

FINSEN RAY SOLD

Captain MacVichie Declares Pioche Wonderful Camp

Noted Mining Engineer Spent Several Days Here This Week In Making An Examination of Some of the Big Mines---Greatly Pleased With Showing In Ohio-Kentucky, Prince Consolidated and Mendha Mines---Says He Is Coming Back Again.

Among this week's visitors in camp were Anthony H. Godbe, president of the Ohio-Kentucky Mining company, and one of the officials and principal stockholders in the Prince Consolidated; he being accompanied by Dr. Fred Stauffer, also a large shareholder in the foregoing corporations, and Captain Donald MacVichie, former general manager of the Bingham Consolidated Mining & Smelting company, but later one of the chief field men of F. Augustus Hoize.

Mr. MacVichie spent several days in looking through the mines of the district, devoting much of his time to an examination of the underground workings of the Ohio-Kentucky, Prince Consolidated and Mendha mines.

"I only wish I had a little more time to look over this camp," said the Captain just before taking the train for Tonopah Thursday morning, where he is to conduct a mine examination, "but I am coming back here again. From what I have seen while here, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind but Pioche is going to become a very wonderful camp. I was very much impressed with what I saw in the

properties of the Ohio-Kentucky. There is a tremendous tonnage of ore in sight in this mine, but I understand the company is handicapped in carrying out its plans by a joint ownership with the Nevada-Utah. These differences ought to be amicably adjusted some way; it would be better for all concerned, and it would make a great difference to this camp. The Ohio-Kentucky alone would justify the erection of a large smelter."

The captain expressed himself as being well pleased with the Prince Consolidated, and had no hesitancy in saying that it is one of the great mines of this camp; that its possibilities are difficult to contemplate. He was likewise pleased with what he saw in the Mendha mine in the Highland district, and was particularly struck with the persistency of the Mendha fissure as it cuts across the country with such wonderful regularity. He believes the Mendha has a splendid future.

A little later on, the Captain expects to return and devote considerable time in the further examination of this district, as well as Highland, Comet, Stampede Gap, Bristol and Jack Rabbit.

Joseph W. Taylor and Others Dispose of Their Holdings

Black Wonder Group In Highland District Also Figures In This Transaction

Two of the most important mining deals consummated in this district in many weeks was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday when, for a consideration approximating \$60,000, the Finsen Ray mine passed to a syndicate of Pioche and Salt Lake mining men. In this transaction, practically all of the issued stock in the Finsen Ray corporation, which amounts to 600,000 shares, was sold outright; there being almost 400,000 shares still remaining in the treasury. The other sale involved the Black Wonder group, an adjacent property, which it is understood, is to be consolidated with the Finsen Ray, the two making one of the most valuable propositions in the district.

The Finsen Ray company is the possessor of five full lode mining claims wedged in between the Mendha and Oregon-Pioche mines, the locations covering the main Mendha fissure as it makes its way across the mountain from the Mendha to the Oregon-Pioche; while the Black Wonder group, consisting of seven full lode mining claims, covers another resource which may yet prove to be one of the greatest sensations of this camp. Work is in progress on both properties under the direction of Ed F. Freudenthal and according to information which reached the RECORD today, ore of wonderful richness is being developed there; the values running largely in silver, but high in both gold and lead, with the silver out entirely, leaving nothing but the gold and lead, according to the RECORD's informant, the Black Wonder has a showing which indicates that it will develop into an immensely rich mine. As to the Finsen Ray, taking into consideration its location and what is known of its resources through the sinking of a diamond drill hole last summer under the direction of Joseph Taylor; makes it reasonably sure that this property will rank in the class of the great

Mendha mine which has so long been recognized as the premier of the Highland district.

Mr. Taylor, who is the general manager of the X-Ray Mining company, and who is probably benefitted more than any one else by the Finsen Ray sale, through having been the principal shareholder in the enterprise, has long regarded the Finsen Ray a property with great possibilities and it was only after displaying a great deal of reluctance that he finally consented to part with his holdings. Besides Mr. Taylor, E. A. Hodges of the Hodges-Cook Mercantile company, and William Lloyd, superintendent of the Prince Consolidated, were the principal local shareholders. Dr. Murray of Caliente, also owned considerable stock.

The Finsen Ray ore is similar in character to that found in the Mendha mine, and in fact, the geological conditions prevailing in the Mendha are also found in the Finsen Ray.

From Mr. Taylor it is learned that the diamond drill struck an ore body at a depth of 329 feet and continued in it until the 341 foot point was reached.

At 350 feet, drilling ceased, but the core showed to the satisfaction of those concerned that was of a grade sufficient to pay well to ship direct to the smelters.

The name of all the persons interested in the purchase of the Finsen Ray and Black Wonder mines are being withheld for the present for reasons best known to those who have been instrumental in rounding out these properties; but their identity is promised for next week. However, papers have been signed and the money paid in.

Everything indicates that the Highland district is going to be the center of a great deal of activity this year. Many producing mines are going to be developed out that way, and it will not be very months either, until the Salt Lake route extends its tracks to this important district.

Santa Maria Group Jack Rabbit District

Ed F. Freudenthal Corrals Large Group for Arthur B. Lewis, Founder of the Nevada-Utah Mines & Smelters Corporation, and Associates---Col. William A. Farish Now Conducting Examination---Lewis Expected In Camp Soon.

A large group of claims in the Jack Rabbit mining district was sold this week to a syndicate of eastern capitalists, at the head of which is Arthur B. Lewis, founder of the Nevada-Utah Mines & Smelters corporation. The deal was negotiated by Ed F. Freudenthal of this city and the property involved is what has been known heretofore as the Santa Maria group, owned by Ellis and Walsh, and located adjacent to the domains of the Lucky Star Mining company. Just how much money is involved in the transaction Mr. Freudenthal would not say when seen yesterday afternoon; nevertheless, he indicated that the consideration would amount to a good round sum.

Following the closing of the

transaction, Mr. Freudenthal sent out a number of men with supplies and started a vigorous campaign of development.

Mr. Lewis is expected to reach camp from New York soon. Col. William A. Farish, the noted mining engineer who assisted Mr. Lewis in rounding up the Nevada-Utah properties in this district, arrived in camp several days ago, leaving yesterday morning for Jack Rabbit where he will be joined later by Mr. Lewis, when they will enter into a thorough examination of the property just taken over, which Mr. Freudenthal declares, is bound to develop into one of the big producers of the Jack Rabbit district.

A new corporation will be formed in the near future and, it is said, will have the strongest kind of backing.

Prince Starts the Five Hundred Fifty Cross-cut

One of the important events of the week relative to the operation of the Prince Consolidated mine, was the cutting of a station on the 550-foot level and the starting of a cross-cut towards the rich fissures. The progress of this work will be watched with keenest interest by officials and shareholders of this corporation, for when the fissures are encountered there will be another 150 feet of backs on the high-grade shipping ore.

From Superintendent William Lloyd, the RECORD has ascertained that the No. 1 fissure on the 400 level is looking extremely well, with a showing of silver-

lead ore that runs up into the pictures. On the 300, work is progressing nicely in the winze being sunk to connect with the 400, and every pound of ore extracted is high grade material. A raise is also being made on the same level on the No. 1 fissure, about 340 feet west from the shaft, and it, too, is being run in high-grade shipping ore.

It will probably take anywhere from 40 to 60 days to complete the cross-cut on the 550 level to connect with the No. 1 fissure. Then look out for something of the sensational order. Last evening the cross-cut had been run about twenty-five feet.

Many Leasers Busy In Bristol Con. Ground

The Bristol mining district will be the scene of a great amount of mining activity this year. A late arrival brings the information that on the properties of the Bristol Consolidated no less than thirteen leases are being worked at the present time. The Gran brothers, George, Albert, Fred and Henry, are working on the National claim and have just received returns from a car load of high grade copper ore shipped to the Salt Lake smelters about two weeks ago. The lot carried 36 per cent copper, in addition to the usual lead, silver and gold values. The RECORD's informant states that the Gran boys will soon be sending out more of this ore, as their lease is showing up better every day and they have several feet

of high grade stuff exposed.

George T. Royer has established two camps out Bristol way recently, one on each side of the mountain, and is pushing the development of his properties vigorously. District Attorney J. M. Breeze and associates have several men at work on their claims and, in fact, the whole country is alive with prospectors and mining men. F. W. Dickle, who is interested with Judge Talbot of the supreme court of Nevada, in the Peerless group, has two men engaged.

From the Day mine at Jack Rabbit, the Nevada Utah company is sending out 50 of ore daily and according to reports recent developments made in this mine are of a character highly gratifying to General Manager Gaskill.

Mendha Fissure Is Connected

General Manager J. R. Cook of the Mendha mine, returned from camp last evening with the information that connections had been made with the new fissure on the 800-foot level. The opening of this resource is a matter of great importance to the future of the property, as developments

during the past sixty days have practically doubled the available tonnage of ore.

The Mendha is in condition now to produce at least 1,000 tons monthly.

The members of Pioche Lodge No. 23 I. O. O. F., installed the following officers Tuesday evening: Noble Grand, William E. Orr; vice-grand, J. Frank Squire; treasurer, James Price; secretary, A. A. Carman.

Pugmire Bonds Two Groups.

It was learned just before press time today that W. L. Pugmire of Salt Lake, who has spent considerable time in looking over this district during the past few months, had secured a bond and lease on the Gipsy group of six claims, situated in the Stampede Gap country; also the Tulloch, Lee and Prophet property, consisting of twenty claims, and located adjacent to the Point property of the Pioche Metals & Mining company.

Doubt Claim Figures In Deal

The Doubt claim, located adjacent to the great Mendha mine in Highland district, figured in a deal this week, through which John R. Cook, William Lloyd and Ernest A. Hodges became half owners. The vendors were Walter Getchel and Jim Healy. The property is well situated geographically, and it is believed, will develop into a good producer.

New Equipment For Demijohn

Within the next few days a meeting of the directors of the Pioche Demijohn Mining company will be held in Salt Lake for the purpose of taking action in the matter of providing better mine equipment. Heretofore, the Demijohn company has been prosecuting development work by hand which, the management has concluded, is entirely too slow. The horse whim is to be replaced by a gasoline engine and hoist; it also being the purpose to install a compressor of capacity to provide power to meet all present requirements.

Conditions in the mine are improving steadily and the RECORD is informed that since the visit of President Owen A. Baily last week considerably more ore has been exposed.

The Demijohn is a splendid property and should develop into one of the substantial mines of the Pioche district. It is located on the ore zone cutting through from the Prince Consolidated to the Point mine of the Pioche Metals & Mining company recently organized in Salt Lake and of which Frank B. Cook is manager.

Joe Free Buys Hyman Group

The Hyman group of two claims, situated just south of the Old Timer claims, has been bonded to Joseph S. Free of Salt Lake, who secured the ground from M. Hyman, administrator of the estate of Raphael Hyman. The property is bounded on the west by the possessions of the Pioche Demijohn Mining company, and on the east by the Bamberger group.