

'In Statu Quo' Is Situation In District

"For goodness sake, why don't some of these Phelps-Dodge fellows say something" said an old timer this week. "This suspense is getting unbearable."

The remark of the old timer about expresses the sentiment of the district.

On the 4th day of October, 1921, the mining property formerly owned in this district by The Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., passed into the hands of Phelps-Dodge Co., the formal ratification of the sale having taken place in Edinburgh, Scotland, on that date. Representing Phelps Dodge Co. at that meeting was Attorney Fleming, of the legal firm of Osborne & Co.

It became known this week that Mr. Fleming has returned to New York City and that Phelps Dodge officials and attorneys have been busily engaged since with the legal and financial affairs of the big transfer. It will be recalled that under the terms of the sale Phelps Dodge Corporation took over all of the assets and liabilities of the Arizona Copper Company Ltd. and it is the general opinion that until these intricate legal and financial matters have been finally adjusted little attention will be given to a reorganization of present operations in this district.

In the district the casual observer can notice no change since the official announcement that the A. C. property has passed into the hands of Phelps Dodge Corporation. The A. C. Co. general office corps of officials remains the same as it has since last June with Norman Carmichael in charge. A. C. Co. employees are still being paid with Arizona Copper Co. checks.

At Morenci the same condition prevails. Capt. J. P. Hodgson, General Manager of Phelps Dodge Corporation at Morenci, is at the head of the same organization he had prior to the sale. In brief, to all intents and purposes, there are two companies still operating in the district, notwithstanding the well known fact that the two are as one.

Naturally the all absorbing question locally is: "Who is to be the General Manager of Phelps Dodge Corporation-Clifton-Morenci Branch?" To that question there is no answer forthcoming as yet. The opinion was expressed this week, however, that with the arrival of Walter Douglas, President of Phelps Dodge Corporation, sometime in the near future an announcement on this subject would be forthcoming.

TO CLOSE HOTELS WHERE EMPLOYES DISPENSE LIQUOR

That all hotels in which either the proprietors or employes engage in the illegal dispensation of liquor in any form are to be closed for one year under the federal act prohibiting nuisances, is the latest move of the state prohibition director, Michael Cassidy, against the violators of the national prohibition act in Arizona. Orders to set this part of the machinery of the law in action against those engaged in illegal traffic in intoxicants were received by Director Cassidy, and he announced immediately his determination to carry them into effect.

Under the instructions of R. A. Haynes, national prohibition commissioner, actions in equity are to be brought against hotel proprietors, managers and employes whose places of business are the scenes of the transportation of pint flasks from hip pocket to hip pocket, and the penalties named in the nuisance section of the federal laws are to be enacted.

The letter from Haynes follows: "In view of the increased number of violations of the national prohibition act by hotels, you are instructed to call the attention of the managers of the hotels in your state to the action of the United States district court for the western district of Missouri in the recent case of the United States against Mike De-foo and others."

"In that case the United States district attorney filed a bill in equity under section 22, of title II of the act, seeking to have declared a nuisance a hotel in which intoxicating liquors were being sold.

"The court granted a final decree permanently enjoining defendants, their agents and servants from keeping or selling intoxicating liquors in the premises described, and in granting such decree the court used the following language:

"The said defendants, their agents and servants, are hereby enjoined and restrained from occupying or using in any manner any of the buildings located on said above described premises for a period of one year from this date or until further order from this court."

"In the future the management of hotels will be held strictly accountable for violations of this character, and the nuisance feature of the act will be invoked to the fullest extent, as in the above said case."

County School Superintendent Mrs. Jessie L. Johnson spent Wednesday of this week in the valley visiting several schools.

STATE UNIVERSITY WILL FURNISH JUDGES FOR FAIR

Under the slogan "The Greenlee County Fair is Your Fair," the Greenlee County Fair Commission, Jesse B. Simms, Chairman, J. R. Fowler and Silas Bradshaw, members, with Walter F. Gilpin, Secretary, this week issued the Premium List, Rules and Regulations of the Third Annual Greenlee County Fair, which will be held at Duncan on November 5th, Saturday, the exhibits being on display at the Duncan Union High School Building.

The Copper Era is in receipt of the following Rules and Regulations governing the Exhibits:

- Rules and Regulations**
1. On the entry of each article for exhibition, an entry tag will be furnished the exhibitor, specifying the department, the number of the lot and entry.
 2. The Judges are to be supplied by the University of Arizona, and are the best obtainable for the respective divisions. No Judge, superintendent or assistant shall be interested as owner or agent in any exhibit, in the department in which he acts.
 3. In any lot where there is no competition Judges shall award ribbons according to merit; but only one premium will be paid. Two entries from the same household shall not be considered as competition.
 4. Department Superintendents shall be in charge of their departments not later than Friday noon, Nov. 4, 1921.
 5. They shall direct the placing of exhibits, conforming with the orders of the Fair Commission, and shall record the awards in their Judge's book, and shall, as soon as the work of judging is completed, see that the book is signed by the Judge and returned to the Secretary's office.
 6. Entries in all departments close Friday, Nov. 4th at 4 o'clock P. M., and must remain in position until five o'clock P. M. November 5th. Any violation of this rule may subject the exhibitor to a forfeiture of all premiums.
 7. Judging will begin in all departments at 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday, November 5th.
 8. Upon requests, exhibitors will be required to make affidavit that exhibit was grown by him.

Grist Gathered at Court House

The October jury term of the Superior Court terminated on last Friday afternoon when the jury in the case of John S. Thompson, vs. R. R. Miller came into court and returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, Miller, precluding the plaintiff from foreclosing the chattel mortgage held by him on cattle of the defendant for an indefinite period, or until such time as the defendant will be able to make a sale of steers.

Immediately after the discharge of the jury in the above case the divorce case of Laura Medina, vs. Henry S. Medina was taken up by Judge Chambers. The plaintiff herein being awarded a decree of divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment, custody of their three year old child, Fifty dollars attorney fee and the sum of Twenty-five dollars per month for the support and maintenance of the minor child.

Motions for new trials were filed with the Clerk of the Superior court this week in the cases of The Morenci Inspiration Copper Mining Company, vs. J. A. Hagan and J. C. Bartlett, and Rafael Garcia, vs. The Arizona Copper Company, Ltd., both cases having been tried the early part of last week.

Eusebio Chavez, the youthful burglar from Metcalf, who was apprehended by officers last week, upon arraignment in the Superior Court on Monday entered a plea of guilty to burglarizing the Arizona Copper Company's store at Metcalf. He was sentenced to serve a term in the State Penitentiary at Florence, Arizona, for a period of not less than two years nor more than three years. Chavez stated to the court that he had been in the county for about three months and that he was out of

S.W. ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN SAFFORD NEXT MONTH

At the last meeting of The Safford Commercial Club an invitation was extended by the Club to The Southwestern Good Roads Association to hold their next meeting in Safford, in Graham County, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements.

Hon. W. S. Cox of Silver City is President of the Association and Burton Bunch of the same place is Secretary/Treasurer. Several members of the Association in Clifton have petitioned the President that the next meeting be called during the early part of November and that the meeting be held at Safford in accordance with the invitation from the Safford Commercial Club.

The Southwestern Good Roads Association was largely responsible for bringing about a co-operative agreement between Grant county, New Mexico and Greenlee county and the State, for the construction of the Mule Creek Link between these two counties, work upon which is now actually under way.

At the meeting to be held in Safford next month members of the Association will be in attendance from New Mexico and Arizona along what is known in New Mexico as The Black Range Scenic Route and the Arizona as The Apache Trail Route, linking the Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico with the Roosevelt Dam in Arizona and on to Phoenix.

This is the first meeting of the Association to be held in Safford and the occasion will afford the opportunity of impressing upon our Graham county friends the importance of the interstate route from Silver City to Safford, via Clifton, and the necessity of co-operation on the part of Graham county in the repair and upkeep of that portion of the Apache Trail Route lying within that county and connecting with the Greenlee county section.

CLIFTON RIFLE CLUB—The Clifton rifle club will shoot the 500, 300, 200 yard rapid fire skirmish fire at the range Sunday Oct. 30 1921. All members requested to be present.

VISITING IN SILVER CITY—Dr. and Mrs. L. A. W. Burch left this morning for Silver City where they will be the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cox.

AUTO DESTROYED BY FIRE—While proceeding towards Clifton on the Metcalf Road on Thursday an Oldsmobile touring car owned and driven by S. G. Murillo, of Metcalf, caught on fire in some mysterious manner and was destroyed. Fortunately the owner carried insurance in the sum of \$1800.00.

UNITED VERDE LAYS PLANS FOR MUCH FUTURE WORK

Jerome Oct. 26—Having settled with Assistant General Manager Robert E. Tally tentative plans for the United Verde program of the next few months, General Manager Charles W. Clark is preparing to conclude his visit to the district and expects to leave for his home in San Francisco soon.

Summoned up briefly, the plans provided for an almost immediate beginning of work on the new crush-

Delinquent Tax Suit Dismissed; Faulty Summons

On Monday of this week the blanket delinquent tax case brought by County Attorney C. Hooker, for the collection of delinquent taxes, a suit which was required to be brought under the statutes, was dismissed by Judge Laine, on motion of the County Attorney.

The motion to dismiss the blanket case against all delinquents was made following a ruling by the court, on motion of E. V. Horton, representing the delinquent taxpayers, to quash the service of summons in the case.

Both the County Attorney and Attorney Horton argued the motion at length to the court, at the conclusion of which the Court ruled that the summons was defective, for the reason that it did not recite the fact that the action was brought for the recovery of delinquent taxes as provided by the statutes.

The above ruling, however, does not mean that the suit for delinquent taxes has been abandoned. The County Attorney is now engaged in filing individual suits against each and every delinquent taxpayer which it is said will entail a much greater expense to the delinquents, as the entire cost of the blanket suit would have been pro rated under the original summons, whereas as now, with individual suits being filed, the clerk's filing fee, sheriff's fee, printing, etc., will be charged as costs against such delinquent, approximately the sum of \$20.00 additional for costs.

TAXES AS PRORATED BY STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Arizona Taxpayers' Magazine carries an article in its current issue giving the total of city and town taxes paid in the state at \$1,937,959.95. The range of city tax rates in Arizona is from 95 cents on the hundred dollars valuation in the town of Snowflake to \$23.40 in the city of Phoenix. A table is published by the magazine showing the tax rates in all the incorporated cities and towns in the state. Here are the figures for a number of the more important municipalities:

- Phoenix, valuation, \$47,463,512, tax rate per capita, \$23.40.
- Tucson, valuation, \$28,463,947, tax rate per capita, \$13.62.
- Douglas, valuation, \$8,734,323, tax rate per capita, \$9.63.
- Bisbee, valuation, \$6,747,494, tax rate per capita, \$12.46.
- Globe, valuation, \$4,827,500, tax rate per capita, \$13.02.
- Clifton, valuation, \$5,804,147, tax rate per capita, \$19.52.
- Prescott, valuation, \$6,400,000, tax rate per capita, \$17.88.

CHARGE OF PERJURY IS FILED AGAINST ARIZONA SENATOR

Phoenix—Ralph H. Cameron, United States senator from Arizona, who was elected last fall against Senator Marcus A. Smith, Democrat, after having received the Republican nomination in a contest in which he was opposed by E. S. Clark, is under an indictment by the federal grand jury for alleged violation of section 125 of the penal code, or perjury. This information was received yesterday by an examination of the minute book of the federal court here, which carried a notation of the return of the indictment by the grand jury and its presentation to the federal court for the district of Arizona. The indictment is dated June 22, 1921.

The entry in the minute book of the federal court is as follows: "Come now the grand jurors of the United States heretofore duly empaneled, sworn and charged at this term of court, and return herewith their indictment against one Ralph H. Cameron, charging him, the said Ralph H. Cameron, with violation of section 125 of the penal code—perjury—which said indictment is presented to the court in the presence of the grand jury by their foreman and duly filed by the clerk under the number C-1330 (Phoenix)."

Long Been Rumored Although speculation concerning the indictment has been rife in Phoenix and throughout the state for nearly four months, no definite knowledge of it was obtainable until yesterday. It was known, however, in the matter of the indictment was in the hands of Attorney General Daugherty at Washington to whom a copy of the indictment had been sent in accordance with the rules of procedure of the United States district court.

According to the method of procedure generally followed, according to officials of the court yesterday, an indictment returned by the grand jury against one who is outside the jurisdiction of the court—in this instance the state of Arizona—must go through the hands of the attorney general and the arrest of the accused must

CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS

By GEORGE E. ROBERTS (From the Monthly Letter Issued by The National City Bank of New York for October)

The end of September discloses signs of improvement in the business situation, and while for the most part they relate to seasonal conditions, some of the changes are indicative of a gradual restoration of the industrial equilibrium which is necessary to permanent prosperity.

The shoe industry and the cotton and woolen goods industries are now generally active. Raw cotton has advanced in a little over a month from about 11 cents per pound to about 20 cents, and this has put strength into the goods market and encouraged buying.

Cotton goods, however, have not advanced to correspond with raw cotton, and although the mills are working stocks of 11 and 12 cent raw material on hand are able to work them up and sell the goods, the pinch will come when they have to buy cotton at the new quotations and advance the price of goods accordingly.

Retail merchants are vigorously opposing advances in all textiles and insisting that lower prices are necessary to create a good volume of trade. The situation is unsettled, with opinion spreading that costs must be reduced both in the manufacture of cloth and in the garment trades.

In many lines there is a stir of increased activity, attributable to fall

trade. Crop moving is not however, affording the normal stimulus, owing in part to the low prices of farm products and in part to the fact that the proceeds are going largely to pay old debts. However, there is a more cheerful feeling as debts are paid or reduced. There is not enough business to go around, which makes com-

PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES DURING 1921

The following table compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York gives the available figures for monthly production as percentages of normal production. Allowance has been made for the normal increase in production from year to year and the normal seasonal variation from month to month. (Normal production—100)

	Average Jan.-March	July	August
Anthracite coal mined	103	94	92
Bituminous coal mined	64	61	63
Pig iron production	58	26	28
Steel ingot production	58	26	28
Zinc production	52	40	28
Lead production	66	63	—
Tin deliveries	31	30	64
Copper production	67	13	16
Gasoline production	103	84	—
Cement production	79	69	89
Cotton consumption	62	64	75
Wool consumption	70	97	95
Wheat flour milled	89	148	174
Sugar molasses	87	84	102
Meat slaughtered	90	88	113

petition sharp, with profits at the minimum. The wheat crop of the United States and Canada stands at latest estimates about the same as a year ago, and the world's crop is about the same as for last year. About 135 million bushels were exported (either as whole grain or flour) between July 1 and October 1. It has been recognized in well-informed quarters throughout the last two months that the price of wheat between now and the next harvest depends largely upon the crops in Argentina and Australia two countries which have their harvests in our winter season. Neither of these countries ship wheat to the United States, but their surplus competes with ours in Europe and the price of the surplus makes the prices everywhere. In view of the prospect for light sowings in Russia this fall and no surplus there next year, it would seem to be good policy to sow a larger acreage of wheat in the United States this fall. It does not appear that the position of agriculture or any of the primary industries has generally improved during recent months. The cotton producers have gained by the increased value of their carry-over; tobacco, and dairy products are bringing better prices, and wheat is on a remunerative basis, but hogs have suffered a heavy slump and are now with cattle and sheep down to about pre-war prices. Taken as a whole the prices of farm products are so far out of line with the prices of manufactures and charges for

ing plant, continuation of work on the Cottrell plant at the smelter, and a continuation of the underground work that is now being done at the mine. There appears to be every possibility that the work of grading the site for the crushing plant, which will be in charge of Steam Shovel Superintendent E. E. Vanderhoeve, will be followed by a resumption of active steam shovel work at the mine. "I do not believe that the people of the district realize the number of men that are actually on the pay rolls at this time," said Assistant General Manager Tally this morning. "We have about 275 men working in the mine and on surface construction and I estimate 200 at the smelter. The grading of the crushing and storage plant will not be a heavy job, but it will put a number of additional men at work and the building of the plant will commence at the very earliest moment. I know that this part of our program will be well under way inside of three weeks.

"The building of the new plant will require at least two years and will involve an expenditure of over \$7,000,000, in addition to the crushing plant proper, the new structures will be equipped with more storage capacity than we have used heretofore. Work on the Cottrell plant is proceeding steadily and excellent progress is being made. The smelter plant has been completely overhauled by Superintendent Taylor and his assistants and it is not far from the truth to say that it could be put in active operation on twenty-four hours' notice.

"We are doing a great amount of underground work at the mine, some of it work that ordinarily would have been postponed for a considerable time, but we are doing it now in order to keep as many of our old men on the payroll as possible and to furnish as much employment as we can. "I am not in position to state positively that the steam shovel work will commence at any certain date, but I can say with every assurance that it is the second item on our program."

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