

MINING ACTIVITY IN MOHAVE, NOTABLE

Railroad Building and Development Of Properties Keeps That County Quite Busy.

(Mohave County Miner)

A. W. Bratlund, general manager of the Hercules Mining company, arrived from the north part of California a few days ago and went out to the Hercules mines yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bratlund during his absence visited the High Grade camp, now being exploited as one of the richest camps ever found. He says that there are many small stringers that have some excellent ore in them, but that the ground is covered with float rock, and that it will take some time to trace out the veins. On one of the claims there has been found some good ore, but the public is religiously prevented from going into the mines, and little is really known of the ore values. Outside of the small rich stringers he was unable to get anything in the panning he made and was informed by others that they likewise were unable to get anything that savored of rich ore. While many people are rushing in there as many are making their way out. Although nothing outside of two mines have so far shown rich ore it is possible with all the prospectors going in there many good things may be found. It is the opinion of Mr. Bratlund that nothing in recent years has been found that will touch the mark established by the Goldroad section of this county.

C. H. Howe, of the State Tax commission, arrived in Kingman Thursday evening from Phoenix, and is going over the tax roll with Assessor F. L. Hunt. Mr. Howe is here to get the new method of assessment, decided upon by the commission, in good working order. Mr. Hunt has found that it is quite impossible to make up an abstract of mines now paying a bullion tax to meet the requirements of the commission, as the mines paying the bullion tax or providing the ores have not been listed as producers, the list going to the group. It is proposed under the new method to make an assessment this year based on the bullion production last year and upon the physical valuation of the properties and improvements. The valuation of mining property will be none the less in this county on account of the repeal of the bullion tax, as it is the intent of the framers of the new tax law to meet the bullion tax loss by an increase in the physical valuation of the mining properties.

H. E. Bierce, of Denver, who is operating mining properties at Mineral Park, is in Kingman. The mines under development at the Park are under option from Thomas McNeely, a drift being driven into the mountain several hundred feet to develop the vein. The property is copper bearing and the belief exists that it will prove up one of the good things of that camp. The writer has always entertained the impression that the turquoise mines of Mineral Park were only the capping of a great copper deposit that some day would make that section famous from the red metal standpoint.

The I. X. L. Mining company is soon to get to work on another lift below the present level (160 feet), which will bring them below the water level and probably into the permanent formation. At the present level there is much leaching and the impression is that a secondary enrichment will be found within the next 100 feet. The mine is under the management of C. G. Atlee, an excellent mine manager. Mr. Atlee has done a large amount of work on the property and is sure that he will make a winner of it when given proper financial support. The mine was at one time a producer of very rich silver ore.

The completion of the Clark branch railroad to St. Thomas has brought a great celebration to that place, the entire counties of Clark and Lincoln turning out to rejoice with the people of the Muddy valley. The completion of the line gives the miners of northern Mohave county close railroad communication with the outside world and makes possible the shipment of lower grade ores from the Grand Gulch and other mines of the Grand

Gulch section. These mines have shipped only the ores that ran above 40 percent copper, but the high price of the red metal and the short haul to the railroad will allow of the shipment of thousands of tons of dump ores that run nearly 20 percent in copper. The new road will also open up the great crystal fields of the Muddy and Virgin valleys, as well as the mica mines of this county in the north.

Last Saturday morning, at Hotel Brunswick, in Kingman, the stockholders of the Arizona Venture Corporation met and elected officers for the ensuing year. The stockholders were represented by W. D. Grannis and J. A. Chestnut, who represented the majority interests. The company is the owner of a group of mining properties in this county, upon which considerable work is to be done this year.

With copper at better than 17 cents the state of Arizona should be among the most prosperous of the mining states of the Union. Mohave county has only one copper mine shipping, but there are many other properties that could soon be put in the producing column. Spelter is also high, the price from 6.90 to 7 cents. Silver is still holding its own at 60 cents, but the general impression is that it will go to 75 cents before the end of the year. Lead is still low in price and market is dull. With the metals bringing top notch prices there is no reason why Arizona should not be the most prosperous of all the states.

T. J. Purdy, of the Yuca Mining company, has gone to Los Angeles, where he will look after business connected with his mining operations.

The Arizona, California & Nevada Telephone company has just completed a line to the Frisco mines. This will be found of great convenience to the people along the line, as well as to the people of Kingman. The line passes west of Kingman, by way of Union Pass and to the camp of the Frisco mines company, a distance of about 24 miles.

Many leasers are getting things in shape to begin operations on mines in the Stockton Hill section. The miners propose to take out lead-silver ore and ship to the coast smelters, where good rates may be had for that class of ore.

H. H. Shuck, who has charge of the operations of the Gold Reed Mining & Milling company's operations near Oatman, reports that the main shaft on the property has reached a depth of 114 feet, where crosscutting the vein is now going on. The vein is one of the largest in that section and it is the impression that a great body of milling ore will be opened up. Associated with Mr. Shuck are a number of Bisbee mining men.

W. H. Nelson, who has been a resident of Peach Springs many years, sold out his cattle interests there last week to his brother and has gone to Elsenore, Cal., to reside. His family has resided in that place the past two years.

Geo. T. Warren will leave this evening for Los Angeles where he will join his wife and spend the next two weeks at Avalon, Catalina Islands.

WINGFIELD SAYS PLACER MINES ARE PAYING
(From Wednesday's Daily)

C. P. Wingfield of Huron, while in the city yesterday stated that placer mining along Big Bug was going ahead with unusual activity, owing to the water supply decreasing, and that for the past three months the amount of gold recovered would aggregate several thousand dollars. Some excitement was prevailing over a discovery made a short time ago by Frank Thornton and Clay McCrea, who had struck a very rich channel near the old time diggings, which had been overlooked. This firm was sinking the shaft, but in a short time this shaft would be suspended, the prospect of increasing rapidly as the weather warmed. The water supply was washed out and the shaft would run to second level. The water was the result from near the camp.

POLITICS ABSORBS MOST ATTENTION OF WISE ONES AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, June 13.—In an attempt to discover the parentage of the Canadian reciprocity bill, which was passed last summer, Representative Shackelford of Missouri, threw the house into a rough and tumble debate when he declared that President Taft and a "former President" were responsible for the measure. To this Representative Prince of Illinois, retorted that the people would hold the Democrats responsible. Mr. Lloyd, also of Missouri, backed up his colleague. Mr. Prince used the occasion to pronounce something of an eulogy of Colonel Roosevelt, which stirred up Mr. Hardwick of Georgia, in a declaration that the Colonel was a "wild man." Representative Good of Iowa, indicated that Mr. Hardwick was mixed in his dates and wanted to know if the assertion was not intended to apply to the Governor of New Jersey. Representative Dyer of Missouri, added his declaration to the support of Colonel Roosevelt saying that the people of that State would declare for him in their elections, and this statement was promptly challenged by Representative Booher from the same State. Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, jumped into the debate with a petition signed by 31,000 "farmers who farm," asking for the repeal of the reciprocity bill, "lest Canada at some time will accept its terms." As a matter of fact, no one has felt any particular alarm about Canada's action in the matter. The use of reciprocity as a subject of debate in the House has been a very convenient instrument upon which to base political charges between the conflicting parties.

A Home For the Buffalo.

The Senate has embodied the bill of Congressman Martin of South Dakota, in an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, and the American buffalo will be provided a home in Wind Cave Park where bison, elk and other large game are to be given every protection that can be thrown about them by Uncle Sam. Among the buffaloes being supplied for the new game reservation, are ten from the New York Zoological Garden, which will be shipped by Dr. William T. Hornaday to the South Dakota preserve. At one time hundreds of thousands of American buffaloes inhabited the country, but the number remaining in the world has been reduced to between three and four thousand. The hope has been expressed that Wind Cave Park project will be the initial step toward restoring this great animal in considerable numbers to America.

Three-Year Homestead Law.

President Taft signed the three-year homestead bill Thursday morning in the presence of an invited party of congressmen made up of Messrs. Frenche of Idaho, Mondell of Wyoming, Taylor of Colorado, Hayden of Arizona, Pray of Montana, Kinkaid of Nebraska and Raker of California. The new law went into effect immediately and under its provisions the Secretary of the Interior is required to send a copy of the measure to every homesteader in the United States. Each homesteader shall elect for himself whether he will prove up under the old or present homestead law.

After the Coffee Trust.

Representative Norris of Nebraska, is entitled to about all the credit that should go to any one for the attempt to check the operation of the world's coffee trust. His latest step has been the introduction of a bill that would put the operation of this institution under the Interstate Commerce laws, should it become a law. The Norris bill would so amend the antitrust laws as to characterize as an illegal conspiracy any combination whereby two or more persons are engaged in the importing of any article from any foreign country when such a combination is operated in restraint of free competition of commerce or so as to increase the market price of the article. The bill carries as a penalty a maximum fine of \$5000, with imprisonment.

Shifting Political Schemes.

Mr. Taft has failed from the political man, and following the lead of the crowd of the two contending camps, Mr. Taft has followed the lead of the crowd of the two contending camps, Mr. Taft has followed the lead of the crowd of the two contending camps.

Democratic headquarters, there has followed a burst of sunshine incident to the fact that everybody at Chicago claimed to be "jubilant" over the developments in the Republican contest. But the hilarity of things was shortlived, and the political gladiators spent only a short time by the ringside before grappling in the final struggle in the center of the mat. From all accounts, optimism and cheerfulness have already had their day and grim determination marks the progress of political events both here and at Chicago.

Wants New Patent Laws.

The President has asked Congress to make provision for a commission to investigate and revise the present patent laws which were enacted in 1870, and which he points out are inadequate and obsolete, as they were created before the development of the industrial conditions which obtain today.

The All-Devouring Scythe.

There is a lot of homely philosophy contained in the memorial address made by former Speaker Cannon for the late Henry Loudenslager of New York. Reverting in his remarks to the custom of funerals, the former Speaker said that he was not fond of them, continuing:

"I am not afraid of them as the years come and go. I was at one time when I was a younger man, but I play the philosopher now. If the man with the scythe should come, I would dodge through the door if possible. I would turn and fight him if I were able, but if he prevailed I should lift my hat and say, 'I have had my swing.' I realize that one of these days there will be a funeral to which I have to go, and I shall be quite content if when I go my associates can feel as kindly toward me as the associates of Henry Loudenslager feel toward his memory."

BEARDSLEY BOYS FOUND DEAD IN MEXICO
(From Friday's Daily)

Advices from Douglas yesterday brought the sad news of the death of Charles and Edward Beardsley, which is attributed to the race hatred said to prevail in Mexico at the present time against Americans. The bodies of these young men were found as a point about eight miles below San Pedro, in Sonora, and that they were ambushed while leaving that country for the boundary line, is believed. Their remains were unrecognizable, but their identity was established under peculiar circumstances.

In pulling the shoe off of the foot of Charles Beardsley an envelope was found, which contained the following: "This will give a clue of the fate that has overtaken us," with the signatures of both brothers attached. They were leaving a mining camp about 25 miles distant from the place where they were killed, and were en route to Utah. Nothing of the slightest value was found on their bodies, and that they were ambushed by bandits is believed. Edward Beardsley left this county about one year ago, to join his brother at a mining camp near San Pedro, who preceded him from near Ogden, Utah.

BIDGOOD IS WELL PLEASSED WITH PROJECT
(From Thursday's Daily)

W. P. Bidgood, secretary of the Arizona Land and Irrigation Company, who arrived from Indianapolis, Ind., a few days ago, to remain indefinitely, imparts the important information that preparatory matters are to be adjusted toward beginning practical work on that undertaking. It is his belief that previous calculations setting the time for active operations to be initiated in September, will be lessened, the field work of the various engineering corps being completed. Mr. Bidgood will be employed for several days in introducing a thorough accounting system, after which he will make an extended inspection of the land and other interests of his company, when he will return east. He is well pleased with the country, and particularly so this city, which he pronounces the finest he has ever visited for its size.

SOCIABILITY FOLKS ALL BACK HOME

Good Time Reported in Spite of Some Horrible Highways That Were Found in the North.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Beaming with smiles which shone through their four-day coats of tan and dust, the members of the Sociability run which left the plaza Sunday afternoon rolled into Prescott this afternoon.

The fourteen cars negotiated some of the roughest roads in the northern mountains, and every one arrived home in excellent condition. Three hundred and sixty-six miles were covered during the tour, and Ash Fork, El Tovar, Grand View, Flagstaff and Williams were visited on the trip. Wednesday night the residents of Williams gave a reception to the visiting tourists and the men who had been piloting cars over rocks and sand washes laid aside their airs of importance and swirled and skidded around on the waxed floor of the opera house.

Monday was spent at Grand View and the more strenuous of the party descended half way down the trail, the older members of the party being content to sit on the verandas and drink in the ever-changing wonders of Nature's masterpiece. The terrible trail leading from Ash Fork to El Tovar, with its wastes and sand and jutting rocks, which made the roadbed in some places almost impassable, were forgotten, and the tourists sat in silent contemplation of that work of a higher power which neither pen nor brush can depict.

Early Wednesday, the cars started on the road to Flagstaff. For 74 miles the machines glided through virgin pine forests whose all-pervading silence and delicious aroma, harmonizing with the purr-purr of the cars, brought upon one the spirit of Fairyland. About noon the cars commenced to come into Flagstaff, where most of the members had luncheon.

At 1 o'clock the cars started to Williams. This 35 miles was far from a good road but even at its worst, it was a great improvement over the 86-mile nightmare of bumpy Monday.

Two hours were required to reach Williams, and when the cars pulled up at the depot, F. E. Lowe and Bobby Burns were right there to offer the tourists all they had and

everything that anyone else in the hospitable little town might chance to have.

Four cars kept right on and reached Prescott Wednesday night. The rest started from Williams for Prescott at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and reached here about 3. The road from Williams to Ash Fork was fair and most of the cars averaged an hour and a half for the 21 miles.

No cars stopped for dinner at Ash Fork, but came right through home—and what a relief it was when the good old Yavapai Pike south of Ash Fork was felt beneath the wheels of the badly punished machines!

A few stopped at the Junction for dinner, but most of the party, when the atmosphere of Prescott was encountered, tore ahead for home.

The run was an entirely local affair; there were no cups, no running time, and no penalties. Everybody went for the ride, and for the chance of seeing the Canyon. No variety of car was barred; everything that could make the journey was asked to come, and the party was representative of everyone in Prescott.

To Frank Foster and O. A. Helsa who are directly responsible for the trip too much credit cannot be given these gentlemen, who were always ready to stop and assist in every way from mending a tire to eating lunch.

Albert Hatz, driving his Elmore car and carrying all kinds of extra parts, tires, and supplies, including Milton Tregellas, brought up the rear and was always on hand when aid was needed. The much-begrimed Albert lent confidence to all the drivers who gazed fearfully at the endless expanse of desert and made up their minds that any place was better than the rocky, sandy wastes.

The party averaged fifty people and the spirit of friendliness and congeniality made the entire trip an unalloyed holiday. Arthur Hendey and O. Longacre, and Dr. Hawkins and Walter Miller of Jerome, driving Overland runabouts, left Monday morning and drove to the El Tovar the same day, leaving Tuesday noon for Flagstaff and reaching Prescott Wednesday.

GOOD PROGRESS ON ROAD TO VERDE VALLEY
(From Friday's Daily.)

J. A. Jaeger, chief engineer of the S. F. P. & P. railway, who returned yesterday from an inspection of the Verde Valley railroad, reports the big girder bridge over Government Canyon, at mile post 17 as completed, while traffic was going on to that point. This immense structure has a height of 110 feet, and is 330 feet long, and is constructed solely of steel, resting on massive concrete piers, one of which is over 90 feet high. It is an imposing structure, and is very much admired.

Mr. Jaeger also reports that the long tunnel being driven by John Berggren, contractor, is nearing the end, and by the first of July will be opened to traffic. It cuts through a mountain for over 600 feet, with a width of eighteen feet and a height of twenty-four feet. All camps have been transferred to the south or the Verde side of the line, and the grading should be finished to the terminus early in August. Track-laying will be prosecuted to the end of the grade, twenty-three miles out, as fast as possible.

BIG DEAL IN MUD TANK CATTLE AND RANGE
(From Friday's Daily.)

Henry See, of the Verde Valley has disposed of his large livestock business to James H. Wingfield, the transaction being closed in this city yesterday for the sum of \$23,650. The seller also includes all his range and other rights in the Mud Tank country of the Mogollon mountains, and with the cattle sold, is one of the heaviest livestock deals made in that part of the country in many years. Mr. Wingfield has also acquired other valuable range interests in the same section.

HENDEY SAYS BAD ROADS EXIST IN NORTH
(From Thursday's Daily)

Arthur Hendey with his guest, Orleans Longacre who joined in the Sociability run starting Monday in an Overland Roadster, returned last night, and report a splendid trip without the slightest trouble except a little bother with the lights, on account of changing carbide. They left Prescott at 11:05 and were at El Tovar hotel at 8:30 that night. Mr. Hendey is proud of his car as it did the work all the way through in great shape.

R. N. Fredericks, the pacemaker, also returned last night and also tells of a splendid run. All the cars, the majority of which are Fords, are reported as showing class and making good in every particular. Road conditions are deplorable, and it took good cars to stand up under the test that has just been put to the Studebakers from Phoenix, as well as a variety of cars from Prescott in the Prescott Sociability run.

That the rivalry in the manufacture of automobiles has resulted in the production of a number of excellent machines is plain. Their cheapness is bringing them within the reach of people of only moderate means, but the great thing that is needed is good roads. The automobile has been a great educator of the public mind on the subject of good roads. These sociability runs are certain to be eye openers to the needs of the state in the matter of good state and county roadways.

MINING ACTIVE
(From Friday's Daily.)

J. A. Forbes, of the Independence mines, near Jersey Lily, was in the city yesterday on business, and reports that field as active at several points by individual operators, with good results accomplished.