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"BEST MINING CAMP IN STATE SAYS," H. A. LEE

"I don't know that I can say more in expressing my views of Pioche and vicinity, than to use the expression which I have used on more than one occasion since my visit here which is: That Pioche is the biggest camp in the state of Nevada today. I have visited all the principal mines, and to say that I am agreeably surprised is putting it mildly. I have made an examination of the properties in Pioche proper, such as the Greenwood, Susan Duster and others of note. The Prince which is a great mine, and I hope to see an extension of the railroad to that point, for the showing certainly justifies it. On Wednesday in company with Mr. Lloyd, I visited the Mendha mine in Highland district and found there a great ore producer from which large tonnage can easily be marketd."

Thus spoke H. A. Lee, a prominent mining engineer of Denver, Colorado, with present headquarters at Salt Lake, after making an extended and thorough investigation of this district during the past week when seen by a representative of the Record as he was leaving Thursday morning.

Mr. Lee expressed the oft repeated hope that the owners of the mines on the hill would soon see their way clear to adjust present difficulties, thus paving the way for greater activity in this town. As to the specific object of his visit here at this time, Mr. Le would not state other than that it was in the interests of eastern capitalists whom he is representing, and said that he would again visit us within a short time.

Mr. Lee recognized the importance of smelting facilities close at hand. He considered that the flat below town would make an ideal location and transportation by tramways from the town to this situation would prove to be very economical.

He is also much impressed with the concentrating propositions which abound. While he does not regard Pioche as primarily a "poor man's camp," propositions for corporations with financial backing abound in much territory now being overlooked.

CENTENNIAL PIOCHE INSTALLS MODERN PLANT.

The Centennial Pioche Mining company is one of the infant corporations of the district which is rapidly forging to the front.

Manager William Lloyd informs us that the double compartment shaft being sunk on the property has attained a depth of 70 feet and it is the purpose of the corporation to continue this to at least the 300-foot level before any cross-cutting is indulged in.

The development of this property is awaited with a great deal of interest by the management, as it believes the opening up of a great ore producer is beyond question.

A Fairbanks-Morse gasoline hoist and engine has been installed and is now greatly facilitating the work of sinking.

A contract has been let James M. Cleine to sink this shaft 250 feet deeper. Two shifts will be employed by the contractor and the work will be rushed with all possible speed.

GOOD GOLD ROCK THE COMET DISTRICT.

C. H. Smith and Bruce L. Garrison have been exhibiting some fine gold specimens this week. These samples were taken from a new discovery made by these gentlemen near the Comet district. While the assays are not phenominally high, it is the strength and size of the ledge that lends importance to this discovery.

Situate about fifteen miles from Pioche in a section heretofore unprospected, it is easy to indulge the presumption that the new discovery will lend an impetus to the mining industry hereabouts.

Messrs. Smith and Garrison have given but little publicity to the new find for reasons best known to themselves; but now that they have acquired such territory as they desire they intend placing the merits of the section before the public.

Mining men who have viewed the properties state, that while the values are not high the evident permancy and size of the ore bodies indicate wealth in vast quantities. The public will, with a great deal of eagerness, watch the developments of the next few weeks.

SHOULD ORGANIZE A PROGRESSIVE CLUB

What is the matter with the organization of the Pioche Progressive Club? This has been talked of for some time, but no results have thuss far occured. There are a few progressive men working assidously in behalf of this enterprise but are not getting the proper support. Have a care gentlemen, for one of these days you will awaken to the fact that while you have been slumbering some of the best business propositions in the country have slipped through your grasp.

This statement is called forth by an article appearing in the Ely Expositor wherein it is claimed that Ely should get the trade of the new camp Atlanta. Now anyone familiar with conditions well know that Pioche is the natural supply point for this promising district, and indications are that this trade will be of mean importance.

However, the mere fact of natural advantages is not going to hold this trade unless some concerted and intelligent effort is made along this line and the only proper way is by organized effort. Would not a club such as has been advocated be the proper way. Ely has such a club, and what that club intends to do is best told in the following article taken from the Expositor.

"The new mining camp of Atlanta, seventy miles south of Ely in Lincoln county provides another excellent reason why local business men should [illegible] mote not only the industrial and commercial welfare of the city, but also to provide the ways and means of securing for Ely all outside trade naturally tributory to the city.

"Atlanta judging from all reports, is destined to become a live camp with prospects of developing into one of the most important mining centers of eastern Nevada. Coupled with these prospects are those which have to do with the commercial side of the mining camp and it is in this side that local business men should interest themselves. Atlanta is naturally tributory to Ely and the trade from that town can be had here if the proper steps are taken. But these steps will have to be taken by Ely, or the trade will go south and Pioche merchants will profit by a trade that rightfully belongs to Ely.

"The question of improving the road through Cattlecamp mountains was taken up some months ago, but allowed to drop without definite action being taken. It is this same proposition, which if handled now, will bring Ely into close touch with the new camp. The cost of the improvement would not exceed $2,000, an amount that would be returned many times over should the camp live up to the promises already made for it."

Wake up! Business men of Pioche. The reason why the business from Atlanta should come here are many. Let us get together and make these reasons known to the people of Atlanta. Never mind the skeptics, for [illegible] pose from good motives or a natural inclination to kick.

DEATH RATE HEAVY IN PIOCHE LAST WEEK

Pioche was visited by the "Grim Reaper" with a vengence during last week, no less than five of our fellow townsmen being called to the Great Beyond.

Harry Lowden, known by many in this county was stricken very suddenly last week with a severe attack of an infection of the throat. The attack soon developed alarming stages and the unfortunate man was hurriedly taken to the Duckworth hospital, but was beyond the aid of medical skill and died within a few hours. He leaves a large circle of friends who will be deeply pained to learn of his untimely death. The remains were interred Sunday in the public cemetery.

John Anderson, one of the old time residents, who had been ailing for some time pased quietly away Saturday last, at the Stockham hospital. John Anderson could be accounted among the sturdy pioneers of Pioche, having lived in Highland district for many years, where he was industrious in developing, in so far as it laid in his power, the mining industry of this section. In the death of John, the community mourns the loss of a good citizen. He left no relatives in this section so far as can be ascertained.

Richard C. Collins died Saturday last. Collins had been associated with D. C. Mahedy in the management of the affairs of the Nevada-DesMoines company, and during his residence here, by his uniformly courteous manner had added many to his circle of friends. His home was in Burlington, Ia., where he has a mother, brother and other near relatives to whom the Record joins with the community in extending its most sincere sympathy. The remains were shipped to Burlington for burial.

New Vault at Court House.

The contractors are making very satisfactory progress with the vault at the court house and a wek or so will witness the completion of one of the most useful buildings owned by the county. The present board of commissioners are to be congratulated on their forethought in caring for the interests of the county.

Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the Pioche National Mining company were filed in the office of the county clerk this week. This corporation is composed of a number of progressive mining men of Salt Lake and controls good mining property in the Highland district.

PIOCHE AND CALIENTE TO CROSS BATS AT PANACA.

Labor Day, September 6th, is to be observed at Panaca this [illegible] in force. Arrangements are now being made for special train service so that those who wish to do so may remain until after the dance and return home before morning. Among the attractions of the day will be a base ball game between the Nevada-Utah team and a nine made up from among the employes of the railroad shops at Caliente. There will also be a rock drilling contest for a purse big enough to make the event interesting.

L. H. Harton, one of the Nevada-Utah machinists, and one of Pioche's leading base ball enthusiasts, visited Caliente recently and received assurance from the shop boys that they would run an excursion to Panaca to meet the Pioche crowd and would do everything to make this year's celebration the best ever held in this part of the country.

It is expected that several hundred will go from here to the town down the way on Labor Day.

New Agent.

Thos. E. Dixon, formerly of Caliente has been appointed agent for the Caliente & Pioche rail road at this place to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. D. Montgomery. Mr. Dixon is well and favorably known throughout this section, having been associated with the Caliente Mercantile company at Caliente for some time.

Will Finance Oneota.

G. G. Davis returned the first of the week from a visit to Idaho and Salt Lake. Mr. Davis reports having interested a strong corporation in the reservoir enterprise at Oneota and says that within a short time "big things" will be in progress in that worthy irrigation project.

Justice Court Business.

Justice Garrison reports several cases having been filed in his court this wek, among which are Bank of Pioche, Inc., vs. Frank McDowell, L. E. Shelton Lumber Co., vs. C. K. Hershey, Jackson Bros. vs. C. K. Hershey and T. J. Montgomery vs. J. S. Bergman.

Big Store Opens.

The Pioche Mercantile company received a large consignment of goods this week, which has been placed in their spacious store on Main street. This new enterprise promises to become one of the leading mercantile establishments in this district, and we bespeak for it a great measure of success, as the management indicates that only modern business methods will be employed.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM ATLANTA CAMP

ATLANTA CITY, Aug. 11—John Bowen and Joe Koffman, two of Atlanta's best citizens, made a flying trip to Pioche Friday, on business, engaging the regular stage to make the extra trip. The first special to leave Atlanta.

There is a lot of claim locating going on these days, and several claims have been jumped. Claim jumping is a part of the routine of businesss in a live camp, although annoying to some property owners.

Atlanta has a deputy sheriff now—and a good one. Jim will administer peace and good will in the good old fashioned way, and we are proud of him.

E. D. Stone has started digging a series of wells on the North Atlanta addition. These wells will be so situated as to accommodate all residents alike, eliminating as much as possible the carrying of water a long way.

Atlanta and surrounding territory has been favored with a nice refreshing rain every day for the past four days. Not a heavy rain, but just enough to suit everyone.

PIOCHE SENDS A FINE EXHIBIT TO GOLDFIELD.

Tuesday morning E. F. Freudenthal shipped to the secretary of the mining congress at Goldfield the mineral exhibit, which has been collected in this section. In the array of samples all the principal mines are represented and the assortment is a very creditable one.

Among the samples were three different exhibits from the Prince, good selections from the Day Mine, Bristol district, Lucky Star, Boston Pioche, Mendha and many others.

C. M. Sampson In Town.

C. M. Sampson, foreman of the Lucky Star Mining company was in town a few days this week. He reports maters as progressing very nicely and the development work on a large scale being proceeded with.

BUILDIN GOING UP AT THE CAMP OF ATLANTA.

F. Nugent Cosby, superintendent of the operations at Atlanta, came in from that flourishing camp last evening. He reports matters thereabouts as advancing with leaps and bounds.

The development work being prosecuted by the company is being pushed with all the speed obtainable in the use of men and machinery About thirty men are being employed in sinking and cross-cutting in the two main working shafts. One of these has reached a depth of over one hundred feet and the other seventy feet. Cross-cuts are being run from both and the entire developed portions of shafts and drifts are in good ore.

The determination of permanent mines have attracted business people from the outside, with the result that they are beginning to build improvements of a substantial character. The first frame building of the camp was completed last week by Utah parties. Two more are in course of construction and plans have been drawn for one which will have an eighty foot frontage. The building will be erected on the North Addition townsite.

A party of mining men from Ely visited the camp this week, traveling cross country by means of an automobile. They were greatly impressed with the merits of the district and it is highly probable that they will take over and work the old Bradshaw mine. They also bonded several claims in the Silver Park district.

Taken altogether the future of the camp looks very favorable for a city of considerable size.

Adds New stock.

The Pioche Livery Stable received a consignment of twelve horses this week which will be added to the equipment of that flourishing business, also a number of new carriages.

To Build New Barn.

A. D. Smith, president of the Pioche Livery and Transfer company, arrived in Pioche last evening from Salt Lake. The object of his visit at this time is to have plans drawn up for a new barn, which the company will immediately build. New stock and carriages have been added to the equipment and it is the intention of the management to make this business complete and up to date in every particular.

BETTER FACILITIES FOR THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

The possibilities of higher education for the young people of Lincoln county, at what might be termed our very door, cannot be considered too seriouly by parents. That the institution was wanted by the people was demonstrated beyond question at the last election, and now that the details have been perfected for the launching of the school, it should be the aim of every parent with children eligible to enter to see to it that they do so.

The county commissioners have made provisions for the running expenses and adquate quarters have been secured. A more appropriate place could not have been selected than the little town of Panaca. It contains the envoirments ideal for such a school and the people of Panaca are determined that no act shall happen to mar this. That this spirit is universal was manifest by the action taken recently by these people to eliminate every evil having a demoralizing tendency.

Superintendent of Schools Gilbert C. Ross is taking a keen interest in this schol. He considers that the arrangements for the living expenses of the pupils are the best that could have been secured in any town in the State of Nevada. The county commissioners as the board of education, wish to lend him every assistance, and no means will be spared to secure the best talent, so that with support from the parents in furnishing pupils, there is no good reason why the Lincoln county high school should not begin under very auspicious circumstances.

It might be termed that as a matter of public pride we should patronize the home school. In Pioche we are preparing to furnish better facilities than we have ever had. This with a high school at hand will prove a very material incentive for families to locate in our midst.

Chas Culverwell, Jr., returned from Los Angeles last evening where he has been disposing of two car loads of horses, which were shipped from Caliente.