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Amalgamated Mill Is To Be Built Superintendent Van Wagenen Received Telegram From New York This Morning To Proceed With Construction Work Immediately.

Big Camp To North Teeming With Activity

Bristol is teeming with activity now and there is every indication that it will be more so during the year 1916. New strikes and great ore bodies being opened in the old ones are the things which contribute to the making of prosperity in the big camp north of Pioche.

Every day shows an improvement, declared Supt. Geo. E. Bent, of the California-Nevada company, to a Record representative last Thursday.

The most important is the winze from the 500 foot level of the Gypsy shaft are most gratifying. The winze is down 125 feet in a continuance of the ore shoot, from which it is said old-timers in Bristol extracted \$750,000 net, in the early days of the district. There is a big ore body exposed in these new workings which averages \$45 to the company after deducting freight and smelting charges. The shoot is continuing on down and carries considerable lead and some chalcocopyrites which would indicate greater bodies of depth.

"We have been paying quite a bit of attention of late to what has been heretofore supposed to be large body of low grade ore of doubtful commercial value on the 500 level of the Gypsy and it is developing into \$15 material.

During November the California-Nevada company shipped 16 cars of ore, but we expect to increase the output to 25 or 30 tons monthly.

At least 1500 tons of ore has been broken in the Gypsy mine. The new shaft has been put through to the surface and is nearly ready for the hot work. Workmen are now installing the headframe.

On the 150-foot level we have recently opened an ore body which the old timers missed by about a foot. The vein shows a width of 15 feet and will show a net value of \$14 to the company.

"The Tempest mine is in operation and shipments of heavy iron ore for which the company has a very advantageous contract, have begun. Ten more ore buckets will be put on the tramway to handle the Tempest product. It is proposed to start sinking the Tempest shaft right away to open the ore bodies on deeper levels.

Mr. Bent says, the work of sampling the Hillside mine is in progress and that this property will be producing again about January 1. The company has recently purchased a 16 horse power engine for this property.

The California-Nevada properties show immense quantities of low grade ore, which Mr. Bent says, cannot be handled profitably owing to the prohibitive freight rate charged by the Pioche Pacific road to Pioche. Experiments are being conducted on this ore in Salt Lake and San Francisco with the object of determining a method whereby the ore can be made marketable by treatment at the mine first.

Regarding the new well which the company has been sinking to develop a water supply to meet requirements of the camp, good progress is reported. A depth of 82 feet has been gained and the bottom shows a cement formation accompanied by water is anticipated when the shaft reaches the bottom of the cement strata.

Mr. Bent accompanied by Mrs. Bent, Will Tullock and F. W. Dickle returned to Bristol Thursday afternoon.

Empy Gets Contract

The Amalgamated company has let a contract to Dave Empey to sink the prospect shaft at the Manhattan group at Stampede Gap and work will be started right away. When Mr. Empey's contract is finished the shaft will have reached a depth of 130 feet.

Joe Ronnow was up from Panaca last Wednesday to appear in the case brought by Health Officer Campbell against T. O. Duckworth.

SCHOOLMASTER FAILS TO MAKE APPEARANCE

The Camp valley schoolmaster Walter C. Gammon, who managed to get himself into considerable disrepute in this section last spring by attempting to jump the ranch property in that section, owned by the Haight boys, failed to put in an appearance last Wednesday when the case of Walter S. Gammon vs. Conrad Haight, an action brought for damages, came up before Judge Horsey. Failing to put in an appearance the case was dismissed.

It will be remembered that Gammon, taking advantage of the temporary absence of the Hights, broke into the Haight cabin and took possession. Helping himself to say and other articles belonging to the Haight boys, he lived in peace until one day the owners hove in to sight. Then his troubles began. The Haight boys not wishing to exercise any physical violence and after ordering Gammon off the place came to Pioche and swore to a warrant for his arrest on a charge of house breaking. The case was brought before Justice Harris, who imposed a nominal fine, at the same time admonishing the defendant that he was in the wrong and really should be punished by a jail sentence. Gammon paid the fine and rushed back to the ranch where he again posed as proprietor. When the Haight boys came along a short time after he ordered them off the place; but this was "too much" for Con Haight to swallow and asserted his rights in a very emphatic as well as realistic manner. Gammon then came to town, consulted a physician and in due time appeared with his head decorated with bandages. Later he had an interview with an attorney which resulted in warrants for the arrest of the Hights on a criminal charge, while he swooped down on Con Haight with an additional claim for damages.

A week or so later, Gammon informed his attorney that he was going back to California to visit the fair; but that Pioche would see him again very soon as he intended to take up his permanent abode on the Haight ranch. He was never heard of after that; but the Hights were put to a whole lot of annoyance and expense. Now the Haight boys are in possession of the ranch and there they will remain the rightful owners.

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NEW DISPLAY ADS TODAY

A. A. Carman,
Mack's Drug Store,
Becker Brewing Co.,
Peruna Company.

Read the Record ads of local stores for Xmas bargains.

HOME RUN COPPER TO START OPERATIONS

M. C. Godbe, manager of the Prince Con. and Home Run Copper companies, returned from Salt Lake Wednesday.

He says arrangements have been made to start work at the Home Run at once.

George Robb, who has been the office man at the Prince for some time will be in charge of the mine operations.

METAL MARKET.

Salt Lake Smelter Settlements for Thursday.

SILVER \$6 3/8
LEAD \$5.25
COPPER (Cathodes) \$19.475

Eastern Prince Assessment
Assessment work has been started on the property of the Eastern Prince which lies adjacent to the Prince Consolidated property.

It has come at last—the news that the Amalgamated mill positively be built. The citizens of Pioche have been expecting these glad tidings for several months. This morning a telegram from the New York office of the company brought instructions to Supt. H. R. Van Wagenen to get busy and within the next few days excavating for the new plant will begin; and contracts for material and equipment will be let.

The initial unit will treat 50 tons per day, and the process to be employed will be a combination of oil flotation and concentration.

All these details have been worked out after a long series of metallurgical tests so all that remains is the assembling of the several parts and rounding them into shape.

It is reasonable to presume that the plant will have been completed and ready for operation soon after March 1.

The slight setback for the mill is just below the ore bins at No. 1 shaft.

With the building of the Amalgamated mill, the outlook for 1916 for an era of great mining activity in this district is most encouraging and the camp can look forward to a long season of prosperity.

With the Yuba mill grinding away and the revival of operations at the Greenwood all goes to encourage owners of other properties to start active work.

Pioche is on the eve of another mining boom and there is no doubt about it.

Frank Clark Kills Himself

Special to the Record.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, December 8—About eight o'clock this morning the dead body of Frank A. Clark, one of the best known business men in this section and a brother of County Treasurer Ed. W. Clark of this place and J. A. Clark of Pioche, was found in a ware house on Main street. Death was caused by a shot through the heart from a 45 caliber Colt's revolver. The gun was found lying about three feet from the body with one chamber exploded. It was clearly a case of suicide. No good reason is known for the act. The body will be shipped to Salt Lake for interment.

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Tungsten Strike Comet District

E. D. Smiley, manager of the Silver-Comet mine, was in town today with Mrs. Smiley and will return this evening to camp with several miners and muckers.

He says he has a force of 33 men on the pay roll now and that conditions at the mine are highly gratifying at the present time.

A new, and what appears to be an important strike, has been made on the claims included in the area owned by the Panaca Mining & Smelting company. At a depth of 15 feet in the shaft, a 15-foot body of tungsten ore has been opened up which carries values of 35 per cent tungsten with associated values in gold and silver.

Mr. Smiley has worked hard to bring the Comet mines to the front and he certainly is entitled to the success he is making in that district.

JUDGE HORSEY TO HOLD COURT IN ELY

Judge Chas. Lee Horsey of Pioche who presides over the district composed of Lincoln and Clark counties, will arrive in Ely on the 13th instant to preside in the case of Max Hermann vs. E. W. Hulse which has been set for trial the 14th instant.

The case was set for trial some time ago but recently Judge McFadden has been called to Winnemucca to preside in a murder case which will probably require several weeks of his time, hence Judge Horsey was asked to come to Ely and sit in the case above mentioned, which is of considerable local importance.—Ely Record.

COLLECTING ORE EINS AT THE BRISLTO MINES

At the California-Nevada properties at Bristol, lumber for the housing of the ore bins and the tramway stations has arrived and six carpenters are employed on construction work.

DR. DUCKWORTH HAILED INTO JUSTICE COURT

Health Officer J. D. Campbell swore to a complaint last Monday charging Dr. T. O. Duckworth with having failed to comply with the statutes relative to the registration of births and deaths.

The health officer alleged that the defendant had not sent him a report of the birth of the Ronnow baby at Panaca several weeks ago, while the law provides that such report shall be made within ten days.

The case was tried before Justice Harris who imposed a fine of \$5 and costs on the defendant.

Prince Con. Purchases Pioche King Property

ONE ON BABBLER AT THE THEATER

How often is the pleasure at the theater, concert or movies spoiled because somebody beside, behind or near by has come to hear himself instead of the performance.

Have you noticed the increasing number of people that think it smart to show their detachment by talking when others are listening.

Have you noticed that the man who "had heard the piece before" goes to the theater more than ever in order to repeat the lines or hum the tune for the torment of those in his vicinity?

Have you noticed that stealthy continued whispering in a theater is as bad or worse than talking aloud that it blurs your understanding of the actors in exactly the same way that some one beside you waving a white handkerchief would distract you to madness if you were trying to look at a picture?

Some people talk at the theater from vanity. Others when forced to sit quiet must rattle their tongues to relieve the echoing emptiness of their heads. Still others talk simply because they are too selfish to consider the feelings of people around them.

For whatever reason they do it, all those who habitually disturb their neighbors with talk during play or music are pests—Public pests of the worst sort.

Some wag sent the above article, which was clipped from an exchange through the mails to a certain local citizen recently. The idea. The import of the article could not possibly refer to any one in Pioche. It's simply preposterous and whoever sent the clipping through the mails should be sent to jail for life.

ARRESTED FOR TAKING PIOCHE METALS PROPERTY

At the request of officers of the Pioche Metals Mining company, a warrant was issued last Monday morning for the arrest of Dennis Moon and J. West, on a criminal charge. The warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Johnson who made the arrest at the Borland property near Jack Rabbit where the accused were working.

It was alleged that the men entered the blacksmith shop at the Pioche Metals mine and carried away an anvil and other property belonging to the Pioche Metals, which they later admitted but excused the act by saying they intended to return the property.

There was also found in their possession a large tarpaulin stolen recently from one of the Pollock auto trucks.

The men entered a plea of not guilty. Thursday morning and were held to the district court on bonds of \$5,000. West furnished a bond and was released.

Leases The Half Moon

The management of the Consolidated Nevada Utah company has given a lease for one year on the Half Moon group to Paul Gray and associates who will begin operations at once. The ore is to be treated at the Yuba mill.

Demijohn Manager Here

Fred W. Price, of the Demijohn Con. company is in camp and work has been resumed with two shifts working at the mine. The water difficulty has been overcome.

Naturally.

When a grass widow attends a hop, of course she is a grass-hopper.—Florida Times Union.

Several deeds have been mailed to County Recorder Garrison from Salt Lake conveying all of the properties formerly owned by the Pioche King Mining company to E. W. Pioche King company were sold by order of court several months ago to satisfy an indebtedness of approximately \$14,000, a sum alleged to have been due the estate of the late John A. Kirby, for monies advanced for the development and equipment of the properties prior to his death.

Johnson, in turn has deeded the properties to the Prince Consolidated Mining company and the instruments are now in escrow in a Salt Lake bank, appended to which is an agreement in which the Prince company agrees to purchase the ground and improvements from Johnson for a sum which has not been disclosed to the public.

Undoubtedly the vast ore bodies of the Prince company extend across the line into Pioche King territory. John A. Kirby and associates organized that company and was emphasized by the fact that they found no trouble in disposing of the treasury stock of the corporation to good advantage.

The King company expended a large amount in equipping the mine and conducting a campaign of development; but the work was done in the wrong place and no ore of real commercial value was disclosed in the workings.

The Prince company has demonstrated through the exploitation of its own territory that the ore bodies are within the Pioche King area and for several months the management has been negotiating with the view of extending its territory to include the Pioche King ground and the placing of the deeds in escrow is evidence that the Prince people have succeeded in what they have set out to do.

The acquisition of the Pioche ground should add very materially to the value of the assets of the Prince company and assures a vast tonnage of ore in that region for extraction at some future time.

It is not the intention of the Prince management to do any work within the boundaries of the newly acquired ground for the present; but it will be reached as the Prince workings gradually expand in that direction on the several levels of the mine.

SANTA DICKLE WILL NOT APPEAR IN PIOCHE

Christmas will not seem what it used to be in Pioche this year. The reason for this belief is that F. W. Dickle, who has played the roll of Santa for many years has forsaken us. His Christmas tree will become conspicuous because of its absence.

At Bristol, however, he will lighten the hearts of the young and old. There he will bedeck his countenance with the regulation Santa whiskers and preside at the biggest Christmas tree ever seen in the camp of Bristol. Many Pioche kids will miss him sore enough.

WINGFIELD SPENDS MONEY IN NEVADA

George Wingfield made a million in Nevada, particularly in Tonopah and Goldfield. He is investing his millions here instead of building palaces abroad and backing foreign corporations. No one knows even approximately the amount of money he has invested in mines, banks, railroads, lands, livestock and other lines within the state, but it is safe to say that it exceeds the investment of any other person in Nevada. Now he proposes to take over the Nevada Sugar Company, an institution representing hundreds of thousands of dollars in initial cost and which, when operating, affords a market for many tillers of the soil. With half a dozen more Wingfields within our borders, Nevada would be an ideal State in which to live.—Tonopah Bonanza.