

News of the Mines and Oil Fields

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AUSTIN EXPECTS BUSY NEW YEAR

THREE DECADES OF LETHARGY COME TO END

FUTURE ASSURANCE IS BASED ON PRESENT ACTIVITY

Large Company Encounters High Grade—Picked Samples from Patriot Run \$194 a Ton—Owner Orders Compressor Plant

AUSTIN, Nev., Dec. 12.—Mining in Austin and in camps nearby and tributary to the town has reached a stage in these closing days of 1909 which gives definite assurance of operations during the coming year that will eclipse all activities in this section of Nevada for the past three decades.

The main company in the immediate district, the Austin Manhattan has one of the old-time Austin varieties in several places and is in a position to make the coming year one of the notable production. The drift on the south section of the Panamint vein in the Frost shaft at the 800-foot level is in \$140 ore. The north section from which ore will be extracted at once is equally as good. This shaft will be carried to the 1200 level, and it is known that more high grade veins will be cut in the sinking.

At the Jack Pot, where a new power hoist has just been put in commission, drifts are being run between \$30 and \$40 a ton. A contract has been let to crosscut at this level, to thoroughly open up the north and south ledge systems, which has never before been mined here. The Jack Pot ledge is the principal fissure in this system and differs from the Lander hill veins in the high percentage of gold value it carries.

Patriot Makes Showing

Under the management of F. L. Judd, who represents a coterie of Cleveland capitalists, the Patriot property belonging to the Austin Manhattan is making a wonderful showing under lease development. Prospecting in the drift of the second level in the Patriot mine has disclosed a rich ore body under the supposed footwall. Ten random samples from this new ore deposit give a representative average value of \$194 a ton. As this property will be equipped with the best mining plant that can be bought it is certain to be a big producer within a few months. The mine machinery will arrive in a few days.

By purchase Mr. Judd acquired last week the group adjoining the Patriot on the west. Compressor plant and full equipment has been ordered for this new estate.

Two sets of leasers went to work last week on the property on the Nevada Equity Mines company, a corporation controlled by George D. Kilborn of Reno. These had pay ore from the start. This acreage is within the town limits of Austin.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC OIL FILES SUIT OVER WELL

Asks \$10,000 Damages for Alleged Breach of Contract with Kern River Men

The Southern Pacific Oil company has filed suit at Bakersfield against H. W. Thomas, the Emerald Oil company and others to settle a dispute over an agreement concerning the working of an oil well in the Kern river field designated as section 25, 28-27.

RAILROAD TO BUILD DEPOT AT MARICOPA

Officials of the Southern Pacific railroad have notified the agent at Maricopa that the company has issued instruction for the erection of a depot at that oil town. Work upon the new depot will begin as soon as the necessary contracts can be signed.

Buy in Maricopa Field

Clarence Berry and Fred Scofield are reported to have paid \$20,000 for a quarter section of oil land in the Maricopa field. The property lies between the Santa Fe flowing well and the Randall flowing well. On the quarter is one well under the pump and another ready to put in under the pump.

Santa Maria Production

According to advance reports the production of oil in the Santa Maria field this year will total 8,000,000 barrels, representing about that many dollars. These advance figures are disclosed by F. J. Burns, superintendent of the Brookshire Oil and the Foxen Oil companies.

H. L. Percy, president of the Magistral-Africa Mining company of Mexico, has sold his residence at 2227 Hobart avenue and will take a trip abroad. The home was bought by Julius A. Brown, a successful mining man who has retired from active work.

Capt. J. F. Lucey left last night on a business trip to San Francisco. He will return Wednesday, stopping over at Bakersfield, where one of his branch establishments is located.

F. B. Guthrey of the Section Six Oil company has returned from an extended stay in the field.

Listed Oil Lead as Feature in Stock Exchange Business

FOLLOWING the upward trend in oil securities throughout the country during the present reign of prosperity the local oil stocks were again the leading feature on the Los Angeles Stock exchange last week.

Associated Oil with a range in prices from 49 to 55 gave many of the followers of the market a chance to make money. Some 1805 shares changed hands. Central Oil continued strong all the week with 11,000 shares selling from 135 1/2 to 134 1/2 with a close of 135 1/2. Section Six, a comparatively new listed company, was dealt in to the extent of 24,000 shares, at a value of \$14,025. It opened the week at 59 and sold down to 58, with a close of 58 @ 59. Union gathered strength as the week advanced and sold from 103 1/2 to 104 1/2, with sales of 118 shares.

The statement given below shows another record week. Only two classes of bonds were traded on the floor but the volume was increased as being big in all classes of securities. Odd lots of bank stocks were put over the board. The industrials were more active last week and with the listing of the Mexican National Gas company and the Standard Petroleum company's bonds, both Botany companies, it is said interest in these classes of securities will increase.

Following is the statement:		High.	Low.	Bid.	Ask.	Sales.	Value.
OIL—							
American common	76 1/2	76	76	77 1/2	29	1,525.00	
Associated Oil	55	49	52 1/2	53	1,805	93,533.75	
Central Oil	135 1/2	134 1/2	135 1/2	137 1/2	11,000	14,830.25	
Columbia	125	123	127 1/2	128	3,000	625.00	
Everett Oil	29 1/2	29	27	27 1/2	3,000	880.00	
Hilliken Oil	16	15	15	16	1,000	150.00	
Blue Moon Oil	55	43	43	43	1,000	450.00	
Globe Oil	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	29	4,500	819.90
Jade Oil	23	20	23 1/2	24	1,500	300.00	
Olinda Land	34 1/2	33	33	33	2,500	855.00	
Perseus Oil	30	25	24	25	2,500	5,943.75	
Rice Ranch Oil	118 1/2	115	110	118	1,000	1,025.00	
Traders Oil	113 1/2	111	111 1/2	115	10	1,125.00	
President Oil	104 1/2	103 1/2	104	104 1/2	116	15,986.25	
PROVIDENT OIL	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	9	925.00	
BONDS—							
Associated Oil	98	97	97 1/2	99	1	980.00	
Home, first refunding	79	78	78	80	3	2,370.00	
BANKS—							
Central National	190	175	175	190	4	720.00	
Citizens National	220	218	218 1/2	230	1	1,540.00	
INDUSTRIALS—							
Edison common	61	59	59 1/2	61	30	1,500.00	
Home preferred	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	69	3,417.50	
Home common	11	10	10	12	19	100.00	
L. Investment Co.	205	203	205	205	200	4,100.00	
U. S. Long Distance	42	41 1/2	42	43 1/2	20	840.00	
Total					109,605	\$17,541.50	

Hot Creek Ranch House, A Famous Nevada Home

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH WILLIAMS of Hot Creek, Nev., are in Los Angeles to pass a portion of the winter, and are guests at the Rosslyn.

Mr. Williams is the oldest male resident of Nye county, Nevada, bearing a few stray Indians, and has played an important part in the reclamation of a portion of the desert country, the development of the mineral resources and in waging a fight against the railroads which for years controlled the state. As a member of the legislature he was the author of the Williams resolutions which were sent to congress as a protest against the dominance of the roads.

Mr. Williams was an associate of Fair and Mackay in the palmy days of the Comstock, going to Nye county to reside in 1865. With Mrs. Williams, who is a fitting helpmeet for a man who spends his life on the frontier, and one of the most lovable women in the world, he has reared a family on his Hot Creek ranch, which is the stopping place for every wayfarer who travels the road. He is familiar with all of the well known mines in that region, and knows every prominent mining man in the state, including Jim Butler, who discovered Tonopah.

Nye county is the second largest county in the United States now, but when Mr. Williams went there to live, along with Governor Bradley, it was as big as many a state. Lincoln county, Esmeralda and White Pine counties, which were the original territory originally known as Nye. The Hot Creek ranch, the house on which is shown herewith, is not far from the line of the railroad which is soon to be built from Goldfield to Ely, as distances go in that country, nor from the old camps of Tybo and Reveille, which are to be afforded transportation for low-grade ore. Of both of these camps Mr. Williams speaks highly. The Tybo mine, which is owned by the Southwestern Mines company, in which Malcolm MacDonald of Tonopah and Max E. Bernheimer of New York, who financed the Ely-Goldfield road, are the leading spirits, has fourteen feet of good silver lead ore at a depth of 60 feet. This mine was purchased under the recommendation of Mrs. Williams, who urged MacDonald and Bernheimer, while guests at the ranch, to examine the property.

The Reveille mine was discovered by an Indian who brought the ore to Mr. Williams, and he located the mine. Mr. Williams also sold the Hot Creek mine, a silver-lead property to John W. Brock of Philadelphia and F. A. Keith, formerly general manager of the Tonopah Mining company, now established in Los Angeles.

"The new road will open up a large district which has many good mines," said Mr. Williams, "and will bring about a great change in Nye county, which had been held back because of lack of transportation. I am told that a custom smelter will be built at Ely, and Nye county can furnish any amount of ore for it. All of the old mines have plenty of ore left in them, in fact they have hardly been prospected yet."

Mr. and Mrs. Williams expect to spend several weeks in Los Angeles and other places in Southern California returning home in the spring. They have no notion of abandoning life on Hot Creek ranch, with its friendships of a lifetime.

SECURE EXPERT CONTESTS TITLE TO OPERATE THE ZUBIATE MINE

A. S. MAC KENZIE SELECTED FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Property is Equipped with Hoist and Fifty-Stamp Mill, and Has Ample Reserves of Ore Developed

The Suerta Gold and Silver Mining company of Los Angeles has secured the services of A. S. MacKenzie, a competent and well-known mine and mill man, to take charge of its property, the Zubiate mine, near Hermosillo, Mexico, and shortly after the first of the new year expects to start up its fifty-stamp mill for a continuous run.

The Zubiate mine is one of the old silver-gold producers of that section, and is credited with an output of \$3,000,000 above the water level. Some time ago the mine was purchased by the Zubiate Mining company, which sank a three-compartment shaft to a depth of 550 feet, opening up a vein of good ore. The mill, because of a lack of practical management, failed to extract the values, and the company, after many vicissitudes, lost title to the property. With Mr. MacKenzie in charge the new company, which was formed to take over the mine after a thorough sampling, feels assured of success.

John Cabral, who has been foreman of the mine under different names, in F. Colton, says that a vein of ore measuring from five to nine feet between walls, has been developed which will break fifty ounces silver to the ton, besides \$3.50 in gold. The vein has been developed for sixty feet both ways from the shaft, and there are several hundred tons of ore, said to be equally as good, left on the dumps above the mill awaiting treatment.

The mine is equipped with a hoist, air compressor, pump, assay office and blacksmith shop, besides buildings for the accommodation of the employees and a modern fifty-stamp mill. The company is composed solely of residents of Los Angeles, J. P. Shoffer is president, H. E. Hales secretary and Charles Strong treasurer, the additional directors being V. V. Cochrane of the Citizens' Transfer company, J. W. Brunton of the Brunton company and George F. Colton of the California Marble company, who is general manager.

LUNING CLAIMS MAKE PROGRESS

OPERATOR SAYS CEVITA WILL SOON HANDLE ORE

DRIFT IN UPPER LEVEL SHOWS HIGH VALUES

Force of Men Is Put to Work on Outside Properties in Compliance with Recent Assessment Decision

Work on Cevita claim of the Luning Gold Mines syndicate at Luning, Nev., is progressing rapidly and the property is in a most promising condition judging from a communication received from Robert B. Todd, president of the syndicate. A larger force is now employed in the mine than heretofore and they expect to complete the up-raise to the bottom of the Robert shaft in January and be in shape to handle ore shortly thereafter.

"We found on completion of the underground survey," writes Mr. Todd, "that we had a longer distance to run to connect with the up-raise than we expected, it being about 120 feet, and should be completed this week and the up-raise started. Work was discontinued on the Robert shaft at a depth of about 150 feet owing to the expense of removing the dirt. Our ledge and gives us backing in the course of dipping more to the north, but the shaft will be continued at the same incline as above so as to make a good working shaft. The best ore we have had was found in the ledge on the north side. The east drift in the upper level is now in about 200 feet, or 180 feet beyond the intersection of the Robert shaft. This is all in ore of good grade and we have plenty of ore left in them, when we are able to handle the ore."

Not the Main South Ledge

"A recent survey, however, shows that this is not the main south ledge, but one that intersects the main ledge about 60 feet east of the Robert shaft where a split in the vein was apparent and the drift was continued on the south side instead of the north and while it explores an unexpected vein, we should probably have made a better showing than we have, if we had kept to the left and stopped at the point of the split. This will be explored as soon as possible.

"We have thought it prudent to take part of our force to do the annual work on the outside claims owing to the recent decisions regarding assessment work. This will delay us somewhat, but not materially. This work is being done on the Luzon, Nogales, Abe Lincoln and West End, and is showing up some good ore bodies.

INDORSES SAN DIEGO'S CLAIM TO CANAL FAIR

San Francisco Asks Los Angeles to Rescind Action in Favor of Southern City

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 12.—Director General D. C. Collier of the Panama-California exposition in a statement issued today asserts that a delegation of San Francisco business men visited Los Angeles during the past week for the purpose of inducing the chamber of commerce of that city to rescind its action indorsing San Diego's claim to the canal exposition.

Collier states this request was refused by the directors, as was also a second proposal that the Los Angeles chamber assume a neutral position as to San Diego and San Francisco.

Arrested on Insanity Charge

While creating a disturbance at First and Main streets and declaring that he was being followed by enemies who sought his life, R. Battista, 40 years old, an Italian, was arrested by Patrolman McMillan and taken to the police station and booked on suspicion of being insane. Later he was examined by Dr. J. J. Sargoski and removed to the county hospital for observation.

Not Laying, ut Lying

Bacon—I understand some of your hens have stopped laying?
Egbert—Two of them have.
"What's the cause?"
"Automobile."—Yonkers Statesman.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 12.—An interesting case involving title to the old Sylvania lead mines in the Sylvania mining district, Esmeralda county, is on trial in the district court before Judge Stevens. Capt. John L. Bray is contesting the claims of Earl Clark and the Sylvania Mining company to the property, which is valued at \$200,000.

The claims comprising the Sylvania mine were located by John Buser, sr., as far back as 1874, and have since been owned by Buser's son and Captain Bray until four years ago, when they were sold to the Sylvania Mining company. Through mismanagement of the plans of the company for the development of the mine came to naught, and in January of this year Bray relocated the property, alleging that the corporation and its agents failed to perform the annual work required by law. Bray applied for a United States patent and the Sylvania Mining company filed an adverse claim.

The Sylvania mine is situated along a range of lofty mountains near the California line, twenty miles west of Jida and about fifteen miles north of the north arm of Death valley. The ore is rich in silver and lead, and carries some gold, having a heavy iron base which gives them a value as a fluxing product. Several thousand tons of the high-grade product have been shipped, covering a period of thirty years, and some bullion was produced in the early days in crude Spanish furnaces. Although very productive, the mines have not been worked to any great depth, the rich deposits on the surface being the source of the ore shipped.

Bullion from Round Mountain

MUCH CHARITY DISPENSED BY ORGANIZATION

TWO THOUSAND OF NEEDY ARE AIDED

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Reports-Read Show That \$5000 Was Expended in Helping Destitute.

Officers for 1910 Are Elected

Two thousand persons were relieved and over \$5000 dispensed during the last year through the agency of the St. Vincent de Paul society, a Catholic lay organization, according to the yearly report read yesterday at the fourth annual festival of the society. The festival was opened with a mass at 8 o'clock at Sacred Heart church. The Rev. P. G. Gay was the celebrant. Following the mass, breakfast was served by the ladies of the Sacred Heart church, and following the breakfast the society held its business meeting in County hall.

Sixty members of the organization, representing the eight conferences of the cathedral, Our Lady of Angels, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's, St. Vincent's, St. Thomas' and St. Patrick's, were present. Rt. Rev. Bishop Conaty addressed the meeting, outlining the duties and achievements of the organization. During the course of his remarks the bishop paid a high tribute to the society, which for four years, whose untimely death last week took from the society one of its most valued and loved members and workers. Rev. Father Gay also paid a tribute to Mr. Wheeler in the course of his sermon following the mass. In the last four years of his life Mr. Wheeler gave his entire time to charity work, and his instructions through which much good relief work was accomplished.

Resolutions on the death of Mr. Wheeler were adopted by the society, and the following members were appointed to act as honorary pallbearers at the funeral, which will be held today: Joseph Mesmer, G. Le Sage, R. Moloney, D. F. McLaughlin, William J. Wallace, H. J. Campbell, Henry C. Dillon and John O'Sullivan.

According to the report read by the president, C. C. Desmond, 400 families, or 2000 persons, have received groceries, fuel, clothing and other necessities of life through the society during the year ending December 1. The total amount of money collected and expended was something more than \$5000. Of this sum, \$500 was subscribed by the individual members. Cathedral conference headed the list in disbursements with a total of \$225, and St. Vincent's was next with \$725. Cathedral conference includes the central portion of the city, where most of the poor families in need of aid are located. Nine hundred visits were made by members of the society to sick and needy individuals.

Officers of the Particular conference, the parent of the organization, were elected as follows: C. C. Desmond, president; William J. Wallace, secretary, and Charles T. Whipple, treasurer.

The society, although an organization of Catholics, does give aid to all sects, races and creeds, and works in harmony with all the charitable institutions of the city. Headquarters will continue to be located in Desmond's store at Third and Spring streets.

RECEPTION GIVEN IN HONOR OF CHRISTENING

Dinner Is Served by Mr. and Mrs. William Jones and Many Attend Function

A large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, 534 Central avenue, attended a dinner at their home last evening, the occasion being a reception in honor of the christening of their child, which took place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the Cathedral on South Main street.

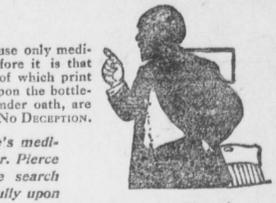
The child was named Grace Marguerite Jones and is 9 months old. During the evening many of the friends of the family called at the house and partook of the repast which was served in the dining room, and which consisted of the delicacies of the season.

Among those who assisted at the reception, which partook of the nature of a festival given by old time Spanish residents of Southern California, are: Mr. and Mrs. T. Rossom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonni, Mrs. Dolores Gutierrez, Mrs. Helen Gallardo, Mrs. James Pryor, J. Newman, J. L. Kloechner, C. Caten, Fred Hutton, Fred Stack and J. Brunner.

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