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Pay More Attention to Little Mines.

A small business, if well conducted, is oftentimes more profitable than large affairs in which there are many leaks and opportunities for losses. This applies to mining as well as to other occupations, and yet the trend of the times is to engage in mining on a large scale rather than to give attention to seemingly small propositions and small producers. This tendency has often resulted in failure when, if the individual, or company, had confined operations to small mines and been content to take small profits with comparatively little outlay, success would have crowned their efforts.

All producing mines trace their origin to prospect. Some of these are more promising than others, and some, to begin with, offer greater promise for the future. It is often the case that a prospect possessing considerable merit and that could be transformed into a producing and paying mine, on a modest scale, is not given the recognition it deserves, and the owner, looking for greater things, is not content until he has secured a large number of claims in one group and organized a company, with a heavy capitalization, for its operation and development. Heavy work is inaugurated, hundreds of thousands are expended for mine and mill equipment, and years are employed in the futile effort to make a dividend-payer when, as a matter of fact, the enterprise is weighted down with a burden too heavy for the company to carry, and in excess of the real, intrinsic value of its property to overcome.

And yet, if the owner of the prospect, with holdings aggregating only a few claims, had employed a few men and opened up his mine, he might have been able to ship a few cars of good ore, monthly, with a nice profit to his credit in the bank on which to draw upon for dividends every few months.

The real merit of little mines is often ignored; but, in the hands of the right men, the right people, they are a constant source of revenue, of satisfaction, or real pleasure. Take the Utah mine, for instance; an isolated property in Fish Springs district, Tooele county, Utah. This mine was discovered some twenty years ago and fell into the hands of some very conservative people who worked it for what it was worth, and for profits and dividends. Since then the property has never been closed down. A day has never been missed in its operation and development: the stock of the company has never been assessed, and yet the mine has produced 1,198,000\$ and has paid 281,860\$ in dividends. Today the mine is finely equipped, is extensively developed, and is making regular monthly shipments, and is good for dividends for a long time to come.

There are many similar properties in the west, today, that could be as profitably operated. They abound in almost every canyon, in almost every mountain range; but they are ignored, because investors and mining men are looking for something bigger, overlooking the fact that it is safer to own a score of little mines which can make sure but small profits than it is to have the entire investment in one big property of doubtful or unproven character.

Were more attention given to the little mines there would be more producers in the west than now adorn the list, and steady income from these would place hundreds in an independent position, financially, who now live from hand to mouth while waiting for something big to materialize.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

Moapa Valley Railroad.

The reports which have been in circulation for some time to the effect that the Moapa Valley Railroad from Moapa to St. Thomas would be speedily completed, were confirmed by Mr. J. Ross Clark in this city on Wednesday last. Mr. Clark said:

"You may say that the rails will be laid on the Moapa branch during the

month of February. The construction crews are now finishing the rip-rap work on which they have been engaged for some time and will be released from that work very soon. Thereupon they will be immediately transferred to the Moapa valley line and the rails will be laid on the grade which was completed several months ago.

"I have informed the ranchers that they may safely proceed to put in their crops and may rely on the road being in operation by May, in plenty of time to move the season's products."

This personal and positive assurance by Mr. Clark that the road will soon be in operation should remove any doubt which may have crept into the minds of any, as to the building of the road. Although the delay has been long and tiresome and the financial loss to the valley considerable, we believe that the delay on the part of the company has been unavoidable and as much regretted by Mr. Clark and his associates as by the people.

The Age congratulates the people of this wonderful Moapa valley and of the whole county, on the certain consummation of this improvement, whereby the full development of the immense resources of that section is made possible.

Mr. Clark and his associates in the management of the Salt Lake road are also to be commended for the spirit they have shown in making the large expenditure necessary to build this branch at this time. Only through such enterprise will it be possible to develop the resources of the country and build up the business of the railroad at the same time. Not only in an agricultural way will the Moapa Valley line prove of value, but it will also make it possible to handle on a commercial basis the immense deposits of salt, kaolin, gypsum and other minerals. Valuable gold, silver and copper mines in that section will now also be worked at a profit and already there are hundreds of tons of valuable ore lying at St. Thomas ready for the cars.—Las Vegas Age.

Miami Output is Continuing Heavy.

A Globe dispatch says:—The Miami Copper company continues to produce at the rate of over 2,500,000 pounds of refined copper monthly. The ore has been cut on the 570-foot level by the crosscut from the main working shaft at a distance of 580 feet from the shaft. A churn-drill is being set up near No. 3 shaft about 1,500 feet northeast of the present developed ore body and drilling should start this week. Surface indications are considered favorable to the development of another large body of ore.

Development of the Live Oak ore body continues at about the same rate as in the past few weeks. Shaft No. 2 near the western end of the property will be enlarged from two compartments to three, and excavation is in progress for a new and larger hoist. A new air compressor will also be erected. This shaft is 938 feet deep and showed the ore body to be over 200 feet thick at this point, with an average copper content of 23.4 per cent.

At the Inspiration the experimental mill is running and construction work on the dam across Pinal creek is in progress. Contracts have been made for much of the material to be used in construction work during the next two years. W. H. Aldridge, managing director for the Inspiration Copper company, Dr. L. D. Ricketts, representing the controlling interests in Live Oak, and C. H. Rpath, consulting engineer, who will design the concentrator and other works for the Inspiration Consolidated company, have visited the mines during the past week, and an announcement of the results of the examination and conference is expected in the near future.

The churn-drill hole in the bottom of the 400-foot shaft on the Barney group has been started and drilling is proceeding steadily. The hole is in silicified schist, the ore-bearing formation of the Miami district.

Churn-drill hole No. 2 of the Southwestern Miami Development company is 44 feet deep and progressing steadily. Ore is expected at a depth of 900 feet.

The Schultze group of 16 claims five miles west of the Miami has been bonded by L. D. McClure and H. E. Dunn for 250,000\$ for eastern people. McClure and Dunn have left for New York to consult with their principals.

The Kingdon shaft of the Old Dominion, which was recently gutted by fire, has been temporarily renumbered for 175 feet preparatory to putting in a concrete lining. The concentrating will be done in sections for a total depth of 1000 feet. Paul Michaelson and C. H. Weideman are doing the work under contract.

The Superior and Boston is awaiting the arrival of pipe for the water column before cutting the Great Eastern vein. The face of the crosscut is now within a few feet of the vein.

The Mineral Farm group of 21 claims, three miles northeast of Globe, is being developed by the Mineral Farm Development company. At a depth of 400 feet in the vertical shaft a crosscut is being driven north toward two veins that outcrop prominently for several thousand feet. The surface showings are considered very favorable for the discovery of large bodies of sulphide ore at depth. Two miners and a hoist man are employed. Robert H. Griffith is in charge of the work.

Famous Bonanza will be Reopened.

One of the most important mining deals consummated recently is that announced as having been closed by H. William Stevens, W. J. Martin and associates in taking over the well known producer of early days, the Bonanza and Golden Eagle groups of mines, situated in the Harqua Hala mountains nine miles southeast of Salome on the A. and C. railroad.

Fourteen claims have been acquired, ten of which are patented. The reviving of this famous producer of early days, recalls its heavy production, when it was under the ownership of Hubbard & Bowers, both of whom passed away several years ago. During their administration the Bonanza mine alone yielded over 4,000,000\$ within a vertical depth of 210 feet from the surface.

This property is equipped with a 40-stamp mill, new shaft, air compressor, hoist and other mechanical facilities, while on the Golden Eagle is a hoist, a cable tram from the collar of the shaft to the Bonanza mill, making all a desirable mechanical combination for the immediate prosecution of development and early production. While considerable of the equipment was installed when the property was producing, additions have been made in recent times and with the rebuilding and remodeling of the old apparatus, the operating facilities are all that could be desired from a mechanical standpoint. Messrs. Stevens and Martin are said to have secured this famous group under most favorable conditions, and it is reported that quite a few of most prominent and conservative business men of Prescott have taken advantage of the opportunity to become interested with them.

It has been arranged therefore, that a new corporation will be immediately organized to take over the property. Afterward Mr. Stevens will leave for the east to submit the plans formulated here to those who will become interested. The further opening up and placing of Bonanza on a large producing basis will follow, and with the confidence already shown by Prescott business men in the proposition and in Messrs. Stevens and Martin, no further comment is necessary than to say that both of the above mining men are among the most energetic of operators and have been residents of Prescott for many years. Mr. Stevens has been identified with and interested in the promotion of several well known properties in the county and has succeeded in bringing in a large amount of capital to various mines, but none of which

bears the promise of becoming such a heavy producer as the recently acquired Bonanza mines.

Mr. Martin, familiarly known in the mining field as "Jack" Martin, is considered as one of the most reliable and conservative of mine managers, and figured prominently in opening up and making a success of the Congress, the Crowned King, the Little Jessie, and other producers. With Mr. Martin in charge of future operations of the Bonanza, while Mr. Stevens and associates are attending to the financial part of the business, the new organization has a good chance to place the famous property again in the list of large producers. Mr. Martin is now at the property making the final examination, and is accompanied by Prof. J. S. Templin, the well known coast mine engineer, both outlining a plan for the proposed new line of operations.—Phoenix Democrat.

Ore Body Opened up at The Princess Shaft.

In the bottom of the Princess shaft at the Searchlight-Spokane property, at a depth of 380 feet, the miners on Wednesday afternoon opened into the ore body for which they have been searching. At first there was but a feather edge, but it soon widened to ten inches, with every indication of getting better as depth is gained.

This find is very gratifying to the management. It was hardly expected right in the shaft, but rather to one side, with the expectation that the ore body would have to be drifted for.

Now it is planned to continue sinking until the water flow becomes too great to be handled with the present facilities, when drifting will be prosecuted. It is thought that drifting to the east will result in an increase in the size of the ore body.

The values of the new find are conservatively estimated at 15\$ to 20\$ to the ton.

It is expected that the mill will start grinding about the 20th of this month. The ore to feed the stamps will be taken from the new find, as well as from above, where there has been found a good body in two levels, the 120 and the 308. As mentioned in this paper a couple of weeks ago, the indications are that these two bodies are one and the same, although this is not definitely known, there being no work done between these two levels. It is the intention of the management to run in a drift on an intermediate level

in the near future, this for the purpose of proving up the continuity of the ore.—Searchlight Bulletin.

Silver Ore in Norton's Mine.

Senator George W. Norton's silver mine in the Mohawk mountains is back again upon the map. It will be remembered that Senator Norton shipped a car load of silver ore from this mine that netted him 10,000\$. This was some two years ago. Believing that the find was a pocket and that he had about cleaned out the good stuff he bonded the property to Captain G. R. Rose, old sailor and prospector, well known in Yuma. Captain Rose and his partner, a man by the name of Brown, from San Diego, have been working upon the property in a desultory way for many months. They uncovered nothing of consequence. The bond was about to run out or at least would run out within a short time. However luck was with them. Recently they found the lead, which is not a pocket at all, but a well defined ledge. It is two and a half feet wide and rich in silver beyond belief.

Last night Captain Rose shipped by Wells Fargo Express 1200 pounds of silver ore from his lead to the Selby Smelter in California. This ore assays 10 ounces of silver to the pound. As silver is worth approximately fifty cents per ounce this 1200 pounds of ore will be worth at the smelter more than 6,000\$.

George W. Norton was in town last night. He says that if he had 100,000\$ he would give it to Rose and his partner for a surrender of the bond. He estimates the value of the mine at 1,000,000\$.

Apparently there is any amount of ore as rich as that which Mr. Rose shipped yesterday. The Captain passed through Yuma on his way to the coast last night. He proposes to be at the smelter when his ore is treated and see just how it pans out.—Yuma Sun.

The Alta Tunnel & Transportation company, of Salt Lake, F. V. Bodfish, president, operating near Alta, Utah, is working three shifts in the driving of its long development tunnel. The tunnel will attain the greatest depth ever reached in the Alta or Big Cottonwood regions, reaching a depth of 1,600 feet below the Prince of Wales, 1,500 feet vertically below the United States Mineral Monument No 1, 1,200 feet below the Grizzly tunnel, 1,000 feet below the Utah Mines Coalition tunnel.—Salt Lake Mining Review.



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Flaky Biscuits
Delicious Cake
Healthful Food
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CREAM
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Lime Phosphate