

# SUPERIOR PROFITS BY GREAT STRIKE IN MAGMA MINE

## THRIVING CAMP OF PINAL CO. HEADQUARTERS FOR PROPERTY RICH IN HIGH GRADE COPPER

Superior is situated on a mesa at the mouth of Queen Creek, about one mile south of the Magma mine. The population of the town and vicinity consists of over 1000 people. There are about fifteen business houses in Superior. There are two moving picture houses. There are two hotels and numerous rooming houses, and still there is not sufficient to accommodate all who apply for room and board. There is a new school house with every facility for teaching the grammar grades. A ball park provides recreation of the field sport nature. There is a water system and plans are under way for the installation of an electric lighting and power system. The population will soon triple, according to estimates made at Superior; the Magma mine, which employs over 500 men at present, expects to double its capacity and therefore its working force. Daily train service connects Superior, over the narrow gauge road, with the Arizona Eastern road, at Magma, with Phoenix and the outside world.

Superior has perhaps the brightest future of any mining camp in Arizona. Things have been booming there since last winter when the Magma mine, where it gets its payroll, made its strike of peacock copper. The town is all alive and hopeful and everybody seems to be happy. Some towns are "has been," some are simply "ares" and some are "going to be" but Superior seems to be in a class by itself. It is a sure enough town now and still it is looking forward to the time when it will be a very much larger and better town in every way.

As one drives up the main street of Superior which was a short time ago nothing but a mesa covered with cactus and mesquite, straggling and prosperity is seen on both sides. It is evident at first glance that the town is on the verge of a greater life. Hotel and rooming houses are filled with people, mining men, prospectors, promoters and investors. All seem to have faith that this is the place, that the ground holds wealth for them and that they are here to get it sure.

Everybody in town seems to have an interest in some claim in the district, either adjoining, or near the Magma or Silver King mine. There are a number of picturesque characters in the district, all hopeful, all rich in the wisdom of mining, especially that of the district which has developed two of the greatest mines in the state, namely the Silver King of the past and the Magma of the present.

**Lobb Rich in Claims**  
For instance, there is George Lobb, who worked in the Silver King in the early days and knows all about it. At one time or other he has owned about everything in the vicinity of the mine. He reached the country in the early eighties when the Silver King attracted so much attention.

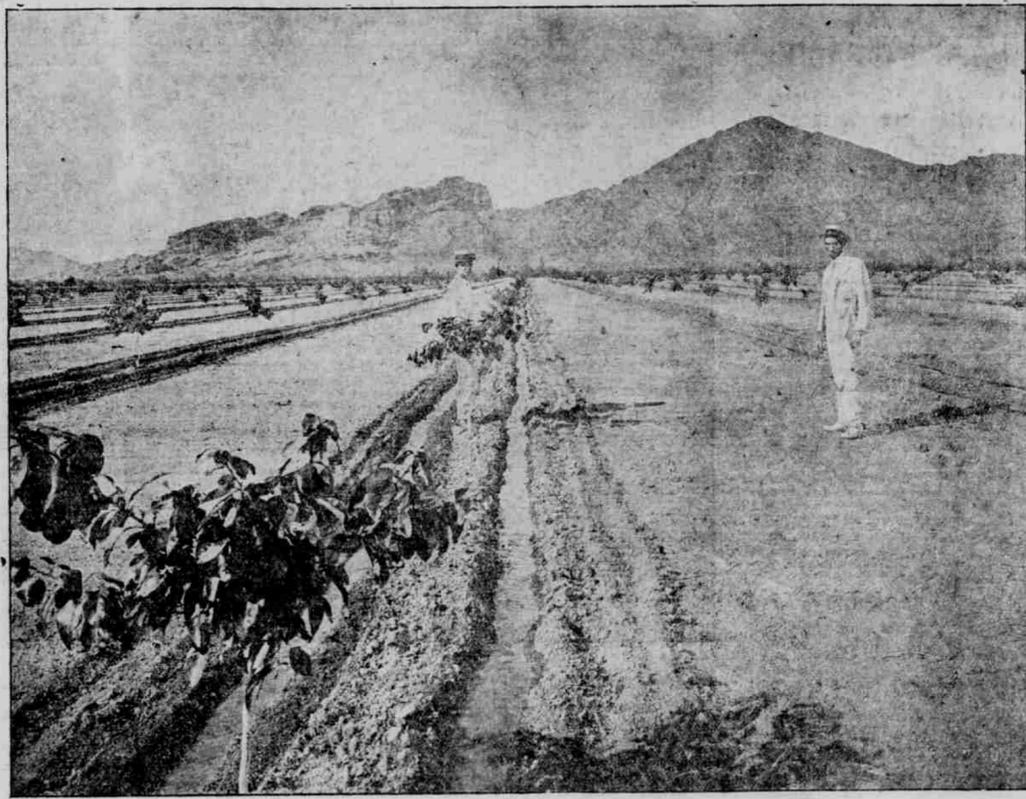
At the time Lobb owned the ground upon which Superior now stands, as mining claims, and at present owns the mining rights to some of the ground near the town. George years ago established the first store in Superior but sold it to W. R. Fisk and associates. With the coming of capital into the district Lobb, with his many mining claim interests, will, he says, become wealthy. He has four sons, all living in the district.

**Lomker the Geologist**  
Also, among the old timers, is Heinrich Frederick Wilhelm Lomker. He is the dean of them all, is geologist, barber, mine owner and prospector. For the past forty years he has lived at the Silver King. There with his geological library, his pick and his shovel the old man, with the hope of becoming rich, has delved away in the rocks. Lomker's credit is good apparently, for he says he is only \$37,500 in the hole. This he considers a mere item in view of the fact that he has interests in about half the properties about the old Silver King mine, which has already begun to wake up from its long sleep, and which it is said will soon be back in the producing class.

Lomker, the most noted geologist of the district in the early days has given the district a thorough study and carries in his head the data so valuable to prospectors and mining men. He can give off hand enough scientific information about the country to make the lay head ache for a week. As it were he knows it all. The study of formation is his long suit and he is always ready to play the game.

**Treaveathen Is Another**  
Also, one will hear about Richard Treaveathen, who came into the country in the beginning of things and has remained to delve in and scrape the earth in the hope of finding another

Young Citrus Ranch Under Camel Back Mountain



## WILCOX BASE OF FERTILE SOIL AND PURE WATER.

Wilcox, in southern Arizona, has an abundance of fertile soil, a perfect climate, and pure water found at shallow depth. Wilcox is situated in the Salinar Springs valley, a valley 120 miles long and from ten to thirty miles wide, containing over a million acres. Wilcox is in the northern part of this valley. The altitude is 4,000 feet, tempering the summer heat. The winters are pleasant.

The soil about Wilcox is heavy, the land is level with a gentle slope toward the center of the valley, making the cost of preparing it for irrigation exceedingly small.

Things raised include tobacco, cotton, alfalfa, corn, sugar cane, cereals, vegetables and fruit.

Wilcox is a thriving town on the main line of the Southern Pacific, with access to the markets of El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

again from Fish Creek Station the road soon follows the Salt river.

One view embracing an enormous sweep of canyon and ridge, river and range is appropriately named "Hell's Hip Pocket." On a great cliff we see the entrance to the cave of Gerónimo, last of the famous Apache chiefs. On again, now along the river, again climbing along the mountain side we quickly arrive at the narrowest part of the canyon, now sealed by man with the giant Roosevelt dam.

Here the great "Atlas of Stone" stands braced deep in the solid sandstone rock closing the gap made by nature, and holding back in a great lake a world of water wealth which makes the valley blossom. At night the dam is lighted by electricity generated by the water in passing through the dam.

There are accommodations for meals and for stopping over night. Fish abound in the lake, which is 23 miles long, and boats and tackle may be rented. Cliff dwellings are found about three miles from the dam, and should be visited. About 50 miles north of the dam is the Natural Bridge, another of Nature's wonders.

Across the lake, some distance in the mountains, are canyons lined with great ruins of cliff cities. North and east is a splendid hunting country. The distance from Phoenix to the dam is 80 miles and from the dam to Globe is 37 miles more. The trip should be extended to include a visit to Globe and Miami and see the enormous copper mines and smelters at both places.

mine equal in richness to or richer than the old Silver King. Beside these notable there are many other grizzled old timers in the district, all with interests in claims which one of these days they are sure will make them rich. The country about is so highly mineralized, with outcrops and fissures exposed everywhere that anybody with a vision upon entering the country will conclude that the old man who have waited surely will be rewarded.

**Young Men Enthused**  
There are also many young men in the district who are now pioneers of the recent era of activity. They are too numerous to mention by name. There are the Pomeroy's who once located the Silver Queen and many other claims in the vicinity. There is Joe

Cope who sold out his claim adjoining the Irene and Hub to the Magma people for a reported cash consideration of \$90,000. There is Billy Fisk, who came over from Globe when things looked bad in 1907 and sold his claims for a round sum. Then Billy and Bob Merritt and associates founded the town of Superior. In 1907 they bought out the store there from George Lobb and held out the townsite. In 1911 they platted it into lots and streets. Things were lively that year. The Magma was erecting its mill and the mine was looking better every day.

Fisk and Kellner, one of the partners, ran the store and organized the Superior Commercial & Trust company engaging in the banking and mercantile business. They bought the

Superior Mining claim from George Lobb and organized the Superior Development company. It sold lots and lands in the town and vicinity.

They also organized the Superior Water association. The bank of Superior was the next enterprise to be organized by the Fisks. It was an outgrowth of the commercial and trust company. There are a number of other firms doing business in Superior, all of which are in a thriving condition.

### Apache Trail

The scenery along the Apache Trail is nowhere excelled. It is a trip of unending delight and surprise. A trip

never to be forgotten, always to be remembered with enthusiasm. The road runs through the Salt River valley, through Tempe and Mesa, to the limits of the irrigated land and then crosses the desert directly to the foot of magnificent Superstition Mountain. Many interesting legends and stories are told of this great rock. "The Mountain of the Foam" it is called by the ancient story writer. Here the road begins to wind its way into the range of mountains of which Superstition is the sentinel. Every minute the scene changes. In turn are passed Hell's Kitchen, Whirlpool Rocks, Mormon Flat, Tortilla Flat, Canyon Diablo and then the wonder of all, Fish Creek canyon, is reached. Here if desired one can rest and partake of lunch. On

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