

'OUTPUT OF LOCAL MINES INCREASING

Experts Estimate Enough Coal In Sight In Carbon and Emery Counties to Last Sixty-Five Thousand Years.

The Christmas Doselet News, consisting of a hundred and fourteen pages and by far the handsomest typographically and otherwise of any similar publication ever issued anywhere in the West, devotes a page to the city of Price. The early history here is set out in fairly good shape, although there are a number of inaccuracies. Photographs of some half a dozen citizens and business men with reading matter accompanying are run. These latter, of course, are paid for. On another page of the Christmas News we find this reference to the development in and around the coal mines of Emery and Carbon counties, which in the main is correct, and which has been touched upon from time to time during the year from "the great moral and religious" by "the great moral and religious".

The Christmas Story.

"Although much less coal was stored in Utah during the past summer and fall than was the case last year, the output of the mines of the state during the year 1912 has been about one-fifth more than in 1911, or an increase of over five hundred thousand tons, equalling at the price to the consumer, between \$2,600,000 and \$2,000,000. The increase is considered to be an excellent one, since the state in many other ways has not had an increased growth equal to one-fifth of its former records. At the rate at which coal has been taken from the mines this year it is estimated that Utah could produce it for 65,486 years, such an enormous amount of hydrocarbons is deposited under the hills of this state. Experts have placed the estimate at not less than 194,452,000,000 tons.

"Of the total amount only 21,000,000 tons, or slightly more than .004 of the estimated deposit have thus far been mined. For commercial purposes there was this year imported into Utah about 240,000 tons of coal, and between fifty-five and sixty thousand tons for railroad purposes, making a total import of about four hundred thousand tons, while the exports from the state reached about four hundred and twenty thousand tons. Obviously, one of the greatest things in the future of the state of Utah is its coal mining industry. With that enormous amount stored beneath its hills, all of which is said to be accessible, it may be said that Utah has a latent resource worth, at the consumer's price, \$1,000,000,000,000, an amount a hundred and fifty-four times as great as the estimated value of the other hydrocarbons of the state.

Extending the Market.

"Utah's expectation comprises a wide extension of its coal market, which has already reached almost every part of the country, especially on the Pacific Coast, and the supplying of a great number of ocean steamers. Handicapped with only one railroad in the part of the state in which coal fields are most widely developed, and which is the strongest producing part, and that road being wholly incapable of properly handling the fuel during the rush season of the year, the enlarging of the export market has been practically impossible. It is the present plan, however, of the W. G. Sharp coal mining interests to extend its railroad line from the mining district as far as Provo, giving a much better opportunity for placing coal where it may be shipped to the various parts of the state, and connecting with the Salt Lake Route for its transfer to the West. This, it is expected, will make it possible to practically double the present export trade of the state.

"The car shortage this year has not been so serious, however, as in some years past. In October the only noticeable difficulty was felt, and that came about because of the fact that foreign cars, those belonging to Eastern companies, were called home for the handling of the enormous crops in the East, and Utah was unable to use them for several deliveries of coal and other products as is generally the case. The fact, however, that in spite of this the car service has been better than usual, bespeaks for the Utah railroad companies a much more manifest interest.

New Mines Opened.

"More mines have been in operation this year than at any previous time. Four new mines have been added to the number of the state's producers. The Nesten mine near Thompsons, owned by the American Fuel company, has been developed to a good extent. A road has been built connecting it with the Denver and Rio Grande, and a tippie is now being constructed for loading the railroad cars from the

trucks used in the mines. Two cars a day are already being shipped.

"The Willow Creek mine at Willow Creek, near Castle Gate, was opened by the Utah Fuel company. A motor road has been constructed connecting it with the Castle Gate mine, by which the coal is hauled from the new mine and loaded on the railroad cars over the Castle Gate tippie. Two tunnels were driven through the solid mountain for the motor road, one of them eleven hundred feet in length, and the other three hundred and fifty feet long.

"The Panther Canyon mine, owned now by the Castle Gate Coal company, purchased recently from F. N. Cameron by the Sharp interests, is being developed on the western side, and the coal is being hauled from the mine and loaded on the cars at the mouth of Willow Creek Canyon.

"The Spring Canyon Coal company, owned by the Jesse Knight interests is developing a mine in Spring Canyon and the camp is to be known as Storrs. A railroad four and one-half miles in length has been constructed, connecting the mine with the main line of the Denver and Rio Grande above Helper, and is now completed to the tippie site. Several houses have been built and others are in course of construction.

"An entirely new method for conveying coal from the mine to the tippie is being tried out at this mine. An aerial tramway capable of handling two thousand tons of coal in eight hours is to be made as an economical means for carrying the coal from where it crops out at high points in the canyon to the tippie.

Add to Their Facilities.

"The Castle Valley Coal company at Mohrland in Emery county is still making considerable improvement. Fifty new houses have been built and are occupied. A new tippie is in course of construction and a practically new tram is being made. A five hundred foot rock tunnel is being driven through the mountain to equalize the grade. A railroad is being built from Mohrland to a point that will connect with the Denver and Rio Grande midway between Helper and Castle Gate.

"The Black Hawk Coal company has added thirty-five new houses to that camp and considerable other improvements have been made. These three camps one day recently mined 3552 tons of coal in eight hours. At Castle Gate and Kenilworth also new houses have been built and occupied and general improvements made. At the latter place the haulage roads have been electric lighted, and an electric shooting system has been installed by which all blasts for the breaking down of coal will be fired from outside the mine, and after all miners are out. At Sunnyside, the only camp now making coke, such improvements have been made as are needed for general growth.

"An important thing about the work at the Utah camps this year is the fact that there has not been even the slightest labor trouble. The wages have remained the same as last year, and there has been only the pleasantest of relations between the operators and the miners. Generally the work has been made safer against accident, there having been fewer fatalities than in previous years, though the number of minor accidents have somewhat increased."

J. CECIL ALTER RETURNS FROM QUITE BUSY TRIP

J. C. Alter of the local weather bureau has returned from a very interesting trip over the Denver and Rio Grande to the Colorado line. He inspected most of the weather stations on the line of the railroad and a few outlying points, says last Thursday's Salt Lake Telegram.

No new stations were established, but the old one at Soldier Summit was reopened. This station is especially valuable to the bureau in that they can obtain data on the summit commanding two watersheds, the Colorado river and great basin areas.

Stations at Harper in Carbon county and Fisher Valley in Grand county have been discontinued, due to inability to obtain proper service by observers.

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THOMAS BELL

Deal Said to Be On For the Kenilworth Coal Properties.

Thomas Bell, general superintendent of the mines of the Independent Coal and Coke company at Kenilworth, last Friday tendered his resignation. He also at the same time severed his connection in the same capacity with the Helper and Kenilworth railroad. Bell is temporarily succeeded by For General Superintendent Murphy the Union Pacific mines at Scofield, but lately sales agent for the Kenilworth properties. Bell is as undecided just what he will do, offering offers from the W. G. Sharp people and also S. Kedzie Smith of St. Louis, formerly general superintendent of the Utah Fuel company.

For some time there has been rumor, whether well founded or not, that the W. G. Sharp interests are soon to take over the Kenilworth mines along with the railroad from Kenilworth Junction, below Helper, to the mines. The Independent Coal and Coke company and the railroad properties are incorporated for a million dollars, but if the sale goes the price is to be around three and a half millions. The company owns about twenty-three hundred acres of coal lands at and adjacent to Kenilworth, including the Aberdeen mine purchased some years ago from A. Ballinger and "Tobe" Whitmore.

It has been anticipated that if a deal is made its consummation will be in the immediate future. Officials on both sides of the proposition are non-communicative on the subject. The Kenilworth and Helper railroad is about four miles in length.

GOLDEN RULE CHANGES

Worthy Young Gentlemen Promoted to Management at Price.

P. C. Pinson on the first of the month became manager of the Price store of the Golden Rule chain of thirty-four establishments throughout the West, succeeding W. B. Strawn. The latter will in a few days be sent to one of three or four new houses now being opened, but just where Strawn does not know.

L. W. Thompson, who left Price about a year ago to take charge of a new place at Aguilier, Colo., has been transferred to Alamosa, Colo., while Harry C. Price, formerly of this city, becomes manager of the Aguilier store. Mr. and Mrs. Strawn expect to leave Price any day now.

E. C. Sams manager of the several Golden Rule stores, came in Sunday from Salt Lake City to help take inventory. He expresses himself as more than satisfied with the business done here the past year, predicting a still greater volume of trade for the year 1913.

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