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OUR MINES AND MINERS.

OUR MINERALS ARE BEING RAPIDLY DEVELOPED.

Latest New York quotations on fluor spar, including freight:
 Kentucky lump \$12.40
 " ground 15.90
 Foreign lump 10.00
 " ground 12.25

The Joplin zinc and lead market has an upward tendency.
 Zinc at Joplin per ton \$27.00
 Lead, per 100 lbs. 2.33
 Price of spelter at St. Louis, \$3.95
 Lead sales at St. Louis, per 100 lbs. 4.20
 Barytes—American \$ 8.00
 Foreign 15.50

The circumscribed limits of the deposits of fluor spar in this country—scarcely a good sized county in area—should warn the producers not to be too generous in their dealings with the consumers. The output by the Marion companies during the past three years has been very large, possibly greater than the development for the future would warrant. There has been no new finds of any moment put into the shape of producers during these years. The demand from the steel and iron works, the granite ware and other enamellers, the glassware manufacturers, and the producers of hydro-fluoric acid has largely increased and their wants must be met by the two or three companies raising spar in and around Marion. It would seem to an outside observer that the extremely low price at which fluor spar is now selling is almost suicidal to the producers' interests. Its cost, including the ordinary royalty, hauling by team to the railroad, loading, superintendence, interest and loss, saying nothing about the cost of mining and selling, would closely approximate if not exceed four dollars per short ton. In justice to the stockholders of the various fluor spar companies the price per ton should be increased. In the whole range of natural products, fluor spar alone has fallen in price during the year; and that, too, when our Marion companies practically make the price. Outside of importations to the Atlantic coast this section alone produces all of what is known as American fluor spar, and it is the best in the world. The basis of prices should be made on what is technically known as "flux," and this grade ought not to be offered at less than six dollars per short ton f. o. b. cars. This should average 88 to 90 per cent. of calcium fluoride, above 90 per cent. the consumer should pay at least 35 cents per unit additional.

The Press does not wish to pose as a pessimist, it simply desires the general welfare of the people. We are producing spar largely with but little if any increase in depth of our better known mines, and scarcely any opening of new ground. Such a course can have but one result if continued. Combined with sales at or below the cost of production our fluor spar companies will, in a few years more, exist only in name.

The past week has been prolific in new finds of both zinc and lead ores. From nearly all sections of

Crittenden county comes pleasant items connected with the lead and zinc industry. Even from our sister county of Livingston we hear good reports. Here and there a failure to find the vein is reported but that merely adds zest to the work of the prospector, and the next time he uses a little heavier hammer on his drills and he strikes them a trifle oftener, and the uncovering of the treasures of the earth goes merrily on.

The concentration of the pure orange colored zinc blende from the extensive crosscut running from the Bibb shaft, the property of Messrs. Blue & Nunn, has been most successfully accomplished. Mr. Waring, the leading chemist of Joplin, says in a letter received on Saturday: "The gangue is very easily separated from the mineral, a 60 per cent product being the result." His assay of the vein matter shows the astonishing amount of 20 per cent zinc. Samples of the concentrates of both the zinc and lead from this 18 foot crosscut can be seen at the Messrs. Blue & Nunn's office, next door to the opera house.

The meeting of the stockholders of "The Fluor Spar Company" was held last week in the city office of the company, court house square, Marion. The usual vigorous production of fluor spar from the Hodge mine and the other properties of the company will be continued. Mr. Squires, the president of the company, was re-elected, his son, who had made himself very popular with all classes of our people during the past year, will as formerly push the output and shipment of the company's product.

Mr. C. M. Miller, of Canton, O., representing the Republic Mining Company, is sinking a shaft on what is known as the Memphis vein, some nine miles west of Marion, on the Taylor property. Mr. Miller has also uncovered what seems to be a very strong deposit of lead, zinc and fluor spar on his Levins property. The fluor spar is especially massive and of first class quality.

President Hearn, of the Eagle Fluor Spar Company, has returned to his home in Wheeling, W. Va., for the avowed purpose, it is said, of removing his lares and penates to Salem and making it his permanent residence. This town is twelve miles from Marion, over rather a rough road.

Professor Drescher, of the Western Kentucky Mining Company, shipped on Saturday last, consigned to New York, 10,450 pounds of their zinc ores. It is stated that this shipment is for the purpose of definitely settling the class of concentrating machinery to be used on the company's property.

The weather for outdoor work has, for the greater part of the week, closing today, been of a royal nature; cloudless skies with an Italian temperature, has made life for our confreres of the pick, shovel, hammer and drill more than usually pleasant.

A wager is on the tapis between several mining men in the city as to who will ship the first full car load of zinc to the smelters. We shall all feel a trifle blue if none is shipped by the first of February.

The steam hoist, pump, etc., for the Chicago Mining Company, arrived on Saturday last over the Illinois Central and will be placed in position sometime during the week.

Several thousand dollars were distributed among the miners and teamsters last Saturday by the Kentucky Fluor Spar Company, it being their regular monthly pay day for the Yandell mines.

Mr. Henry C. Clark, President of the Chicago Mining Company, arrived in town on Monday last. Judging from his luggage, Mr. Clark's stay will extend over several weeks.

A three foot lead of spar was uncovered last week on the farms of Gid Manley and W. H. LaRue, at about eight feet from the surface. Other prospecting is being rapidly pushed.

SIXTY-ONE

Years Of Married Life—An Interesting Old Couple.

Stanton Pierce and wife of Anona, have been visiting friends and relatives in Livingston county for several days, and during their stay here Stanton Pierce passed his eightieth birthday, at the home of his grandson, H. W. Pierce, where a dinner had been prepared and friends invited to spend the day in pleasure with one of the oldest landmarks and his wife that is in our county.

Stanton and Mary Pierce were united in marriage in the year 1839. As a result of their marriage three sons and two daughters, all of whom are now alive except one daughter. There are twenty-five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren living, while the old people are still jolly and spry, and bid fair for another score of years. A Friend.

Freedom School.

On Friday, January 4, 1901, our school, under the care of A. E. Brown closed. About ten o'clock the people of Freedom neighborhood began to come in, and with them were large baskets filled with such good things as the people of this locality know so well how to prepare.

About 11 o'clock we thought we needed refreshing so a crowd of about 150 people gathered around and seemed to enjoy the royal repast set before them.

Dinner being over, quite a pleasant time was enjoyed listening to the recitations and other exercises of the school. When the children were through with their parts, the patrons had their talks, and when our teacher finished his short talk things seemed to change from school to more solemn work, and as our friend spoke there were but few unmoistened eyes to be seen in the crowd. Next a treat was given by the teacher with which all seemed to be highly pleased, and thus ended our school.

The New York Minstrels.

Barlow & Wilson's Greater New York Minstrels gave a performance at the opera house Saturday night. The house was packed and a great many people were forced to stand. The show is a good one and the large audience greatly enjoyed the performance. Nothing attracts a crowd in Marion like a minstrel troupe.

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HANGING

To a Tree Was Found the Body of Jim McCarty.

Union county has again come forward with a sensation. This time it is a peculiar murder or suicide.

A young man named Timothy McCarty started from Uniontown to Morgantown to procure license to wed Miss Mollie Sizemore, and some hunters found his body hanging to a gum tree about 4 o'clock the same afternoon.

When he left Uniontown it is said he had one hundred dollars in his pocket, but when found hanging to the tree he had only four dollars. He had been hanged with the bridle of the mule he was riding when he left Uniontown.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was to the effect that he came to his death at the hands of unknown parties. Some are of the opinion that he committed suicide though his clothing and his body showed evidence that he had been foully dealt with. It is a strange case.

E. W. TAYLOR

Closes His Saloon in this City and Retires from Business.

Mr. E. W. Taylor sold his stock of whiskies and wines to J. H. Orme and on the expiration of his license closed his saloon. Mr. Taylor has been in the saloon business here one year.

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