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HIGH PRICES OF ORE PUTS PEP IN MINING

Victorio, Florida, Cook's Peak, and Tres Hermanas Camps Shipping Lots of High Grade Zinc.

SMALL CAPITAL IS HAMPERING

Mining Deals Recently Made Indicates That Luna County Prospects for Mining are Good.

The high price of spelter has caused a small boom in zinc mining in Luna county. The industry is greatly hampered by lack of sufficient capital, but the transfer of several properties recently indicates that the soaring price of metals will remedy this situation. Most notable among the mining deals recently consummated is the sale of three good producing properties in the Victorio mountains near Gage to Joseph S. Qualey of El Paso, Texas. The Qualey interests control large mining holdings in the Satna Eulalia district in Mexico. The Victorio group of claims was the principal one purchased. This group has been a paying producer for years. J. T. Duran of New York City was the seller. With this group went the Frank Wyman and John Corbett claims and the W. E. Bradley and W. L. Nelson claims. The two last owners mentioned are residents of El Paso. The consideration was not made public, though it is believed that it involved a considerable sum of money. The new owners will erect a mill, it is understood, as well as sink a deep shaft to run additional levels to develop the property. The water in the lower levels has always been troublesome and heavy pumping machinery is to be installed to overcome it.

The John Winfield interests of Reno, Nevada, have acquired through a deal recently consummated, the tungsten claims located by Dr. M. M. Crocker of Lordsburg. It is understood that this deal involved \$20,000. The tungsten prospect in the Victorio district has been considered something of a joke in local mining circles and the deal comes as a surprise.

There are three other districts in Luna county that are now shipping ore. The zinc ore carries values in silver, copper, and lead. The Clars and Mahoney property in the Tres Hermanas is now employing about seventy-five men. A few days ago very rich ore was struck and the development work is being pushed vigorously. About the same number of men are working on the Wade and Swope and the Big Four Exploration Company mines. The latter was leased by Al Schultz.

The Mahoney zinc mine in the Florida mountains is working with fifty men. There are a number of partly developed properties that are probably just as good as the Mahoney mine but their owners lack sufficient capital to develop properly. The ore from the Mahoney mine has to be sent on the backs of burros down from the head of a canyon on the crest of the mountains. There are a number of zinc mines in the Cook's Peak district from which shipments are being made regularly. Harry Edwards, who leased the Poe property, and John Grover, on the east side are making steady progress and regular shipments. Chris Raitel is working one of his groups of claims on the west side and another group is leased to and being worked by Capt. H. A. Walker. Both are good producers.

The zinc ore in the mountains of Luna county in the mines being worked runs on the average from thirty to forty per cent, and the mine owners have no difficulty in smelting.

Army Trucks Pass Through

Sunday and Monday the motor trucks unloaded at El Paso for use of the expeditionary force in Mexico have passed through Deming, over the Borderland and the Deming-Columbus roads. From El Paso here the drivers seemed to have very little difficulty with their machines, though some arrived behind the convoy on account of losing their way.

BOOSTER ATTRACTION DUE ON APRIL 26, AT PRINCESS

The big booster attraction of the Chamber of Commerce will be given on Wednesday, April 26, at the Princess Theater. One of the biggest film productions in the world, Cabiria, has been secured for this entertainment. This film is not only wonderfully spectacular but is one of the greatest educational films that has ever been produced.

The film itself is nearly two and a quarter miles in length and take a little more than three hours to be run through the machine. Arrangements are being made to give the school-children of Deming and of the county a free show on the afternoon of April 26.

Frank Wyman was here from Pinos Altos early in the week to close the deal for the mining properties in the Victorio mountains recently sold to Nevada interests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hanson were in Columbus early this week. Mr. Hanson was formerly a lieutenant in the regular army and has many friends among the officers now at the Columbus army base.

T. F. Larson of Santa Rita is in the city today.

SENATOR FALL DOES NOT LIKE ADMINISTRATOR MEXICAN POLICY

Senator Albert B. Fall, M. E. Everhart, and John Hutchins motored in from El Paso Wednesday evening en route to Columbus, where Senator Fall will make a first-hand survey of the conditions along the border. The distinguished visitor was met by a number of Deming citizens at which meeting an exchange of views on the Mexican situation was indulged. The senator was assured that Deming citizens felt perfectly safe, but made it plain that they desired that the permanent safety of the border be made as much as possible.

To newspaper men Senator Fall discoursed in characteristic vein on what he has always maintained is the bungling policy of the administration in regard to Mexican affairs. He is of the opinion that Washington is failing to recognize that this is the psychological moment for the United States to commence its task of restoring order below the border. The senator strongly condemned the failure to secure the Northwest railroad out of El Paso for the forwarding of supplies to the American expeditionary force in Mexico.

He is of the opinion that the co-operation of the de facto forces is a great farce. Only by a lucky combination of circumstances will Villa be captured, he thinks.

NEW BOOKS IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; FOR FARMERS

The Chamber of Commerce has just received three very interesting booklets from the United States Department of Agriculture. They are of particular interest to the farmers of the Mimbres Valley section as they deal upon irrigation. Any one interested may call at the Chamber of Commerce and read them. The titles of the books are "Irrigation in Field and Garden," and "How to Build Small Irrigation Ditches," and "Practical Information for Beginners in Irrigation."

DIVERSIFIED FARMING BOOKS FOR LOCAL FARMERS

The Chamber of Commerce has received a supply of books dealing upon diversified farming in the Southwest, and Silos and their Uses. Both books are written by H. M. Bainer, Agricultural Demonstrator for the Santa Fe Railway. Anybody calling or writing may receive a copy of each of these books.

D. E. Puch and sister of Clifton, Arizona, were guests at the New Hotel Dines this week.

R. E. Coleman, a Santa Fe telegraph operator, returned to his home in Yuma, Ariz., yesterday.

R. C. ELY LAUNCHED PERSONAL CAMPAIGN

Yesterday Afternoon First Ely Club was Organized at Meeting of the Local Republican Party.

WOULD BEAT THE "OLD GUARD"

In Fight for Nomination for Governorship of New Mexico, Mr. Ely Will go Into Every County.

Ralph C. Ely launched his campaign for the nomination for governor of New Mexico on the Republican ticket yesterday afternoon when a representative body of local republicans met with him to arrange for carrying the campaign into every county in the state. An executive committee was formed that will have nominal charge of the enterprise and which will organize the first Ely club in the state. Mr. Ely will visit other important cities and towns to organize other clubs to be affiliated with the original one here.

The candidacy of Mr. Ely is taken very seriously in Luna county because of the prevalent belief in the "bigness" of the man for the job and further because of the honor involved in the opportunity of a Deming man to fill the gubernatorial office. In an address here, Mr. Ely stated frankly that he had the opposition of the powerful so-called machine candidates. He admitted that Secundino Romero of San Miguel had the most delegates to the convention at his command. He also stated that H. O. Bursum held slightly more than he could muster. But he is optimistic because he believes that he can count on a staunch support in the convention and the balance of power in a three-cornered fight. The Bursum and Romero forces would rather compromise on him, he thinks than allow themselves to go down to defeat.

Mr. Ely's platform will contain three principal planks. He stands for a new general election law; he wants a new tax law that will more equally distribute the burdens of government; and he urges the need of a primary law that is not state-wide in application. Last night Mr. Ely released a statement to the daily papers of the state setting forth fully his stand on these issues and in which he details his ideas of good government in general. The statement follows:

March 27, 1916.
To the Republican Voters of New Mexico:

Believing devoutly in the institutions of our country and in the administrative principles of government advocated by the Republican party, I offer myself as a candidate for nomination at its hands for the office of Governor of New Mexico.

I do this, not so much because of the promptings of personal ambition, as through a sense of personal responsibility. Through the long period of our territorial life, all parties have more or less drawn away from the people of our state and have yielded themselves unduly to the influence of political leaders—the so-called machines. With practically no law regulating primary elections, with the erudite of laws governing the general elections and with the dominance of men whose influences date back to the territorial days of irresponsibility to the people. It seems to me vitally important that something should be done to awaken the interest of the people themselves in the conduct of our government.

The Republican party is the greatest organization for constructive legislation that this country has ever known. It has attracted to its councils those men whose genius it has been to build rather than criticize. It has given New Mexico a great deal of its best legislation; but there remains to be done much that is essential in the development of the resources of our state, in the realization of the individual possibilities of our people, in the advancement of our community life, in development of our institutions for the general good, and in attracting within our bounds, others to join with us in this great work. I believe this will only be done through infusion of new blood into the councils of our party and of our state.

About three months ago, I wrote a large number of letters to my political associates, asking their advice in this matter. More than ninety per cent of the replies received advised the announcement of my candidacy and scores of letters have been since received, responsive to these inquiries, from political friends who had not been addressed, urging the same step. This nomination can only be accomplished if those who love New Mexico and believe in its future possibilities and in the possibilities of its people, turn out to the caucuses and conventions and participate actively and effectively in the work of the primaries of our party. If through their activity, I should be nominated and elected, I pledge myself to earnestly and honestly pursue in New Mexico, the best things which have been achieved in the most prosperous and enlightened state of our country. I shall not attempt untried things, nor advise venturing into fields of political experiment; but I shall seek to promote, by every legitimate and honorable means the establishment in New Mexico of those conditions which in other states have been proven good, sound and workable. This is not reform, it is just common sense, profiting by the experience and wisdom of others. I solicit the active and courageous support of all those who love New Mexico.

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION PROPOSES TO ADJUST THE RATES

Holds That Present Class Freight Rates are not Uniform Within New Mexico and Need Lining Up With Recent Inter-State Decision.

Notice has been received by the shippers of Deming of a meeting called at Santa Fe for April 21 for the purpose of reaching a decision on the proposal to establish a mileage scale for class rates applicable to intra-state freight traffic. Informal hearings have been held here and at other important shipping points in the state for the purpose of developing ideas and gathering such information as is necessary for the state corporation commission to have in order to issue an order. Delegates will be appointed by the local chamber of commerce to attend this meeting which is considered to be very important to the community interests.

The purpose is to establish from and to points within the state a uniform mileage scale applicable to class rates governed by the Western Classification, as upon examination of the tariffs now in effect admitted by carriers, the present class rates are in no wise uniform as now applied in the various parts of the state, it appearing from such examination of the tariffs from many of the more important towns and cities, there has been in the past so-called "jobbers' rates" which, it appears, had no uniform basis, while from the various other points and stations in the state local distance scales apply, which in many instances are not uniform, distance considered.

Further, on account of certain adjustments that have been made on class rates by order of the interstate commerce commission upon traffic to New Mexico from certain defined territories, such as Kansas City, St. Louis, and Chicago, it becomes necessary, in order to avoid discrimination as to certain towns and cities from a commercial standpoint to have a uniform adjustment of such rates applying locally on outboard shipments from such towns and cities, and also adjust on a reasonable basis rates applicable to shipments originating at smaller and less important towns and cities.

Adj. Gen. Herring on Border

Adjutant General Harry T. Herring and Capt. A. W. Brock are at Columbus and elsewhere along the border investigating conditions with a view to determining the amount of protection necessary in the southern part of the state. Gen. Herring is in favor of having the state troops placed along the border for patrol duty, relieving the federal troops for use in the pursuit of Villa. The cry for protection is more or less born of imaginary dangers, but the unexpected has happened with disastrous results and the state authorities are bent on making the citizens of this section safe from alarm.

PORTER TANK DRAW IS TO HAVE GOOD BRIDGE

Contract for Steel Structure to Cost About \$1,500 was let to El Paso Bridge Building Company.

ARE TO BE TWO OTHER BRIDGES

Grading on North Road Carried to Within a Short Distance of Colson Crossing Over Mimbres.

The contract for a steel bridge over the Porter Tank draw on the north road has been let to an El Paso firm of bridge builders. The structure is to cost about \$1,500. This crossing is near the Lindauer ranch. Specifications for two more bridges on this road have been approved—one over the Mimbres near the Jacobsen ranch and another over the Mimbres at the Colson crossing. The former is to be of steel and the latter of wood on wood piles. With the culverts and small bridges already in this will give the road to Silver City within Luna county safety from the flood water at all seasons of the year.

The grading of the north road has approached to within a very short distance of the Colson crossing over the Mimbres river, twenty-five miles from Deming. The road will be worked to the Grant county line, where the road board of that county is expected to take up and complete the work into Silver City. Sign boards will be placed all along the road.

The route to Columbus has not been definitely settled notwithstanding notice to that effect two weeks ago. There is a distinct sentiment for carrying the road over the rail road grade through the flat country between the Florida and Tres Hermanas watersheds. It is clear, however that the highway will not be routed except for the benefit of the through travel. Those off this trunk line must grade to it with the help of the road board. Several members of the road board assert that there is a route to the east that avoids a great deal of the flood district which can be built and maintained much cheaper than the old railroad grade.

At the present time there is a "patch" crew at work on the south road repairing the damage done by the traffic that has passed over it since the army base has been established at Columbus.

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS HERE TO INSPECT BORDER

Deming, N. M., March 31.—Lieut. Col. W. C. Porterfield of Silver City, Major Arthur Bail, Capt. Carl Hinton, Lieut. W. D. McSherry and Col. S. A. Milliken, all of Silver City, were in Deming this morning with Brig. Gen. H. T. Herring and Capt. A. W. Brock preparing to motor to Columbus for an inspection of the border situation. All the officers named are of the First Infantry, N. M. N. O. With the party were J. P. Holland of Mogollon, and Dr. Mae Lake. They will return this evening.

San Antonio, Texas.—After killing everyone of the 172 men in the garrison at Guerrero, Villa moved northward yesterday and now is somewhere near the headwaters of the Santa Maria river, according to unofficial information secured by Gen. Funston last night. At the head of a considerable force, Villa was reported to be on the San Geronimo ranch or the "Quemada" ranch, and troops of both the United States and Mexico were believed to be closing in on him.

This information was reared by Gen. Funston and his staff as probably being correct. If correct, it appeared probable that very soon Villa will either have to face his pursuers and fight or make another break through the tightening lines of troops.

Whether his assault on the garrison at Guerrero was the same engagement reported by Gen. Pershing was not known.

It is reported that C. W. Copeland, formerly of Las Cruces, has bought the Jitney Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland have been at the Dines Hotel this week.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL BOOST FOR LUNA COUNTY FAIR

There seems to be little doubt but that a Luna county fair will be held this fall. The committee, of which E. R. Vallandigham is the chairman, is working hard, laying out the initial plans for the holding of the most successful fair the county has ever had. It is generally believed among the farmers and business men that a county fair is one of the greatest assets that a county can have, and it is working in this belief that every effort is being made to get together a display of products and resources that will be a very great advertisement of what Luna county has to offer.

An effort is being made to make the premium list much larger than has ever before been. Not only will cash prizes be given, but merchandise as well. The products on display will be judged by experts from outside of the county, but by those fully qualified to understand the local conditions. A tentative premium list has already been gotten up, but many additions will probably be made.

W. J. Redden of Wilcox, Ariz., and S. D. Pachman of Toyah, Texas, both cattlemen, have been guests at the New Hotel Dines this week.

PRESIDENT'S SERIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD RUMORS IS A SURPRISE

Most of Wild Talk Comes From the Weak Minded Reacting Under the Influence of Excitement or Booze, is Observation Along This Border.

Deming citizens have been not a little surprised and amused to learn of President Wilson's serious attitude toward rumors originating along the border. There is a pretty clear understanding here of the interest of Americans in Mexico against which the executive issued his warning, but it is also common knowledge that the most of the wild rumors originate in the addled brains of irresponsible gossipers. Those having property in this section are not deserting it, but they have a definite belief that its future value depends pretty largely on how thoroughly the Mexicans across the line are impressed by American troops with the idea of the sanctity of the international boundary. Meanwhile anyone can go out on the street in a receptive mood and hear that which he is minded to hear. And these stories lose nothing in repetition.

Believe in Free County Fair (By H. A. Lane)

No one factor does more to stimulate effort in the improvement of farm conditions than the county fair. It is there that the farmer has an opportunity to see and observe the progress being made in the improvement of farm crops and animals and to compare his own efforts with the work of others.

His success in competing with his neighbors stimulate him to greater efforts, and his failures teach him wherein his work has been at fault.

The greatly increased number of county and neighborhood fairs are producing results in the up-building of the farm conditions of the country. Neighborhood or township fairs lead to county fairs and county fairs should be encouraged in friendly competition with the state fair. A properly conducted fair should and does result in increased production, a better and increased production increases land values. The move made to hold a county fair this year is a step for improving our farm conditions throughout Luna county.

Established Post Office at Columbus

William Collins, as assistant in the local post office, was sent Monday to Columbus by the post office department to establish a post office at the camp of the army base of the expeditionary force. The facilities at the village post office at that point proved inadequate to handle the mass of personal and official correspondence due to the activity.

J. A. Club

The J. A. Club met with Miss Margaret Randolph Monday afternoon. Mrs. T. F. Ryan made the highest score. The next meeting will be with Miss Esther Bolich.