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THE LAST SUMMONS

Mrs. John Burcheding Dies at Her Home at Bellevue, Iowa, Last Friday.

The Bellevue Iowa, Leader contains the following notice of the death of the sister of John W. and Joseph Dougherty of Prescott, who spent several months here a few years ago.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. John Burcheding, which took place Friday, February 7th, at 11.30 p. m., caused universal sorrow, for she was a woman who was highly regarded by her many friends, and one who endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. Mrs. Burcheding was of a retiring disposition, strictly a home body, yet her friends were legion, as was testified by the hundreds who came to view her remains and to express their sympathy with the husband and immediate relatives.

Mrs. Burcheding has been ill less than two weeks, but her illness was of such a character that the best medical skill, including Drs. Bigelow and Guthrie of Dubuque, could not stay the hand of death, and being made aware of her hopeless condition, she gave some of the directions for her funeral which she wished to have carried out. Her end came peacefully and without pain.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Lizzie Dougherty, was born in Richland township, March 31, 1856. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dougherty. She came to Bellevue in 1864 and Nov. 26, 1883, was united in marriage to John Burcheding, and this place has been their home continuously since that time. The deceased is also survived by her mother and two brothers, John and Joe Dougherty residing in Arizona, and Mrs. Lew Webber of Bellevue township.

The funeral took place Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m., from St. Joseph's church, a solemn mass being conducted by Revs. Father Bies, Haggeman and Brady of Lamotte. There was a very large attendance of friends gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the departed. The floral offerings placed on the bier, the gifts of loved ones, were many and beautiful.

THE NEWS OF MAYER.

Railroad, Mining, Social and General News Notes From a Busy Business Center.

The Mayer Placer Mining company is putting up some new machinery and expects to have its property on a paying basis soon.

Mr. Frankenstock of Chicago is visiting Mr. Seaton's family.

The many friends of Mrs. J. S. Johnson are glad to hear that she has entirely recovered from her late illness.

J. B. Jolly, the county school superintendent, visited the public school here February 18.

Mrs. Gus Moe is in Phenix on a visit to her niece, Miss Gertie Goddard.

James Cash comes in from the Bradshaw mountains with his pack train about twice a week for provisions and mail.

The French Lily mine in Crazy basin, owned by Joe Mayer and Jess W. Davis, is looking fine. They have several shafts on it, the deepest of which is down seventy feet with a fourteen-inch vein of rich black sulphide ore.

A Mexican sheepherder who was accidentally shot in the leg some time since, is rapidly recovering under the skillful treatment of Dr. Looney.

The Mayer lodging houses are receiving a new coat of paint which improves their appearance.

Mrs. W. H. Michael is in Phoenix on a visit to friends.

St. Valentine's mail pouch was heavily laden with Cupid's messages for the school children of this place on the 14th.

We are pleased to note that little Nellie Nellis is recovering from her illness.

Work on the new railroad from Mayer towards the Bradshaws is progressing with a small force of men.

The Indian inhabitants of this place have quite a village on Big Bug creek. Some of the dusky belles look like modern Pocahontases in their holiday attire.

Mrs. E. D. Seaton will leave for Chicago next Friday on a visit to her mother.

J. S. Johnson, assayer at Mayer, has a fine new forty dollar camera, with which he is going to take pictures of the mines in this vicinity.

The dealer for the crap table in the Mayer saloon is doing a flourishing business, much to the detriment of certain young men's cash accounts.

The News of Mayer.

Mayer, February 23—(Regular correspondence.)—The construction train loaded with timber for the new branch railroad came down to Mayer today.

Chas. Goddard visited this town today on his way to Prescott.

Miss Lena Johnson, of Williams, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. P. Nellis.

Yesterday E. D. Seaton received six first-class registered stock Belgian hares from Prescott.

The Mayer school house flag floated yesterday in honor of Washington's Birthday.

It is reported that they have struck a large body of native copper in the Iron Queen mine.

Three of Mayer's young society men went up to Big Bug Friday to participate in the pleasures of a hop there.

The many friends of Mr. Alexander are glad to hear that the old gentleman is improving under Dr. Looney's care and slowly gaining in health. Mr. Alexander is one of Arizona's pioneers and can relate many interesting tales of early days.

The well-known mining man, Ben Blanchard, is expected to return in a few days to look after his mining properties in this section.

If a certain well-known gentleman, residing at Mayer, is in need of any more combs his friends will take pleasure in furnishing them.

The town of Mayer is rapidly becoming a white city. Joe Mayer, the founder of the town, is having some rows of cottonwood trees set out.

The sheep men are bringing their sheep back from Black Canyon on account of the scarcity of feed in that section. There are now 6,000 or 7,000 head in this vicinity.

Miss M. Mayer received a present of a handsome Navajo Indian blanket from her father, which adds to the beauty of her Indian collection of valuable Apache baskets.

Mike Burns, the Apache Indian interpreter, who has been in Phenix for the past two weeks, returned to his home at Mayer. As he passed through Wickenburg last night he left the train for a lunch; in attempting to get back on the train, while it was moving, he sprained his ankle.

J. B. Jolly passed Friday morning at the Mayer school house and returned to Prescott. On his trip Mr. Jolly visited the Stoddard, Monroe and Cordes schools. He reports that these schools are doing well. As the train left Mayer the school-children gave the county superintendent a rousing farewell.

Skull Valley and Kirkland.

Work on the Sharpneck water power concentrating and milling plant on Kirkland Creek is progressing. It is estimated that next week they will be running.

Work on the United States and other mines in Copper Basin seems to be pushing right along to judge by the blasting that can be heard from that direction.

John Morris is getting out ore on his mine near the new mill, expecting to get out ore enough to pay for development.

Everybody has more or less of a prospecting fever and every opportunity that can be taken from regular occupation is used for hunting mines.

Ab. Rudy, Ed. Morehead and Joe Rudy are said to be getting out some fine ore, to be worked by the new mill near Kirkland.

U. W. Bosly and Alfred Stapp have also been working placers in the Ehle neighborhood.

Mr. Chas. Mater is prospecting and testing placer ground under the direction of Geo. Millner, for Denver parties, who expect, soon, to commence operations with the late improved methods.

"Mack" Rudy, a nephew of Wm. Rudy is sojourning at the latter's ranch.

Report from the Big Five placer camp are very encouraging. They have found more water by drifting, and have tested a small machine to determine the practicability of that way of working their grounds. All tests and experiments are favorable toward making that enterprise a profitable venture.

In addition to thefts recorded in last items Henry Gohrman relates a doleful tale of having his trunk emptied of all his Sunday clothes, consisting of two summer suits, and one black suit, white shirts, handkerchiefs, cuff buttons, etc. The thief never took a new workingman's blouse and overalls that lay on the trunk. Apparently he wanted to dress.

Lily Dale.

SONORA M. & M. CO.

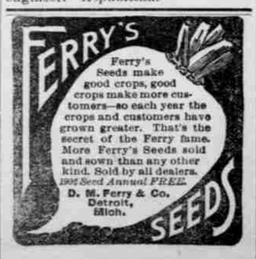
Latest Items From President Con O'Keefe's Report.

Some interesting things regarding the Sonora Mining and Milling Company are made known through the report of President Con O'Keefe to the stockholders at their annual meet held a few days ago. One thing that is certainly gratifying to the stock holders was the announcement that the company now has enough money in the treasury to pay all expenses, including the erection of the new fifty ton smelter, and until the smelter shall be producing bullion. The company has no liabilities and is therefore on a cash basis.

President O'Keefe reports that the development work has shown results that more than equal the expectations of the officers. On the Penasco Quemado claim over 500 feet of new work has been done in sinking and drifting and large ore bodies are exposed wherever work is done. On this claim a masonry and cement dam has been constructed for the storing of water for mechanical and domestic purposes and it is estimated that this water supply will be twice or three times the requirments of the proposed plant. The grading for the new smelter is finished and a good road has been built from Tubutama to the mine. A commodious office building at the mine is now under construction, and an assay office and laboratory have been provided and fully equipped.

About 350 feet of development work has been done on the Fortuna claim, exposing a small but exceedingly rich vein of silver and copper ore. The outlook for a big mine here is most promising, and a large adobe building has qeen erected for the use of employes. The Mina Grande is a copper property recently purchased by the company, and an immense body of ore is now exposed. There is a vast amount of lime on this property also, which will facilitate greatly the reduction of the ores on other claims. The smelter will be erected in a short time and the money to cover that expense is now on deposit in the International bank at Nogales awaiting only the completion of the work.

W. E. Defty is still retained by the company in the position of consulting engineer.—Republican.



WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL.

Douglas, Lacey & Co. Contract to Sink One or More Wells in Lonesome Valley Section — 4000 Acres of Land Being Pooled.

Machinery Already Ordered and Work Will Commence Within Three Weeks Sinking a Well—Discovery of Oil Means a Boom for Arizona.

The Journal-Miner has repeatedly taken occasion to call attention to the extensive operations of Douglas, Lacey & Co. in this section of the country and the part they were taking in the development of its resources. The firm is an enterprising, energetic one and it has as its manager of its Arizona business a wide-waake progressive man in the person of Captain L. D. Phillips.

Aside from its recently constructed concentrating plant at Val Verde, the firm has devoted its energies in Arizona exclusively to mining. In California they have very extensive oil interests and own the largest refinery in the state, located in Los Angeles.

After an examination of the alleged oil territory in Lonesome valley, and a favorable report thereon by their mining expert, the firm decided to bore one or two wells in that vicinity for the purpose of prospecting the field and determining whether oil exists and if so in what quantities.

Contracts have been signed up with them by the holders of about 4000 acres of land in that vicinity and deeds executed and placed in trust.

A company has already been organized by Douglas, Lacey & Co., known as the Manhattan Oil company, under which organization operations will be carried on.

With Douglas, Lacey & Co. to decide is to do, and the machinery for sinking the first well has already been ordered to be shipped from Los Angeles and Major Russell stated today that within the next three weeks work will be commenced drilling. Work will be pushed just as rapidly as possible and the ground will be thoroughly prospected by the sinking of two or more wells in case the first one fails to reach oil. Mr. Spencer says the company will spend from $25,000 to $40,000 prospecting the field, if oil is not discovered with a less expenditure, before abandoning it.

The success of this enterprise would prove one of the greatest boons to Arizona that could ever happen to it. With the present forest reserve system covering all the timber lands of this section and with the nearest coal mines hundreds of miles away the discovery of oil would furnish a solution of cheap fuel which could not fail to prove of the greatest advantage to the territory.

Douglas, Lacey & Co. also deserve great credit for undertaking the experiment.

New Mail Contracts.

Contracts under the recent bids presented for carrying the United States mails have been awarded as follows:

Congress to Harqua Hala, Ed Zieger.

Congress to Martinez, Moses Duffey.

Congress to Octave not awarded.

Stanton to Yarnell not awarded.

Kirkland to Placeritas not awarded.

Kirkland to Wagoner, O. L. Anderson.

Columbia to Hot Springs, J. R. Lowry.

Morristown to Hot Springs, The Hot Springs Imp Co.

Crown Point to Briggs, Frank Goodwin.

Minnehaha to Hooper, J. R. Lowry.

Prescott to Crown King, I Jewett.

Prescott to Jersey, J. R. Lowry.

Prescott to Juniper, J. B. Hocker, jr.

Kymo to Simmons, J. R. Lowry.

Richenbar to Bumble Bee, J. R. Lowry.

Richenbar to Mayer, J. R. Lowry.

Stoddard to Mayer, J. R. Lowry.

Providence to Huron, J. R. Lowry.

Chaparral to Huron, J. R. Lowry.

Dewey to Camp Verde, J. B. Hocker, jr.

A Pleasant Party.

Mrs. J. W. Akers entertained the members of the Christian Science church at her pleasant home in West Prescott last evening. One of the features of the evening was a test of scriptural knowledge. Cards had been prepared containing a number of passages of scripture with a blank left at the end of each quotation and each person was requested to fill out this blank by writing the name of the book of the Bible from which the quotation was taken. The test proved quite interesting and also that a person will often be perfectly familiar with a quotation and yet not remember the author. T. L. Harris was awarded the first prize, a handsome little book containing Bible texts, topically arranged for giving the greatest number of correct answers, and T. L. Hughes, was the booby prize winner, a handsome picture. After the prizes were awarded music was enjoyed for a half hour when the guests were served with a delightful and refreshing lunch, closing a very pleasantly spent evening.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby."

It is claimed by many and believed by the same number of people that the above-named play is one of the truly homely stories that will win the admiration of the play-going public. The statement is made that the play is made of the dramatic homespun thought of honest hearts, not told for publicity but for honor, loyalty, and in the telling there is a mingling of tears and pathos that, without the dialogue, alone would entitle the production to the kind of recognition from the public that means success. Dake opera house, Friday February 28th.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., has had a centenary celebration of the first burning of anthracite coal in the house in which it was done. The original grate is still there and did duty as successfully as it did for Jesse Fell when he flew in the face of contemporary democratic opinion by trying to "burn stones."

NEWS, NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Hugh McGovern, a brother of Terry McGovern, easily knocked out Ching Fong, the Chinese pugilist, in the fifth round at Covington, Ky.

Adolphus Trumley of Geary, Oklahoma, suspected W. H. Patrick of being too intimate with his (Trumley's) wife and fired four bullets into Patrick's brain, killing him instantly.

A. H. Gould, defaulting cashier of the Bellewood. Nebraska bank, who lost by speculation a quarter of a million dollars has been sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

Ramon Galindo, leader of the Island band of outlaws in Texas, who in 1893 ambushed and killed Captain Jones of the First Texas rangers, has been captured by Ed Bryant, an ex-ranger. Galindo has been hiding but recently became involved in a shooting affray in Dona Ana county, New Mexico, and his return from Old Mexico was reported to the officers who have since been on the lookout for him.

One of the Chicago Armours, a young boy, has been walking backward around King Edward at a late reception, chastely attired in knee breeches and velvet coat and frills and things like that, with a neat little tin sword on the side; and he has been honored by being allowed to kiss his majesty's hands. When Chicago goes in for "sassiety" she "goes the complete porker," as Aristophanes used to say.—Ex.

George Harper, in charge of the commissary at Santiago, in Northwestern Durango on an extension of the Mexican International railway, now under construction, is in jail there, charged with shooting a Mexican. He was incommunicado for seventy-two hours, but is now allowed to see his lawyer. He is a son of Rev. John T. Harper, a Methodist minister, now living in San Antonio and well known in Southwestern Texas.

Assaying around Cripple Creek seems to be an unhealthy calling at present. A telegram from Victor says that a reign of terror exists there owing to a preconcerted attack upon the assay offices doing business in that vicinity. Beginning at 3 o'clock Monday morning and following in rapid succession, six explosions wrecked as many assay offices in Victor, Cripple Creek and Goldfield. The raiders did not hesitate to jeopardize life, as all but one of the buildings were also occupied by sleeping families. Men, women and children were hurled out of their beds by shocks and serious injuries were inflicted. The full extent of the damage cannot be estimated. Sheriff Robertson has put at work a force of deputies in an effort to discover the perpetrators of the crimes. The general impression is that the acts are the result of a general movement to rid the district of all institutions which buy high grade ore in small quantities. The big mines of the district, it is said, have been systematically robbed of much high grade ore, and fifty to a hundred assayers, it is alleged, have made handsome profits by dealing in this ore. The mine owners' association recently discovered that high grade ore was being shipped by the assayers from the district, but all efforts to stop the traffic were unavailing.

The vice president and manager of the Pecos Valley railway has semi-officially announced that the Santa Fe, owner of the Pecos Valley road, will construct a line from Boswell, N. M., to El Paso, 100 miles' to compete pete with the newly completed Rock Island route, which made a cut of 222 miles over all lines now touching there. Santa Fe Officials have just completed the inspection of the Rio Grande and Sierra Madre from El Paso to Nueva Casas Grandes, in Mexico, and a deal is said to be pending for its purchase.

Phil Melloy, the gastronomic wonder of Dubuque, Iowa, devoured seven dozen raw eggs inside of ten minutes, on a wager. The bet was that he was to swallow ten dozen eggs in thirty minutes, but some one purposely handed him a rotten egg, which caused him to gag. After he recovered he offered to swallow the other three dozen and eat a roast goose on top, but no one would take him up

Sometimetime during the month of May the great Russian railway will be completed and connected with Paris, France, and Pekin, China, a distance equal to half the distance around the world. It will be possible to board the cars at Paris and with only two changes ride all the way to China, and in cars equipped with modern appliances for comfort. The time required for the journey will be about three weeks and it will cost £52 or a little over $250.

Lee Turner has transferred all rights and title to land on which the "Quarter House" stood to the American association, limited, a large English company, which owns most of the coal lands there. This famous place is the one which was the scene of a deadly battle a few days ago and is located near Middlesboro, Ky. Over sixty people have been killed in it. Turner will open a livery stable at Lafollette. It is thought that the feud is now ended, and there is no probability of the officers attempting to make further arrests. Another of the wounded men of the recent battle has died, swelling the death list to seven.

A telegram from Manila dated February 19 says that what is believed to have been the largest band of insurgents in Batangas province, surrendered yesterday to Lieut. Chas. N. Rhodes, of the Sixth Cavalry, at Batan. Major Amoranto, two captains, six lieutenants and ninety eight Filipino soldiers gave themselves up, and also surrendered 566 rifles and 2,000 rounds of ammunition. Rhodes had been hunting the insurgents for three weeks and continually destroying their supplies. They were virtually starved into surrender. The skeletons of five soldiers of the Thirty-ninth infantry, killed in November, 1900, have been recovered and will be shipped to the United States.

The Wilmington shops of the Pullman Palace Car company have completed work on the handsome car "Idler," which will be used by Prince Henry of Prussia and his suite during their tour of this country. The "Idler" is a combination observation and stateroom sleeper, and is one of the most palatial cars ever fitted out in the Wilmington shops. The interior decorations are of bronze and mahogany, and all the rooms are lighted with electricity. The upholstry is of blue plush and brown tapestry and the curtains are of brown silk. The electric fans will cool the air in the different compartments.

MINES AND MINING.

The twenty-stamp mill at the Poland mine is nearing completion. The new rock crusher connected with the mill was tested on Saturday.

Douglas, Lacey & Co. have commenced hauling ore from their Big Bug mines to their concentration plant at Val Verde and the latter will be kept in operation continuously now.

Jasper Philips has bonded three claims in the Hassayampa district to a capitalist named Standish from Los Angeles for $25,000.

Charles Woodward has been convicted at Casper, Wyoming, of the murder of Sheriff Ricker and has been sentenced to be hanged.

Owing to the fact that eggs are 75 cents a dozen in Pittsburg, the Catholic priests have granted temporary indulgences during lent so that the workingmen can eat meat.

John W. Proudfit, a well-known mining stock-broker of Colorado Springs, posted a notice at the Colorado Springs Mining Stock Exchange stating that his firm was unable to meet its obligations. He was president and treasurer of the Alma Gold Mining Company and treasurer of the Bostwick Gold Mining Company at Cripple Creek.

M. G. Burns, ore buyer for the Val Verde smelter left today for Williams and the Grand canyon country to purchase ore for that institution. Some of the mines in the Grand canyon are said to have considerable ore out ready for shipment.

The Val Verde smelter closed down last evening for about twenty-four hours. Mr. Bretherton who is in charge of it made a discovery of some needed changes, which required a close down.

Captain L. D. Phillips of Douglas, Lacey & Co. has taken a bond on the Perry and Elk mines located about six or eight miles south of Prescott from their owner, Charles Capelli. The Perry is one of the old and well known mines of this county, having produced a large amount of silver ore. It was formerly owned by T. Otto. The claims are on the same lode as the Zero mine, which has also produced thousands of dollars worth of rich silver ore.

C. F. Riblet, who returned today from a visit to the Home Gold Mining company, says the property continues to keep up its lick with every foot of development and is looking in fine condition now. The Home company is a winner and will be a dividend payer and no mistake.

The concentrating plant at Val Verde was accepted today by Douglas, Lacey & Co. from the contractors. The experimental runs which have been made by it have proven very satisfactory. Douglas, Lacey & Co. will at once commence operations with it on ore from mines which they are operating.

John Berrie yesterday sold six claims on Lynx creek to California parties, a part cash payment being made. The sale was negotiated by J. C. Forest, who has been successful recently in closing up a number of mining deals. The claims sold are the Lincoln, Gold Dust, Alice, Pony, Double Header and Alhambra, all located on Lynx creek just east of the old Pine Tree station. Mr. Berrie has owned them for a number of years and has done considerable development work on them. Mr. Berrie owns several more claims in the same vicinity in which he has a great deal of faith, and which he is engaged in developing.

The Pyramid Gold and Copper Mining company, which has been recently organized, has commenced work sinking two shafts on their property which adjoins that of the Copper basin Gold and Copper company in Copper Basin, and which gives promise of rivaling the latter company. One of the shafts is down forty feet and the other is down fifteen feet. Both of them are in good ore and an assay of an average sample from the 40-foot shaft gave $50, and ore from the 15-foot shaft went seven and one-half per cent in copper and gave a total value of $31.50 per ton. These shafts will be continued for a considerable depth, and the development of the property generally will be pushed.

Mike Lawler is in town from his Treasure Vault camp in Mineral Point district. He is now down thirty three feet on the south extention of the Treasure Vault mine and has crosscutted the vein at this depth a distance of eight feet without striking a wall. The ore is of the same character as that of the Treasure Vault near the surface. He and his partner, Mr. Row, have every indication of making a big mine in their holdings in the above district.

It is only a short time since Captain Phillips purchased four claims known as the El Capitan group, from Harry Minuse and George White, in the Agua Fria district and commenced work on them. Yesterday he received word that a body of very rich ore had been struck at a depth of forty feet, and the information was accompanied by samples of the ore. The sample was assayed for its copper value alone and it gave returns of twenty-one and one-half per cent in this metal. The claims are located only about one and one-half miles from Dewey station. At the above depth the entire width of the shaft, five feet, is solid ore. Its proximity to the Val Verde smelter makes the strike a very important one, as a ready sale can be had there for the ore. The croppings on the surface of the claims are 100 feet wide. At a depth of 100 feet a crosscut will be run to determine the width at that point.

The Republican contains the following about the recent purchase by the Belle of Bisbee company: E. W. Fisher who has for some years been extensively engaged in mining properties in the Wickenburg district, got word yesterday that a sale of his properties had been effected, and that today he would receive the purchase price of $8,000. The purchaser is the Bisbee Belle Mining company of Los Angeles. It was from the president of the company, Geo. M. Cake, that Mr. Fisher received a telegram informing him that the deal had been closed. The property lies fifteen miles east of Wickenburg. It is not only very rich, but is conveniently situated for working. Operations will be begun on it at once by the new owners. Less than a year ago Mr. Fisher sold a mine in that neighborhood for $5,000. It is no wonder Mr. Fisher shares an impression pretty general about Wickenburg, that the mining world is just now revolving around that highly mineralized center.

Another important mining sale was consummated today in Prescott. R. M. Dougherty sold his group of seven claims adjoining the Crowned King company's mines to the Cadillac Mining company, composed of Detroit capitalists. The claims are pretty well developed as Mr. Dougherty has owned and worked them for the past twelve years, during all of which time he has never faltered in his faith in the district. He has stayed with the district and has kept development on his property progressing as his means enabled him to and and he is now reaping his reward. In speaking of the sale today and of the future prospects of mining in the Bradshaw mountains, Mr. Dougherty remarked that he had always said he would live to see a boom in mining in that section, and added it will not take very long to realize the boom. The commencement of work on the railroad there has already given quite an impetus to mining in that entire section. The purchasers of Mr. Dougherty's claims will commence active development work right away on them.

The Blue Dick smelter was started up again yesterday on an experimental run. It has been demonstrated that the smelter has a greater capacity by about forty per cent than had been estimated. From fifty to fifty five tons of ore per day can be treated in it.

Geo. A. Beach came in last evening from the camp of the Copper Basin Gold and Copper Mining company and brought in a lot of ore taken from the crosscut at the one hundred-foot level which is very encouraging looking. The ore is a heavy sulphuret and contains values in gold, silver, copper and lead. The crosscut has been run for a distance of twelve feet and the walls of the ore body have not yet been encountered. No assays have yet been made of the ore and in fact none is necessary to demonstrate the correctness of the theory concerning this property. It shows for itself at this depth and has shown with every foot of development increasing values in the ore as depth is made. It is estimated that the crosscut will probably have to be continued fifteen or twenty feet yet before the full width is determined. The crosscutt is at the bottom of the shaft on the Black Prince mine, and should it improve in the next 100 feet as it has from the surface to the present depth, a bonanza is assured in the mine. The company has been obtaining its water supply from a well only a few feet deep, and owing to the large increase in the number of men being worked now the supply became somewhat short and it was decided to sink the well deeper. In doing so they not only secured what they were looking for—water, but struck fairly rich ore also. The well is on a piece of ground where they did not expect to find ore, and the question now is whether the entire basin may not prove a veritable basin of ore. They have not sunk at any point on their claims expecting to find ore, that they have not done so, and now when they commence digging it out while hunting for water puts a new aspect on the property. A little development work will be done on this well just to see what can be found. It will not harm it as a well to sink it a little deeper, and it will increase its capacity for holding water by running a drift or crosscut or two, so this will be done just to ascertain whether this ore encountered is a bluff or a solid body. Work is also progressing on the other claims of the company very satisfactory.

During a recent visit to Los Angelas a Herald reporter caught W. L. Bell and obtained an interview in which Mr. Bell takes occasion to say a good word, and a truthful one as well, for this section. The Herald says: "W. L. Bell, superintendent of the Penn Gold Mining and Milling company, whose properties are located in Arizona, arrived in Los Angeles yesterday en route to his home in the east by way of San Francisco. As might be inferred from the name of the company it is a Pennsylvania concern, and most of the stock is held in the Quaker state. The only property being worked at present is the Mudhole mine, about fourteen miles from Prescott, and here operations have been carried on upon a large and extensive scale. In all there is about a mile of underground workings, there being five levels, in all of which large bodies of ore have been uncovered. The ore runs on an average about $8 to the ton, and an immense amount is in sight. Two Huntington mills crush about ninety tons per day, and there is also a large concentrating plant. About eignty-five men are kept at work, and at present a new shaft is being put down, from which exploratory work will be continued in new ground. The Poland Mining company is carrying out a gigantic wark in this district that must prove of immense benefit when completed. A tunnel is being carried from the Mudhole mine through to Big Bug creek, and will be about 8000 feet in length. While this tunnel is being made by the Poland company with the initial purpose of exploring new ground, it being assumed with some degree of certainty that a number of veins will be cut, the tunnel will solve for the district a problem of transportation. From the Mudhole mine to the railroad, a distance of about twelve miles, will be saved by shipments in or out by way of the tunnel. For this reason every mine owner and prospector in the district is interested in the tunnel scheme, though it is one that will not be brought to completion for a long time. Mr. Bell reports great activity in and around Prescott, a great number of mining claims being worked and several important sales having led to considerable development work being begun.

Queen Victoria's Gift to Leonora Jackson.

The career of a successful artist is full of happy incidents and adventures. Leonora Jackson, the violin virtuoso, is no exception to the rule. After her brilliant successes in London and in England, Miss Jackson, to use court language, was commanded one day to appear at Windsor castle before the queen. She was overjoyed with the invitation, but went in fear and trembling, lest she should commit some breach of the court rules. Of course she had herself properly instructed in court etiquette and her teacher pronounced her perfect, but she was anxious. To her delight no difficulty occurred. She was applauded by everyone from the queen down, and the sovereign finally decorated her with a costly jeweled star, a unique design with eight points, set with rubies and sapphires and bearing the crown and royal monogram, V. I. R. Dake Opera house, Feb. 22. Seats on sale at Brisley Drug Co.'s.