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ZINC ORES BADLY WANTED

The Joplin Districts Production Falling Off—A Boom in Coal and Coke Lands—Scores of Prospects for Lead and Zinc Being Opened.

NEW YORK PRICES FOR OUR MINERALS

The Engineering and Mining Journal gives the following quotations, which are the current wholesale prices in New York city:

Crude barytes per ton,	$ 9 00
Floated " "	18 75
China clay, "	8 25
Fire clay, best "	6 00
Fluorspar, No. 1, per ton,	14 40
" gravel, "	13 40
" ground, "	18 90
Ochre, yellow, "	10 00
" metallic brown, "	19 00
Slip clay, "	5 00

Owing to the cutting of the price in zinc in Joplin last week, a number of operators declined to dispose of their ore on the prices current, and as a consequence the shipment was 640 tons less, while the lead shipment was an increase of 125 tons, yet the value was $19,749 less than the preceding week. The highest price of the week was $41 per ton paid for the Vandalia ore assaying 63.70 per cent zinc, and selling on a basis of $37 per ton for 60 per cent. zinc. A year ago zinc brought $34 and lead $44.50 per ton. Lead was steady all week at $54.50 per ton delivered or $54 in the bin. This is a decrease of $5 and $5.55 per ton from the price two weeks ago.

Compared with a year ago zinc sales were 2393 tons less and lead sales 156 tons more and the value $21,677 less than the past week.

Frank Nicholson, a well known mining engineer, who is home from an extended trip through Europe says: "Europe wants our zinc and will pay suitable prices for it. The foreign spelter market is firm, with every prospect that it will remain steady throughout the year, as the demand for manufactured zinc continues to increase as its consumption is multiplied by new uses. In America we do not know what the uses of zinc are, although its uses are widening, while in Europe it is used for nearly everything in the building line. There is no question about the strength of the foreign metal market, and it is probable that before the year is over there will be further calls for American spelter, a fact that has occurred once this year.

Many miners are making money in all parts of the district, in the old mines that were given up as losing propositions. Some of the other properties that have lain idle many years, and have been considered valueless, are to be thoroughly developed.

John N Clark and associates have opened on Baker's hill what seems to be a superior article of china clay. Samples have been sent for analysis, and if the determination is favorable, extensive works will be established there.

Henry Stratton has broken the will of his father, the late Winfield S. Stratton, known as the Colorado Springs carpenter, who made millions of dollars out of his mining interests at Cripple Creek. The son receives $350,000.

A handsome sample of the Bell coal from the opening at Bells Mines in this county, and some 14 miles from Marion, can be seen at the Reed Mining company's office. Mr. Sayer, who is very familiar with the coal measures of this and other sections of the United States says that a remarkable thing about the Bell coal is its weathering qualities. For the past thirty years large quantities of slack, which could not be utilized when the mine was in operation at that time, has been exposed to all weathers for that number of years and today it is as bright and unchanged as on the day it was mined.

The splendid earnings of the Marion Bank, some 35 per cent. on a capitalization of $20,000, is due to a number of causes. The past year has been a wonderfully productive one in all branches, especially that of mining. The many new openings made on our ore veins has required the use of a good deal of money, from time to time, while the influx of capital, the sale of ores, etc., etc., has brought into the district a great many thousands of dollars. Still, a great proportion of the bank's earnings for the year is due largely to knowing how to make money earn more money.

The Crittenden County Lead, Zinc and Fluorspar company, at their Thurmond mine on the Klondyke lead, have a splendid showing of zinc blende or Jack at 100 feet. At the present depth a drift of four feet caught the side of the vein and further drifting will decide its width and values, which, from the present indications, promise to be of very considerable magnitude.

The company locally known as the Pittsburg Combine, operating the DeKoven coal mines, have in operation a score or more of coke ovens, and are adding to the number as rapidly as possible. This indicates that most of our coal, particularly the Southern end of the coal measures, will produce good coke, as it is understood the sulphur is less here than at DeKoven.

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Absolutely Pure

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Messrs Sayre & Steinmetz, of Marion, have located the coal and the place for their new opening at the Old Davis mine west of Sturgis, and as soon as the papers can be signed the new company, will begin operations on the property, which promises to be in a very short time one of the most productive collieries in the district.

The unwatering of the old Bell mine is so far advanced the upper part of the mine is now dry. A force of men have been put to work day and night driving an entry and taking out coal, and by next week the product of this old mine that had a national reputation in ante bellum days will again be on the market.

On the Eaton fluor spar showing seven or eight teams with plows and scrapers are uncovering the splendid vein of fluor spar and galena for 300 yards. It is understood that an open stope will be run the entire distance. This will produce a very great tonnage and keep many teams hauling to the railroad.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office, by the Globe Spar company, capitalization $100,000. Incorporators, S. M. Rice, Louisville; C. A. Sturtevant and Rev. J. R. Halswell, of Fredonia. Their property is the Eaton fluor spar ground recently purchased.

The Harris mining company have opened a strong fluor spar property some four miles southeast of Salem. Fully 100 tons of merchantable fluor spar is now on the dump ready for shipment. It will be delivered to the Illinois Central at Mexico station.

As will be noticed by the numerous paragraphs of new work commenced and to be commenced throughout the entire district, the season will likely be a very busy one and many large bodies of ore will very probably be brought to light.

Messrs McClelland and Steele, of Golconda and Elizabethtown, Ill., were in the city last Saturday Mr. Steele represents the Pittsburg syndicate who made extensive purchases of mining land in Hardin county the first of the year.

Nearly two hundred miners and other employes of the Kentucky Fluor Spar company participated in the monthly pay out of that company last Saturday. This force will likely be doubled from now on until cold weather again strikes us next winter.

The lead deposits of the Black Hills is found in fissure veins and in mineralized zones in mica and schist. The veins are from three to five feet wide, the pay streaks vary from six inches to three feet.

A New York grand jury has indicted a mining promoter for making false representations about the value of stock sold by him. He was arrested in St. Louis.

It is reported that Eastern men have secured 15,000 acres of mineral lands along Quicksand creek, Knott county, Kentucky, at $20 per acre.

Mr. James Henry commenced prospect work last week on the Ward farm, near the Eaton property.

On the James Farmer land, just north of the Salem road, some four miles from Marion, a good opening on fluor spar was made last summer. Mr. Farmer is satisfied that by drifting on this vein a good big production can be made. The land is open for purchase or option on reasonable terms, the acreage being 96.

It is now generally admitted that the Joplin district is not furnishing anywhere near the amount of zinc ore demanded by the smelters.

Around Potosi, Mo., a boom in barite lands is on. Over 150 men are at work mining on very rich deposits.

Mr. Ed McFee and others are prospecting a very good showing for ore some two miles and a half from town. The vein they will likely open is one that passes under the Reed land.

In New York city an attempt is being made to interest the trade in the recently discovered fluor spar deposits near Rome, in Smith county, Tenn. About 200 tons were shipped in April.

For 1903 the production of copper in the Lake Superior country will be increased 15 per cent., which means nearly 25,000,000 pounds, the total for last year being 171,000,000.

The Marion Coal company, operating the Sullivan coal property are now shipping their product to consumers. It is an exceedingly good coal and is being marketed as rapidly as produced.

The Commercial Mining company are sinking three shafts on the Tabb vein, near what is known as the Tabb mine. The old deep shaft on this property is still idle.

Messrs Foster of Muncie, Ind., and Rosenbaugh of Indianapolis, will soon commence work on the 150 acre farm of Mrs Bennett, in a prospecting way.

A wall thirty feet high and thirteen feet broad could be built all around England with the coal annually mined in that country.

Major Clement will let a contract this week for sinking on the Clement mine near Crittenden Springs.

Twenty-five companies owning gold, silver and lead mines in seven different states have declared dividends of $1,062,899.

The output of zinc in Leadville shows a marked increase; 7,000 tons of zinc was marketed from that district in March last.

Mr. O. J. Keyes, of Akron, O., is working ten men on the Cam Harden farm at Lola, prospecting for carbonate of zinc.

The metal market in New York last week was quiet and unchanged. Lead in moderater demand at $4.37½; spelter $5.75.

The United States Steel company have secured options on extensive tracts of iron ore and coal lands in Alabama.

Extensive tracts of valuable coal lands in the Indian Territory have been optioned to H. C. Frick of Pittsburg.

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About 3000 feet lineal of same vein as the Riley mine and joins Riley mine. Land owned by J. C. Kinsolving. The rights cover everything but the farming privileges. Owner will show vein. Experts say there are four or five locations for shafts that promises as much as the Riley mine. 500 feet of this vein cannot be worked out in a life time. Club together and buy this good property. Will pay a commission for sale. Address

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The recent improvements on the land and the strong showing of mineral make this increase in price just and right to the original purchasers.

The stock in the Reed Mining Company is worth, based upon the minerl showing alone, 20 per cent. or $200 for each certificate of 100 shares.

The lots 50x150 feet, back to 15 foot alleys, and and fronting on 40 foot streets, are worth in themselves in any part of the city $100 at least.

Until June 1st the few lots remaining with the 1000 shares of stock will be sold for $50.

The Nancy Hanks shaft is now 115 feet in depth. Seven men are employed.

Sinking in the Cullen mine has been resumed.

GEORGE HARRIS DEAD.

Prominent Newspaper Man Passes Away at Smithland.

Mr. George T. Harris, editor of the Cumberland Courier, died at his home in Smithland Friday evening, after several month's illness of tuburcolosis. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, and the remains were laid to rest in the Smithland cemetery.

Mr. Harris was a native of Crittenden county, born on a farm near Dycusburg thirty-six years ago. His early life was spent at Dycusburg. Though his chances for obtaining an education were meager, he made the best of the opportunities afforded him. He was truly a self made man. He entered the newspaper business at an early age, installing a small printing outfit at Dycusburg when only a boy. He started a paper at Smithland fourteen years ago, but was unsuccessful and removed to Paducah, where he was connected with different papers during a period of many years. Eighteen months ago he returned to Smithland and began the publication of the Cumberland Courier. The paper was suspended a few weeks ago on account of Mr. Harris' condition. His wife, a daughter of Capt. J. W. Bush, of Smithland, and five children survive him.

George Harris was a man of splendid character and a journalist of brilliant talent.

Real Estate

BARGAINS!

We have a small farm for sale near Salem, Ky., on the Marion-Salem road, suitable for a man with small family, who wants a desirable home, containing 21½ acres, good log house, frame stable, cistern, a splendid young orchard in full bearing. This place is in the center of the great mineral belt, and has a mineral vein running through it with no leases on options on it; near good school and church, and in one of the best neighborhoods in the county. One-third of farm in creek bottom. Price $300. For particulars call on T. A Harpending, 2 miles east of Salem, or on J C. Bourland, Marion, Ky.

A desirable home in East Marion, together with 14 acres of ground that can be sold as building lots. Price reasonable A splendid investment. For particulars call on or address J. C. Bourland, Marion, Ky.