

THE PIOCHE RECORD

GOLDEN PRINCE CUTS FOURTEEN FOOT FISSURE

Interest this week has been centered largely toward the Princeton side of the camp with the recent developments in the Golden Prince mine overshadowing. The disclosures in this property have surpassed the most sanguine expectations of Manager Coxe, and naturally, it is most gratifying to him to know that the reading he gave of the geological conditions there—even before a pick was scarcely stuck in the ground has been demonstrated to be correct. Astonishing disclosures have been made on the 500-foot level; where for more than 90 feet, ore—mostly all of commercial grade—has been followed along the bedding planes. In last week's Record it was noted that the miners were working along in a bedded vein in the direction of a vertical fissure, which through the exploitation of the 300 level was known to exist. Monday morning, the fissure was encountered; the face displaying a glittering array of wealth in the

shape of gold-silver-lead ore, in oxides, carbonates and sulphides. A cross-cut proved the vein to have a total width of 14 feet;—the entire mass being material of a shipping grade but containing a 16-in. streak which, after a careful sampling, revealed the presence of 129 ounces in silver, 58 per cent lead and \$3.84 in gold. This was considered to be an average of the streak, while outside of it and through the balance of the vein, assays showed combined values of \$25 a ton. At a meeting directors of the Golden Prince early in the week it was decided to sink the shaft to the 700-foot level. However, before this work is undertaken, Manager Coxe says, work will be confined to pushing the 500 workings to the northwest to an interception with another fissure probably 100 feet ahead. It is also the intention to do some drifting on the ore bodies already opened. But the work of sinking will begin soon.

PRESIDENT TAFT ISSUES THANKSGIVING EDICT

WASHINGTON—Thursday, November 25 has been officially proclaimed by President Taft as Thanksgiving day. The president's proclamation follows:

"By the President of the United States of America. A proclamation.

"The season of the year has returned when, in accordance with the revered custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are wont to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed.

"During this past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities or flood or tempest or epidemic of sickness has befallen us. We have lived in quietness, undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and of great industrial production animate a cheerful and resolute people to all the renewed energies of beneficent industry and material and moral progress. It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the divine source of these blessings.

"Therefore, I hereby appoint Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November as a day of general thanks, and I call upon the people on that day, laying aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate service of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT,
"By the President, P. C. Knox, Secretary of State."

PIOCHE KING PUSHES DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Pioche King company continues to push development work vigorously, but nothing of special importance from that source has been reported this week.

The late disclosures in the Golden Prince, which lies adjacent, is only a forerunner of what may be expected in the Pioche King before very long. President Kirby is expected to reach camp again in a few days.

NEW YORK PAPER IS AFTER RICE AND GOODWIN

Nat Goodwin and his partner, Jacob Herzog, alias George Graham Rice, who is "No. 4018" on the Elmira reformatory records and B-1516 at Sing Sing, are arraigned in a recent issue of the Mining & Engineering Journal for their methods in Wall Street. According to the Mining Journal, Rice and his associates obtained options upon an enormous number of shares of the Ely Central Copper company, believed to be more than 750,000, at or about 50 cents a share, and are selling to the public at a greatly enhanced price by an expensive advertising campaign. The quotation at the time of the expose was \$4 a share. The Mining Journal declares that the property is practically worthless.

Rice and Goodwin formerly conducted a "wild-cat" mining journal, the Nevada Mining News, at Reno, but a few months ago moved the paper to New York, taking Sam Dunham, formerly of the Tonopah Miner, along with them.

READY TO INSTALL HOISTING EQUIPMENT

The Black Vault Mining company is read to install hoisting equipment and Superintendent Colbath is awaiting advices from Judge D. D. Houtz, who is at the head of the corporation. In the meantime, work has ceased in the shaft where the late discovery of high grade silver-lead ore was made, but other parts of the property are being exploited.

Buys A Lead Mine.

"Uncle" Jesse Knight, the Utah mining magnate, who spent some time in the district last week after a very careful inspection of the lead belt, closed a deal with Richard A. Riepe and John Steele for the Macon City, one of the old time silver-lead producers of Lane City. The consideration for the property was \$10,000, \$1,000 of which was paid and the balance will be forthcoming as soon as matters pertaining to the title shall have been arranged. The Macon City was a famous producer in the early days of the camp, and will be again as soon as "Uncle" Jesse can get it put in proper condition.

The entry of Mr. Knight to the silver-lead belt will give it an impetus far beyond the money he will expend in the development of the property, for it will attract attention to that class of ore throughout the entire state of Utah, and will doubtless indirectly be the means of many other sales being made, and an inflow of new capital for development. Ely Record.

FITZPATRICK HELD TO ACTION OF GRAND JURY

Marion G. Fitzpatrick, former cashier of the Bank of Pioche, has been held to await the action of the grand jury on the charge of embezzling \$1,000 from the institution of which he was once a trusted employe. Justice Charles W. Garrison, after having heard the evidence and listening to the wrangling of attorneys for five days, arrived at the conclusion that sufficient testimony had been introduced to warrant holding the defendant and fixed his bond at the low figure of \$500. The Powers and Frank Walker were accepted as sureties and Fitzpatrick departed this morning for his home at Ogden, Utah.

ABBOTT PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR G. PRINCE.

James W. Abbott, the mining engineer, was an interested visitor to the Golden Prince mine this week and when he departed from the shaft promptly made the declaration that the property is now a full fledged mine.

"I believe," said he, "that the Golden Prince is destined to become a great property and Manager Coxe certainly is entitled to credit for having obtained the results that he has. I believe too, that the Gold & Silver Prince will develop into a mine of equal importance.

"The Golden Prince developments, in my opinion, are very important to this camp."

PROGRESSIVE VEGAS VOTES FOR SEWERS

Monday last was the day set for holding the election on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of building a complete modern sewer system for the growing young city of Vegas. Only a small vote was cast owing to the fact that the sentiment in favor of the bonds was so nearly unanimous that no danger of their defeat was anticipated.

The election was held at the office of Judge Lillis. The total number of votes cast was 178, of which 149 were in favor of the bonds, 25 against and four ballots thrown out for uncertainty.

This vote is the most satisfactory indication that the spirit of progress pervades the citizens of Vegas and that they have implicit faith in the future of their city. It will have the further effect of attracting the outside world to this section, bringing in capital for the development of our enterprises.

The sewer system will build under the supervision of the county commissioners, Vegas being an unincorporated town. All pipes will be laid in the alleys and will be of sufficient capacity to take care of a population of 12,000. The sewerage to be disposed of through a series of septic tanks placed at some point northeast of the city.

Work will begin as soon as the formalities of issuing and marketing the bonds and letting the contracts has been completed by the commissioners.—Las Vegas Age.

Copper Goes Higher.

A New York dispatch says: The United Metals Selling company, the selling agents for the Amalgamated Copper company, today advanced the price of copper to 13 cents, an increase of one-fourth of a cent over the previous price.

Edward Thomason, manager of the Ely Valley mine, returned Sunday evening from a trip abroad. Mrs. Thomason stopped off in Iowa where she will remain for sometime.

WATER AVAILABLE FOR RECLAMATION WORK

A Reno dispatch says: Reclamation of 200,000 acres of rich agricultural land, with surface water in sight for the irrigation of 10,000 acres, and in-bid resources in subterranean streams, is the latest project of a number of prominent Nevada capitalists evidenced by their application through the means of the Carey act. In conjunction with the application State Engineer R. Nicholas has reported favorably on the grant to the department of the interior and as recommendations of this character are usually taken as authoritative by the interior department it is regarded as

being only a matter of a few days until the granture is made.

The land lies in the new county of Clark, in the Amargosa valley, extending from Gold Center to Pahump, including Ash Meadows, covering some of the most fertile land in the state. The application takes in all the surface water, including the Amargosa river, a subterranean stream, and lies between the Las Vegas and Tonopah and the Tonopah and Tidewater railroads.

The highest point is but 2500 feet above sea level. The parties making the application stand ready to expend \$4,000,000 on the project.

DATA ABOUT NEVADA LAKES AND STREAMS

When the Senatorial irrigation committee visited Nevada recently the members found Col. H. B. Maxon a mine of practical, available information on the subject of irrigation and reclamation, not to speak of the geographical and statistical data which proved of great use to the members, says the Humboldt Star.

For years Colonel Maxon worked for irrigation and he is conceded to be one of the first men to undertake agitation along practical lines.

The information furnished the committee is of interest to those of Nevada who have only a vague idea of the state's resources and it is given below in the same form as it was handed to Chairman Carter of the committee.

The important streams of Nevada are: The Humboldt, 350 miles; Carson (in Nevada) 190 miles; Amargosa, 150 miles; Colorado (boundary of Nevada, 150 miles; Reese, 140 miles; Little Humboldt, 110 miles; Walker (in Nevada), 110 miles; Truckee, 97 miles; Quinn, (in Nevada), 80 miles; Owyhee (in Nevada), 80 miles; Virgin (in Nevada), 80 miles; Salmon (in Nevada), 55 miles; Marys river, 48 miles Kings river, 42 miles; Muddy river, 40 miles. Total, 1,761 miles.

There are sixteen lakes wholly in Nevada, and about eighty miles of Lake Tahoe are in the state, making a total of over 2,000 square miles of lake surface water of different lakes in the state.

The commissioner of the general land office, in 1880 (annual report) states the number of rivers and the smaller streams in Nevada to be thirty-five and the number of lakes and ponds to be 925.

The state contains about 72,000,000 acres; water covers 1,000,000; timber covers 2,500,000, grazing land 30,000,000, mineral land 15,000,000, desert, etc., 4,000,000, agricultural area, 20,000,000. Total, 72,000,000 acres.

Seventy thousand acres were under cultivation in 1899, when the United States senate committee visited the state, and only 500,000 acres being irrigated two years ago, according to the report of the state surveyor-general.

GOLD CHIEF COMPANY BEGINS OPERATIONS.

E. A. Hodges went down to the Panaca mine in the Chief district yesterday morning and will visit a gold property below Caliente before returning.

The Gold Chief company has started operations on the Panaca property and has installed William Robinson, formerly employed at the Mendha mine, as superintendent. The hoisting plant has been shipped from Salt Lake and preparations are being made to assemble the equipment for the 50-ton cyanide mill.

MORE TEAMS HAULING PRINCE CON. ORE

More ore teams were engaged by the Prince Consolidated Company this week. Besides the outfits of the Judd-Lund-Olson company and Pioche Transportation company, several Panaca teams have been pressed into service.

The company expects to be outfitting 50 tons a day before the end of next week for consignment to the United States smelter at Midvale, Utah.

More men have been placed upon the Prince pay roll; which has been necessitated by the increased vigor of the development and ore extraction.

Monarch Manganese

On the Monarch property, situated adjacent to the Gold & Silver Prince, and owned by parties identified with the latter, a magnificent body of manganese ore is being exploited. The shaft is down about 45 feet and a drift to the south is all in ore.

MENDHA TO INCREASE ORE SHIPMENTS SOON

The Mendha company is getting ready to increase its ore shipments. In the meantime, development work is being pushed. The property is undergoing a thorough sampling which is taken to mean that there is to be a still greater display of activity in the near future.

METAL QUOTATIONS

SALT LAKE.
Silver, 50 5-8.
Copper, 12 13-16.
Lead, \$4.40.
NEW YORK.
Lead, \$4.37-2 @ \$4.42 1-2.
Silver, 50 5-8.
Copper, 13 5-8 @ 13 7-8.

Opens New Ore Body.

The Pioche X-Ray company is reported to have opened a new ore body in the shaft above the main tunnel where Manager Joe Taylor has had a force engaged for some days. The company is also doing annual assessment work on several outside claims.

At Centennial Pioche.

The Centennial Pioche is at work in its shaft, which is now something over 300 feet deep, with the bottom still in a hard lime. Superintendent Lloyd, however, is looking for a change now almost anytime. He is confident that he will be into an ore body soon.

Contractors Are Busy.

The contractors working at the Oregon Pioche have undertaken their second contract and will sink the shaft another 100 feet.