

MOHAVE COUNTY MINER.

THE ALPHA MINE.

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H. A. Davis and Major Welton came up from the river Thursday.

Wm. Jackson is excavating for a well in the rear of the Palace Hotel.

B. H. Spear is in San Bernardino having finished up his business in San Francisco.

L. J. Lassell was in from his sawmill at Wallapai mountains last Sunday and Monday.

C. Cazinno has a force of men at work building a storeroom, etc., at the back of his hotel.

James Dougherty is building an addition to Chas. Atchison's house to be used as a storeroom.

Messrs. Welton and Taggart left yesterday on a business trip to the Needles and the railroad.

The Board of Supervisors held a meeting last Monday and audited a large number of bills for election expenses, etc.

Krider Bros. have sent their freight team to the railroad for flour, barley, etc., which we are unable to get from California.

J. W. Michael is building an elegant counter and other barroom fixtures for the new saloon of Messrs. Spear & Cox.

A. E. Davis drove into town last night in a fine double-seated carriage and four-in-hand. He was accompanied by a Mr. Simmons.

It is expected that the Abbott and Anderson Troupe will give a dramatic performance at the Court House on Christmas night, Dec. 25th.

W. G. Blakely arrived in town last night upon after Judge Davis. He left Mrs. Blakely rusticated at Simmons' ranch, near San Bernardino.

Messrs. H. B. Cox and Ben. Spears have leased the large front room of the Palace Hotel and will open a first class saloon about the 15th inst.

The official count of Yuma county shows that David Southwick received one vote in Yuma county, but that is one more than Mallory got in Mohave.

Krider Bros. have just received a fine new mill, and they don't charge fifty dollars per ton for milling ore either. If you don't believe it go to their store and see it.

J. W. Stephenson is the lucky man who captured the sinking fund last Monday, getting rid of five hundred dollars worth of county warrants at par, with interest paid in full.

It is the man who is now trying to run the Alta in as good shape as Curton was to add tinkering or adobe making, or even wood chopping, to his profession as a lawyer (?) it would be better for him and those who belong to him.

D. J. and F. L. Cauty left for Albuquerque last Monday in charge of a Deputy U. S. Marshal. Some trouble with the territorial Revenue department is the cause of their sudden trip. We hope that they will be able to settle the matter at once and return to their home among us.

M. Johnston, paymaster of this department, has been ordered to New York. He will leave, with his family, about the 1st prox. We are very sorry that Major Johnston is to leave Arizona. His courtesy and many kindnesses to the citizens of this vicinity will be remembered for a long time.

E. Buckbaum informs us that the road now being constructed by N. W. Clark for the Arnold mining company from their mine to their mill-site on the Sandy is the most perfect piece of roadbed in the county. We wish the Board of Supervisors would appoint Nick Clark as roadmaster and let him attend to some of them in this vicinity.

A letter received from Jno. P. Krider dated San Francisco, Nov. 25th, states that the stock was still very low, that he was unable to get up or move himself and unable to speak, and that his physicians cannot tell whether he will live or not. They say he may die at any moment in his present state. We are sorry to hear such bad news of an old friend and sincerely hope he may recover permanently.

A good looking, lighted-eyed empty-headed, brainless fop, who claims to be a city graduate, who is temporarily in charge of the Alta, says that we must quarrel with somebody all the time. We have quarrelled with Curton and are perfectly ready to turn our attention to him any day we desire, but we warn him that we are not in our official position as the Peace should warn him to be careful before he starts in. Better let us alone, Samuel, and turn your attention to something that will pay better than law, even if you do manage to get on the sides of the case.

We had the pleasure of a call last Thursday from Henry C. Wilson, who is interested in the Blue Pod and other mines in this district. Mr. Wilson is a resident of Bluff, Tohama county, California, and is one of the largest stock raisers in that county. He informs us that since his last visit here—some three years ago—he has been pretty much all over the Territory from the Mexican border and that nowhere has he seen any mineral country to compare with Mohave county. Mr. Wilson remains with us about ten days or two and possibly make his home here for a while and give his personal attention to the mines in which he is interested, and which we understand he contemplates considerable work. We are glad to see such men as Mr. Wilson come among us when they do get here we want them.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. R. Spruance last Friday. This gentleman visits us in the interest of Spruance, Stanley & Co., wholesale liquor dealers in San Francisco, a house whose reputation is known to none in their line on this coast. We have met Mr. Davis several times before in California and Arizona and the more we know of him the better we like him. In connection with us we would like to say a few words about Messrs. Spruance, Stanley & Co. This firm are largely interested in the mines in this district, owning the Cupel claims, and we understand that their intention is as soon as the railroad is completed to erect steam hoisting works at the Cupel and to thoroughly develop the claims which has already yielded to them a large sum of \$150,000. We believe in patronising those who patronise us, and we are glad to see such men as Spruance, Stanley & Co. here. It is nothing more than right that all the money in liquors in this county should be spent with them and that they should be the complement and buy of Spruance, Stanley & Co., for every dollar paid to them will be repaid to us in wages &c.

This mine was located by W. V. Cole and Peter Caffery on the first day of January, 1882, and work was started on it on the first day of June last. The claim lies on the hill just above Layne's Spring and is only a few hundred feet from the Cincinnati, Miner's Hope and Silver Monster mines. Commencing on the top of the ground the pay streak being about 12 inches wide of free chloride and carbonate ore assaying over \$100 to the ton, a shaft about four feet by six was sunk on the ledge, and for the first twenty feet the pay streak gradually widened out to 18 inches, after which it suddenly widened out to three feet until a depth of 58 feet was obtained at which depth the pay streak had widened out to five feet and an average sample across the ledge was taken which assayed \$194 in silver and about \$20 in gold. But from that point down to the bottom the ore body has maintained a steady width of from three and a half to four feet.

Having heard considerable about the richness of this claim we paid a visit to it in company with a friend last Wednesday. Descending into the shaft now down over 70 feet we found the width between the foot wall and the hanging wall to be nearly four feet and the intervening space to be entirely filled by the ore body. In fact there has been no waste or barren ledge matter taken from the shaft for the last twenty feet except an occasional small kidney containing a few pounds. The ore body exhibits a wonderful variety of mineral and consists of a heavy iron ore mixed with bunches of galena, copper, sulphurets and carbonates. Assays from samples of the black sulphuret ore have gone as high as \$6100 to the ton and never under \$500.

Ascending to the surface we found on the dump a pile of about thirty tons of chloride and carbonate ore, the product of the first 40 feet of the shaft, at which point the character of the ore changed entirely. This pile of ore has never been sorted but is just as it came from the mine and has just been carefully sampled by W. J. Chamberlain, of the sampling works at Kingman, who visited the claim for the purpose and took a very thorough and careful sample of it, the result of which showed it to contain an average of 100 ounces of silver to the ton and from \$15 to \$60 in gold. This pile of ore is already sold to Chamberlain & Co., who have agreed to buy all the ore as fast as taken from the mine. In another place to the right of the shaft we found a pile of sulphuret ore, so called, though it contains everything brought to the surface since the chloride ore gave out. This pile of ore has not yet been sampled but a great many assays have been made from it ranging from \$142 to \$200 and is estimated by the owners to be worth two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars to the ton. During the past two days they have come across a streak of fine grained galena ore averaging from 1 to 6 inches, which has not yet been assayed, but which must contain at least 40 per cent lead.

The ledge runs northeast and southwest and for the first 40 feet down dips at an angle of about 35°, from thence to the bottom at about 45°. It is the intention of the owners to sink the shaft 100 feet deep and then drift both ways and to put all the men they can work to advantage on the mine. Miners who have seen this claim and are familiar with the Contention mine at Tombstone, claim that this ledge looks better than the Contention did at the same depth. We have on exhibition at our office specimens of every kind of ore from this mine, some of them showing horn silver, bromide and black sulphurets. Also specimens of the copper ore, which we shall be pleased to show to anyone interested. These are not picked specimens but simply brought in to show the general average of the ore. Most of them being taken from the mine in our presence.

If this prospect, for it is nothing but a prospect as yet, was in any other mining district outside of Northern Arizona it would be worth a fortune to its owners, and if the mine only holds out as well as it looks now it is bound to attract the attention of capitalists and eventually sell for a large amount, if the present owners wish to sell, which is a matter we did not inquire into.

We are informed by parties recently from Colorado, Utah and Southern Arizona, that the attention of the mining world is now centered on Northern Arizona and Mohave county in particular and that mining men all over the country are only waiting for the railroad to be finished to the Colorado to come here and invest their capital and develop our mines. If any of these mining men or capitalists want to see a good prospect and a fine body of ore, and rich ore at that, we shall be glad to show them the Alpha claim as a Mohave county prospect and a hundred others as good or better if one is not enough.

MINING ITEMS.

The McCracken mill and mine have changed hands and the property deeded and mortgage assigned to a new company. Nothing definite is known as to who compose the new company but it is rumored that Haggin and Tevis and Geo. Hearst are interested parties. It will be a good day for Mohave county when these gentlemen own some of its mines.

Don't forget that we have a quantity of location notices on hand at this office, which we will furnish at a reasonable rate. Belden and Conkey are taking out some splendid ore from their claim on the summit of the range back off Chloride.

The Hackberry mill and mining company offer to mill all classes of ore for thirty dollars per ton and give 80 per cent of the assay value.

The Southwestern mining company of El Dorado Canon are now milling free ore at thirty dollars per ton and ores that require to be roasted for forty dollars per ton and are paying from 75 to 85 per cent of the assay value.

A petition has been circulated and signed by all the county officers asking the appointment of Otto F. Bennner as U. S. Deputy Surveyor for this county.

The Gray Brothers have returned from the Ivanpah district where they have been doing assessment work on some copper claims which they own. They report one mill running at Ivanpah and about thirty men at work chloriding in and about the camp. We learn from them also that the country all around there is fast filling up with prospectors.

Johnson and Sample are working on the C. O. D. mine and are taking out some good looking ore.

The editor of this paper has visited and taken notes of a number of mines during the past week and takes this opportunity of

mentioning that descriptions of all claims that he visits will appear in this paper very shortly after his visits to them, and that parties must not feel offended if the descriptions are kept back two or three weeks, as it is not always convenient to insert them at once.

Dave Southwick is striking it richer and richer on his gold ledge, the Star Spangled Banner, on Stockton Hill.

L. C. Welbourn is working on the Morning Sun and has a pile of about twenty tons of chloride ore on the dump, which ought to assay away up in the hundreds.

EL DORADO CANON ITEMS.

The Southwestern mining company keep their mill running day and night, using only ten stamps out of the fifteen. They are running through an average of ten tons of ore per day from the company's mine. The ore averages about \$80 per ton. The company are working twenty men in the mill and forty in the mine, which is six miles from the mill. There is ore enough in sight in the mine to keep the mill running for three years.

W. H. Gann, who formerly kept a butcher shop in this town, is keeping a restaurant and butcher shop here and making money. Mrs. Gann is postmistress.

Ed. Baunman is running the engine at the mill.

It is reported that Andrew Fife has leased the Lincoln mill and will start up work about January 1st, 1883.

McGregor, Oroott and about twenty others are chloriding in the vicinity of the Canon and are doing well.

The Southwestern company sent down \$15,000 worth of bullion on the last steamer.

The mill is turning out some of the prettiest bullion ever seen, some of it being very nearly 1000 fine.

RAILROAD ITEMS.

We were shown this week a letter dated Albuquerque, November 27th, 1882, from Chief Engineer Kingman, of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, in which he said that the first train would cross the Chino bridge on December 6th and that it was the intention of the company to reach the Colorado before the spring rise, not later than April 1st, 1883, and that after leaving the Chino bridge they would average a mile a day. We have since been informed by W. H. Hardy, who was there, that the first train passed over the bridge on the 5th.

Passenger rates on the A. & P. railroad this side of Albuquerque are ten cents per mile on any and all trains.

An express train now runs clear to the end of the track once a day both ways.

W. H. Hardy informs us that he has all the passengers he can carry, that he has established his own rations, which are all well supplied with water and barley, oats and hay and that he has six double teams running between Chino bridge and Mineral Park and that the mail will now be delivered in Mineral Park in 30 hours from the end of the track. Score one for W. H. Hardy.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The suggestion in last week's Alta that some steps should be taken towards getting up a Christmas Tree entertainment for the little one is decidedly good and we will do anything in our power to help it along. Christmas comes only once a year and is the holiday of holidays devoted especially to the little folks, who one and all look forward to it as a season of happiness and pleasure. Let us not disappoint them in this but devote a little of our time and money to this laudable purpose and not delay everything to the very last minute, as was done last year. We suggest that Mr. Hamilton call a meeting of those interested at an early day and have the necessary arrangements made.

LIES OF THE DAY.

It is not true that Otto got away with all the Signal whisky.

It is not true that Buckbaum got those fine Havanas at Signal.

It is not true that Otto fell over head and heels in love on the Sandy.

It is not true that Southwick was mistaken about the vote for Councilman in Yuma.

It is not true that Fisher carried home \$100 of specimens from Cole & Caffery's mine.

There will be a turkey shoot Christmas. Be on hand with your long tons and take them in.

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