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TEXAS LINING UP FOR REAL NAT'L. HIGHWAY CONNECTIONS

(By A. H. GARDNER)

All roads in Texas lead to El Paso. That is all the east and west ones do, to wit: The Old Spanish Trail, Bankhead Highway, Ozark Trails, Dixie-Overland, Robert E. Lee Highway and the Jefferson Davis Highway. Of these Arizona at present is more interested in the Old Spanish Trail and the Bankhead Highway, because these two highway organizations are actually going concerns. Texas is becoming burdened and confused with too many highway names and consequently organizations hence too much money is spent in duplications, but as far as east and west roads in Texas are concerned, the two prominent ones are the Old Spanish Trail and the Bankhead. Neither of these highways across Texas are properly signed. They are marked, but not signed and I find many people who live along both routes who know the value of the Southern California Auto Club signs and system of signing who want to have the Old Spanish Trails and Bankhead signed by this club, as they now are from Los Angeles and San Diego through California, Arizona and New Mexico to El Paso. Sign the Old Spanish Trail to Florida and the Bankhead to Washington, D. C. with Southern California highway signs, and gentlemen of Texas, you have "grabbed" the bacon, for southern California road signs have a national (with the accent of national) advertising value for all concerned. Texas, I am glad to say, last month organized at Austin, Texas, a state organization to work for laws to systematize the state highway system so they could get somewhere, enjoy federal aid to its utmost and virtually pull itself out of the mud. On Austin avenue in Waco, Texas, last week, I saw a big car with a Los Angeles tag on it. I engaged the driver in conversation and learned that he had just arrived from Los Angeles, that he came the southern route, through El Paso, over the Old Spanish Trail to San Antonio, thence north to Waco. He said he found the roads pretty good all the way and his car, including the tires looked it. I asked him how he found the road from Tucson, through Benson, Tombstone, Bisbee and Douglas to Pecos. A smile passed over his face and he replied: "I drove from Tucson to Douglas in four hours flat."

Probably the most impressive words regarding the highways of Arizona heard at the Bankhead convention this week were the closing remarks of Governor Thomas E. Campbell, which were as follows:

FIVE MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED DURING THE WEEK

Five marriage licenses were issued this week out of the office of Clerk J. E. James of the Superior Court, as follows:

- Eugene M. Perotti, Miami, to wed Maria D. Pereyda, Agua Prieta.
- Robert M. Mills to wed Mamie A. Granger, Douglas.
- Chas. D. Knaster to wed Juanita Newman, Douglas.
- Maurice A. Townsend to wed Adelaide Day, Douglas.
- Earl D. Jones to wed Ruth Marguerite Wilcox, Bisbee.

THRU TO MOUNTAINS.

M. Mainland, Bisbee plumber, accompanied by his wife and children, were in Tombstone today enroute to Garden Canyon in the Huachuclas, where they will spend Sunday.

"In conclusion permit me to sum up the whole matter reduced to three succinct statements of facts.

1. The shortest route from all points east of the Mississippi river and from most points west to the Pacific coast goes through Arizona.
2. The only transcontinental route free from snow 12 months in the year traverses Arizona.
3. The most sublime scenery in the world is in Arizona; the finest climate in the world is in Arizona and the greatest opportunities in America are in Arizona, the land which God Remembered, and Blessed."

Phelps Dodge to Expend Millions on Morenci Mines

GLOBE, April 29.—Joseph P. Hodgson, general manager, J. Keddie, mine superintendent, J. O. Amber, smelter superintendent, and McHenry Mosler, chief geologist of the staff of the Phelps Dodge corporation, are in the district for a few days to inspect some of the large copper properties here.

Yesterday the party spent several hours with General Manager W. G. McBride of the Old Dominion company, looking over that plant, and today will visit the Inspiration Consolidated and Miami copper companies' properties and the International smelter.

By the purchase of the entire holdings of the Arizona-Copper company last fall the Phelps Dodge corporation became the owner of practically all the copper properties of importance in the Clifton-Morenci district, the consolidated holdings forming the largest mining property in Arizona. Plans for development and equipment call for expenditure of many millions of dollars.

General Manager Hodgson long has been connected with the Phelps (Continued on Page Eight)

CLAIM RAY CON SHOWS \$250,000 LOSS FOR YEAR

NEW YORK, April 28.—An operating loss of \$250,000 in 1921 due to the limited period of production, is shown by the Ray Consolidated Copper company in the annual report issued today. The company's surplus was further decreased by \$1,292,793, and expenses incident to the protection and maintenance of the mines and plants caused an additional loss of \$823,136.

Commenting upon general copper conditions during 1921, President Sherwood Aldrich said:

"Production of copper was confined to operations for the first three months, the properties having been closed down and production entirely suspended the first week in April.

"With no indication of a favorable turn in the condition of industrial depression, which had obtained for so long this curtailment was deemed necessary to meet a situation steadily growing worse by continued accumulation of unsold and high cost metal stocks."

Referring to the temporary passed dividends, President Aldrich adds: "As a result of this policy during the period of non-production, the company is in a position to en-

NEARLY HALF MILLION TAXES DURING APRIL

Figures obtained at the office of County Treasurer Guy C. Welch late this afternoon indicate that at the close of business tonight nearly \$500,000 will constitute the total tax collections for the month of April, breaking all previous records for the same month, according to Miss Maud Davis, chief deputy.

According to Miss Davis, the collections up to today will reach nearly a half million, while next Monday, the last day on which taxes can be paid before becoming delinquent for this year over a half million more will be received into the coffers of the county, which will make well over \$1,000,000 collections to be realized from the second installment of taxes due, since some of the largest taxpayers will pay their taxes Monday.

The office is prepared for the rush which is bound to result on the last day, County Treasurer Welch having spent the past two days in Bisbee and Douglas checking up at the banks, who also have been taking collections for the treasurer's office. The delinquent list this year is expected to be smaller than for a number of years past.

BISBEE MAN MAY BE HELD ON TWO CHARGES IN COURT

BISBEE, April 29.—The preliminary examination of A. B. Capt. charged with grand larceny arising out of the alleged bringing across the line of several head of cattle from Mexico from the Greene Cattle company pasture, was held yesterday morning before Judge McKenzie, in Lowell. The matter was taken under advisement by the court until this morning at 10 o'clock.

The testimony of several witnesses was to the effect that on the night of April 11 some one entered the pasture of the Greene Cattle Co., and drove five or six head of cattle from there to the international boundary line. From there the trail was followed to the Capt. ranch near Osborne where fresh beef was found hanging and the paunches of four freshly killed beef found. The following day four hides bearing the brand of the Greene Cattle company were found in a prospect hole a short distance from the Capt. ranch, witnesses said.

Capt. is already under a \$1000 bond on a charge of smuggling the cattle across the line. He was held to answer on this bond by Commissioner Allison to await the action of the U. S. grand jury in Tucson.

He is also under a \$5000 bond to await the action of the superior court at Tombstone on a charge of burglary alleged to have been committed when he entered the barn on the Packard ranch near Forrest Station and carried away a quantity of cotton seed meal.

The present case before Judge McKenzie will go to the superior court at Tombstone in the event that Capt. is held to answer.

able it to properly finance operations upon resumption and until regular returns on current output become available."

SAYS WESTERN EMPIRE WILL ASTOUND WORLD

PHOENIX, April 29.—A new western empire with an assemblage of industries that will astonish the world will result from harnessing the Colorado river, Colonel William A. Glassford declared at a dinner here tonight of the National Reclamation association. He is chairman of the association's committee on organization.

"The Colorado and Gila rivers must be dammed by holding back in reservoirs their destructive strength," he asserted. "These floods and their force can be utilized for power and land reclamation."

The speaker advocated the American national plan which provides:

That there shall be no diminution of the aggregate annual flow of the Colorado river at the north boundary line of Arizona.

That the Glen Canyon dam above Lee's Ferry on the Colorado and the Sentinel dam on the Gila, shall be built for immediate flood protection for the Imperial Valley and the Yuma project.

That the Boulder Canyon dam shall be built to a height that will furnish water from the reservoir for the irrigation of 2,500,000 acres of land in Arizona.

BANKHEAD ROAD DELEGATES START TRIP TO BORDER

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 28.—Selection of Greenville, S. C., as the 1922 convention city of the United States Good Roads and the Bankhead National Highway associations, reselection of all national officers of the Bankhead association, and adoption of a report recommending extension of the Bankhead system to Mexico were features of the closing session of the two good roads organizations annual joint meeting here tonight.

The Bankhead association officers re-elected today are: C. E. Beneham, Cameron, Tagville, N. C., president; Leon G. Jones, Talladega, Ala., treasurer, and J. A. Rountree of Birmingham, Ala., director-general.

Four hundred or more persons, most of them delegates to the convention which ended today, will leave Phoenix tomorrow in automobiles for a trip to the border cities of Nogales, Ariz., and Nogales, State of Sonora, Mexico. A barbecue and bull fights will feature the program of entertainment for the visitors in Mexican Nogales.

In the executive committee's report adopted at the closing session of the convention, certain changes are made in the original routing of the Bankhead highway. These included a re-routing of the four states branch through Arkansas so that the highway will touch Arkadelphia, Hollywood, Antione, Delight, Murfreesborough, Dierks and De Queen. In voting to extend the transcontinental highway into Mexico, it was decided to route it from the main line through Texas as follows. Mt. Pleasant, Pittsburg, Tyler, Athens, Corsicana, Waco, Temple, Belton, Georgetown, San Marcos, New Braunfels, San Antonio, Pearsall, Cotulla and Laredo.

Seventy per cent of the total mileage (Continued on Page Eight)

PLAN "TRADE AT HOME--BUY ARIZONA PRODUCTS" WEEK

(Special to the Prospector)

PHOENIX, April 29.—The first concerted movement to awake the people of Arizona to the business advantages of buying in their home towns was announced today in the statement that a statewide "Trade at Home--Buy Arizona Products" week will be held May 22-27 in every part of the state.

Announcement of the week was made at headquarters of the Arizona Industrial Congress which will conduct the statewide movement in cooperation with the merchants and civic organizations of practically every city and town. The Farm Bureaus also will assist in the movement in the country districts.

Big Silver Strike Reported Made Near Ajo Camp

AJO, Ariz., April 28.—What bids fair to be one of the biggest silver strikes made in the Ajo district since silver was king and the famous old Gunsight property was producing was made the first of the week by George Sayers, the well known mining man.

The strike was made on a ledge that appears to be a continuation of the Gunsight ledge, and only a short distance west of it, only one group of claims intervening. The distance from Ajo is about 17 miles, in an easterly direction.

No assay figures have been had yet but those who have seen samples think the ore will run at least several hundred ounces silver, in addition to the excellent values in lead.

The pay streak, encountered on the surface practically, was at first 2 inches in width, but widened to about 9 inches at 4 1/2 or 5 feet, and gets wider and wider with every added foot of depth.

The strike was made close to a 75-foot shaft, in which there was good ore all the way down.

FIRE LOOKOUT TO BE BUILT IN CHIRICAHUA MTS.

Material for the construction of a 60-foot fire lookout on Mount Fly in the Chiricahua forest was sent yesterday from Tucson to Ranger E. R. Scottfield of that ranger district.

The new lookout is the first in this forest district to be built according to the improved standards recently adopted for this district. It will have a cupola at the top completely glassed in, with a telephone and fire location charts, so that the lookout may spend the entire day comfortably in the tower.

The tower will be of timber, supported at the base by four angle-irons mounted in concrete, so that the tower will be strong enough to withstand even the heaviest winds. Windows, 2 in number, will completely encase the cupola, so that the lookout may have an unhindered view towards all sides. A stove will be installed, as the tower stands at an elevation of 9,790 feet, and the cold is severe.

It is planned to build cupolas of this style on all of the primary lookouts in this forest district. Heretofore the towers have been open to the weather, and on days when there was a high wind or rain it was impossible for the watcher to maintain his position.

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"Your living depends on your town; your town depends on its business; its business depends on you," is one of the arguments which is to be emphasized in the campaign. The future prosperity of every town in the state depends on the business that is done in that town, and to increase that business the general public must be shown that it is to its own advantage to trade with home merchants and home business men.

The week of May 22-27 was selected as coming just before the summer vacation period when most people are considering buying goods of some sort. While urging the people to trade at home, it is planned to have the co-operating civic organizations emphasize the fact that to keep their home business the merchants and the business men must offer prices and values as good as may be obtained elsewhere. Most business places in the state are following this policy however.

At the same time the people are being urged to patronize their home business houses they will be urged to use Arizona agricultural and manufactured products wherever possible. These two things, trading at home and using Arizona products, go hand in hand in increasing the general prosperity of the entire state.

The announcement of the campaign declared that preliminary plans have been received with enthusiasm by business men to whom they have been submitted and the public at large is expected to receive the campaign with the same desire to advance business in Arizona and hence improve all conditions.

Detailed plans for the movement are being completed and will be announced probably next Monday.

FIND INDICATIONS OF OIL NEAR TUCSON

TUCSON, April 28.—Long quiet beliefs that Tucson is situated in the immediate vicinity of valuable oil fields appeared on the verge of a revival here Thursday when the disclosure was made by a rancher in the Tanque Verde district that an analysis of specimens of deposits found on a 160-acre tract northeast of Tucson has established the existence of a petroleum body near at hand.

According to the announcement coming from the rancher, the tract is characterized in many places by deposits of black asphaltic substance coming in small pieces, as well as what has been authentically pronounced to be oil shale.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN COUNTY TO START MONDAY

County Recorder H. I. Hutchison returned this afternoon from a three-day trip to various parts of the county, delivering supplies to his registration officers in the 60 precincts of the county. Mr. Hutchison visited his officers personally issuing instructions for registration which starts Monday. Pamphlets containing the amendments to be submitted at the primary election were also distributed to the registration officers who will issue them to each elector as they are registered. In this manner Mr. Hutchison figures that every elector will not miss receiving a copy as might be the case if they were mailed.