

Mines of the County

Work on the Virgin and Victor mines, near Vivian, is progressing quietly. The mines will soon be equipped with all the necessary machinery for deep work.

Barney Perkins and George Beebe, who have been doing assessment work on mines at Cerbat, came to Kingman last night. They will do assessment work on the old Fay group of mines south of Kingman between this time and the first of January.

The sixty claims owned by a German and English company, near the old Copper World mine, south of Kingman, are to be worked by a large force of men after the first of January. All the veins are said to carry copper values, besides some gold and silver.

A miner who has been at work on the Heck mines, near Vivian, was in Kingman a few days ago. He reports that wonderfully rich ore is being taken from one of the properties. A wheelbarrow full of ore from one of the shafts was estimated to contain 2,000\$ in gold. The company is rushing work on the mines.

Kean St. Charles has been in Los Angeles the past ten days attending to important business connected with the probable sale of the Midnight mine. This property has lately been shipping considerable copper ore to the smelter and it is said a big body of ore of shipping grade has been opened up. It is one of the desirable properties of Chloride camp and if worked on a large scale should become a big dividend payer.

General Manager Davis, of the new Cedar Valley mining company, is at the mine arranging for the early resumption of work. Owing to the heavy storms in the mountains the work on road repair has been delayed, but it is expected that within a week a big force will be at work broadening the grade and making the road one of the best in the territory. A telephone line will be strung from Yucca to the mines and will be of great convenience to the people operating along its course. The mines are to be opened to a great depth and worked on a large scale. The company has taken in a large acreage of ground, much of which is of great value.

R. P. Wheeler, general manager of the Big Sandy Gold mining company, arrived in Kingman Sunday last from Milwaukee, and departed Monday evening to the mines of the company below Signal. Mr. Wheeler informed the MINER editor that it was the intention of the company to do a large amount of development work on the company's property and later put in a mill to work the ores. The company owns a group of mines carrying good values in gold, the property being close to the Big Sandy creek, from which stream all water necessary for milling purposes can be had.

Dr. L. D. Godshall, of the Needles smelter, visited the mines of the company at Stockton Hill and Cerbat this week. He reports that a carload of high grade zinc ore is being made ready at the Champion mine for shipment to the Kansas zinc works as an experiment. If the experiment is successful other shipments will be made and later an effort will be made to separate the zinc from the other metals. At the company's mines the work is progressing nicely and large quantities of ore is being prepared for the smelters. J. N. Cohenour is superintendent of the Champion and Eli Hilty at the Banner.

Deputy Sheriffs Asa F. Harris and George B. Ayers Tuesday last brought in a bar of bullion from the Goldroad mill that weighed 21,000\$. This bar was of the same weight as that shipped ten days ago. It is reported that the next bar from the mill will be the largest single bar of bullion ever gotten out in Mohave county. The former large one weighed 54,000\$. At the mine the ore is improving on the 600 level and it is expected that the vein will soon be opened on the 700 level. Lack of power at the mine is cause for the delay in not opening up the ore body on the 700 level, but this will soon be obviated by the introduction of the power from the generating station at Kingman.

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Kingman Cement.

On his return from Los Angeles the first of the week Charles Metcalfe brought samples of cement made from the pumice-tuff taken from his quarry west of town, which even to one not versed in cements showed that they were of a superior quality, being as hard as flint. The ground rock, which contains, as shown by analysis, the exact proper proportions of silica and aluminum, after adding the requisite quantity of lime, was put through the regular process in a testing plant. The cement sets quickly, and has a tensile strength exceeding the finest Portland. In comparative tests with other cements as to its resistance of sea water it showed its superiority. As one item of expense roasting is eliminated, as the material has had that in the past. In other parts of the world, notably around the volcano of Vesuvius and on the Isle of Sicily, cement is made of a similar product which is noted for its superiority. The walls of the ancient ruins about Rome were laid in mortar made from volcanic product and have withstood the ravages of time for more than 2000 years. It is altogether probable that cement works of a large capacity will be erected at Kingman in the near future, as the demand for cement now exceeds the production and is increasing constantly. In 1890 the production in the United States was 335,000 barrels annually. In 1900 it had increased to 8,500,000 barrels, and five years later had reached 35,000,000 barrels. This year, although 40,000,000 barrels will be manufactured, the production is not keeping pace with the demand.

Silver to Reach 76 Cents.

Director Roberts of the mint says that within two years silver will reach 76 cents per ounce, below which point it will not go. He expects the quotation of the white metal to be 76 cents by spring, but within the next two years it is sure to be stable at the price named. This is good news to miners, as the silver mines of the country are more dependable than gold, and as Mohave county has treasures of silver in her mines we may expect a big boom in the silver mines of the old camps.

Fred. C. Woodworth, superintendent of the Tawa Mining & Development company, was in Kingman several days this week from Brownsville, the new town eight miles east of Hackberry. He reports that the company is building one of the finest wagon roads in the county into the new mining fields and that when completed the company will increase its operating capacity materially. At the present time more than fifty men are on the payroll and more are being added daily. The mines are showing up well with the small amount of work already done. By the middle of January the machinery will be at the mines and then things will be made to hum.

J. N. Cohenour, superintendent of the Champion mine, is in Kingman. Mr. Cohenour reports that the new hoister on the property is in working order and that large shipments of ore are being made to the Needles smelter. Two carloads of ore are now at Cerbat siding and seven more cars are on the dumps awaiting haulage to the railroad.

G. A. Gunther, of Los Angeles, accompanied by D. W. Whipple, J. M. Cotton and C. W. Brooks, of Houston, Texas, arrived in Kingman Monday last and the following day departed to White Hills where they examined the McKesson mines, recently taken over by the North Star Gold mining company.

Mr. Bowen, of San Francisco, has a force of men at work on the K. P. and P. K. mining claims, in IXL Basin. The water has been drawn from the mines and the drifts are now being cleaned out, preparatory to doing considerable work on the property.

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Dr. Rinehart, the Bisbee Dentist, will be in Kingman in a few days and do all kinds of Dental work.

I. M. George has just received a carload of Kansas corn fed hogs for his Kingman Market.

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