Sept. 19th. 1916

Wm. F. Elmer, Mgr.,  
Champion Mine,  
Champion, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Elmer:-

I have just wired you that I am writing regarding the Champion Mine.

Some time since the reports, plans and lists of assays were brought to me with the suggestion that I do something in the matter of selling the property. The thing came up through a good friend of mine and the option(?) was represented to be in the hands of a Mr. George here--who, by the way, is a very decent fellow but not a mining man. Previous to this I had let it be known that I had a client who was earnestly in the market for a large gold mine and it was in answer to this that the Champion Group was submitted. I now find:

First:-That my friend George has no firm option,

Second:-That P. H. Walters, who is supposed to have the option, has just died,

Third:-That Mr. Luse, the owner, is also dead.

This leaves the people here up in the air and it has occurred to me that you might straighten the matter out.

In the first place, the price at which the property was offered to me appears much too high--\$350,000-nett to the owners. To this the promoters were adding \$50,000- commission.

As I read your report and from what my friend Frank Berry tells me you have both development to do and a different milling and transportation plant to instal before the best results can be obtained. If I am mistaken, put me right on this.

Now for business. If you can get an option on the property at a price at which you can recommend it I will be glad to go further into the matter with you and can assure you that I have an opportunity to place the property with one of the very best of the really heavy eastern mining men. You need not hesitate to do this on account of any option that has been given--or promised--to the people here as this letter has been written with their permission. However, I do not intend to show them a copy of it. I will protect them in a commission proportionate to the one they ~~have~~ proposed and they have agreed to this.

I do not know that my client will take the property under any circumstances, or even consider it, but I do know that he will not consider it unless I recommend him to do so and I also know that I will not recommend it without some good straight dope from you.

I remember you in Colorado and hope some day to see you again. In the meantime accept my best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

William Wells Elmer  
CONSULTING MINING ENGINEER  
MEXICO, D. F. MEXICO

717 E. BROADWAY, PORTLAND, OREGON

Champion , Oregon .  
October 13 th , 1916.

Mr. W. J. Elmendorf,  
Seattle , Washington .

Dear Mr. Elmendorf:

Reply to your letter of Sept. 19th as promised for ten days later in my telegram of 22 nd., has been delayed by unforeseen circumstances and while it may not be the best time to discuss it even yet, I am , at the solicitation of the representative of Mr. Luse's estate , writing you now.

I have written no report on the property and the report of mine which you refer to was probably copies of letters to Mr. Mahon and Mr. Luse . It is a fact however that much development work must be done and the milling plant changed while the ore transportation system must be rebuilt .

The property is under option to Mr. H. C. Mahon, Lessee , whose backer Mr. Luse was and who has been operating the property for more than a year . Any proposition for purchase of the holdings must be submitted to Mr. Mahon , whose address is Hotel Davenport , Spokane, and to Mr. C. E. Lemon , representative of the Luse Estate administrator , at Sutherlin , Oregon .

I am not in position to ask for an option nor to be connected with a sale , at present , except as vendors engineer , but I do recommend purchase on following general terms.

Price to be \$200,000.

Cash payment after examination \$10,000.

Remaining payments covering a term of years to depend upon conditions which must be discussed with my principals .

If ore is milled or sold then a royalty of ten per cent of gross proceeds to be paid to apply on purchase price .

There is no ore in sight though gross output for the month of September was \$3539.98 of which 35 % was profit. While much development must be done determinitive development can be finished for a comparatively nominal figure .

Your first communication re the matter should be addressed directly to Mr. H. C. Mahon the owner of the lease



Wm. J. E. S.

and option , with whom I have discussed your letter . Mr. Mahon has under way a comprehensive development plan and can tell you whether or not a tender can be considered . When last I saw him he said no sale could be discussed but it may be that in settlement of the affairs of Mr. Luse's estate some way may be arrived at to arrange a deal.

At any rate the figures given , while they do not meet the expectation of the owner , nor of the estate , will bear my professional endorsement and the property is more than worthy examination and careful consideration .

I may be in Spokane or Seattle within the next two weeks and will give myself the pleasure of a call upon you .

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. J. E. S.", written in dark ink.

William White Elmer  
CONSULTING MINING ENGINEER  
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Oct 23d. 1916

Mr. W. W. Elmer,  
Champion, Ore.

Dear Mr. Elmer,

I have carefully considered your letter of the 13th. inst. which gave me just what I wanted. Its answer has been delayed as I have just returned from a short trip to B. C.

It will be better to see and have a talk with you before going further into this matter and I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you. If you can let me know a day or so ahead I will be sure to be "on Deck".

Should your plans change and make it impossible for us to meet at this time, kindly notify me to that effect. In the meantime we will let the matter stand as it is.

Cordially yours,

Very truly yours,  
William White Elmer

Enclosed for you are 100,000  
copies of the report of the  
committee on the proposed  
amendment to the constitution  
of the United States.

On the owner of the lease