

MINING NEWS Here and Elsewhere

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MINING INDUSTRY REDUCES TAXES

Last year the tax rate in Pima county was \$1.50 on the \$100. This year it is \$1.00 on the \$100, and the difference in this rate is wholly due to the bringing of the New Cornelia mine and Ajo. Even though Pima is not a large mining county the mines have a large bearing on the subject of taxation, reducing it on all forms of property and making that section a most inviting place to have property in. Mining has done great things for the state and is in a fair way to do other big things. The business in the state, while a most healthy infant, is still in its swaddling clothes. It will be the means of building up in the state a wonderful industry, as it now uses a large part of the farm produce and timber and hundreds of thousands of tons of coal. In a way it is the real thing in commonwealth making, paying 54 per cent of the entire tax of the state, county and municipal.

KILLS RABIED DOG AT HACKBERRY

Deputy Sheriff C. A. Imus reports that his wife and oldest son killed a dog with the rabies at Hackberry this week.

The dog had appeared at the Imus residence and started chasing the chickens and snapping different objects. Mrs. Imus took her children into the house and armed herself with a shotgun, with which she finally wounded the animal. The son a short while later was able to get a more fortunate shot and dispatched him.

Later while returning to Kingman Mr. Imus shot another dog at one of the indian camps west of Hackberry which was frothing at the mouth and having all the evidences of the rabies. The rabies or hydrophobia has been raging through the wild coyotes of the many neighboring states and lately has been reported from the eastern part of this state in Navajo and Apache counties, hence we believe, it most pertinent, that everyone should at this time, take every precaution to protect their dogs from contact with other animals and further that all dogs should be kept off the streets. All animals showing any sign of this disease should immediately be shot.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our appreciation to our many friends who so kindly tendered us their help and sympathy during our bereavement.
Mrs. Raymond H. Carr, Mrs. R. V. Triffier, Mrs. Ada Agleworth, John Kemple, Geo. Kemple, Cleve Kemple.

GOLD CONFERENCE RENO LAST WEDNESDAY

Last Wednesday the American Gold conference was held in Reno, Nevada, with Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint, and a committee consisting of Henry Byes, Reno; Buckley T. Wells, of Denver; W. J. Loring, of San Francisco; John A. Fulton, of Melones, Cal.; and Whitman Symmes, of Virginia City, Nevada, to proceed to Washington and present to William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury the request of the gold producers. The gist of the requests to be made upon the secretary has not been made known, but it is believed that it will be in the nature of a bonus on gold. The fact that gold is barred from sale in the markets of the world will be put up to the secretary as one of the reasons why the producers should be given some relief, especially as they have to compete for labor with metal producers who are protected in price by the government. The conference will await the return or action of the committee before making public its action.

NORTH DRIFT OF TENNESSEE SHOWS GOOD BODY OF ORE

The north drift on the 900 level of the Tennessee mine, at Chloride, has reached the line of the Schuykill and is said to have driven into a fine body of lead ore. This is supposed to be a continuation downward of the big shoot on the 600 level, which was opened some years ago and which was followed to the line of the other property. The body is quite large and we believe it will be found to extend far into new ground. The ground between the 600 and 900 is virgin, which would give an immense tonnage. The property, although operated by a small force of men, is showing up ore bodies in all directions. It is to be hoped that the property will soon be in shape to work on a large scale and that a big milling plant will be erected on the ground.

BAY STATE MINE MAKES GOOD STRIKE

Report comes from Chloride that a fine body of ore has been encountered in the Bay State mine, which is being operated by the Hughes Copper company. The ore was encountered in drifting and appears to be permanent. The company in charge of the property expects to continue driving in the ore for some time to come and may add to the force. The mine is situated in proximity to the Midnight and other well mineralized veins of the district.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED IN MINING SUIT

Tuesday last Judge Paul C. Thorne granted a new trial in the mining suit of J. F. Miller against M. A. Sawyer, the litigation covering a small portion of the Great Canyon molybdenum claim on which is situated a 20-ton milling plant. Miller set up a junior location against the senior claim of Sawyer and in the decision rendered by Judge Crosby, a few months ago, Miller was not only given the disputed ground but also 30 feet of ground inside the Great Canyon claim to which he laid no claim. The decision of Judge Crosby held that the Great Canyon claim was a valid, subsisting mining claim when the Miller claim was initiated, but that the older claim must conform its sidelines so that Miller might even run his claim out farther than his monuments or notice called for. The Miller claim was located as a fraction between the Great Canyon and another claim owned by Miller. Defendant, M. A. Sawyer, by her attorney, Carl G. Krook, asked for a new trial on the ground that the decision was not supported by the evidence; that there was newly discovered evidence; that the judgment was contrary to law; that the evidence was insufficient to support the findings of fact. Judge Thorne in passing on the case ruled favorably on all propositions presented and granted a new trial.

The decision rendered in the cause by Judge Crosby is one of the most remarkable in mining annals. In ruling that a superior claim shall conform to an inferior claim is laying down a rule that has heretofore been unheard of in mining litigation, but the court went farther afield and gave to Miller, the plaintiff, 30 feet more ground than is called for by his notice of location, besides requiring the senior claim to conform its lines so that the junior claim may get enough ground to cover a millsite that is shown by plaintiff's survey to be without his claim. The court in its findings and judgment found that the discovery monument was in the wrong place and that it must be placed at the point where the initial work was done, although the laws of Arizona on the subject allows the initial work to be done at any point where the discoverer may see fit. There was no dispute of discovery being made at the point where the initial monument was placed and all the evidence went to show that the monuments on the vein were undisturbed from the date of location to the present time. The court attempted to set up a new lode line along a vein that the evidence of both parties showed did not exist. As a whole the findings of fact and judgment of the trial court are remarkable.

OATMAN STOCKS

United Eastern is gaining in price following are the Oatman stock quotations and the sales for the week as supplied by Black Bros., Brokers.

Argo	2 1/2	5
Gold Ore	6	6 1/2
Gold Road Bon	1	2
Nellie	2	4 1/2
Red Lion		20
Sunnyside	2	4
Tom Reed	1.57	1.58
United Eastern	4.23	4.34

Sales
Gold Ore 43,000
Sunnyside 4,000
Tom Reed 32,539
United Eastern 8,050

DESTROY GARDEN

A few nights ago unknown boys went into the garden of Robert E. Kier, in the south part of town, and stole many of his late melons. Not content with stealing the melons they proceeded to smash up all the remaining melons with rocks. Mr. Kier not only has suffered from the malicious destruction of his garden stuff, but his fruit trees have been broken and the best fruits stolen. The wanton destruction of property is reprehensible, and in these times when the conservation of food stuffs is necessary boys who are caught in the act should be severely punished. No manly boys could be guilty of the acts complained of and it is to be hoped that the guilty ones will soon be apprehended.

C. H. BLACK MOVED TO FLAGSTAFF

C. H. Black, one of the stockholders of the Central Commercial Company and for the past two years making his home in Kingman, has moved with his family to Flagstaff. Mr. Black is contemplating entering business there but gave out no word as to what it would be. He still retains his interest in the Central Commercial Company. Mr. Black during his residence here made many friends and it is with regret that they see him change his residence from Kingman.

MINING MAN RETURNS

H. E. Woods, who is one of the largest owners of mining property in the Oatman section, arrived in Kingman Monday evening from Brownwood, Texas, where he is heavily interested in oil. Mrs. Woods came with him. Mr. Woods is also interested with his brother in zinc mines of Oklahoma and is said to be making a big bad of money from his investments. He expects to do considerable work on his Oatman properties this winter.

CONTRACT FOR DEEP TUNNEL ON WALNUT CREEK COMPLETED

The contractors who have been driving the deep tunnel on the Walnut Creek mines have completed the work, and will await the further action of the company. The vein shows 65 feet of mineralized matter, some of which looks exceptionally good. The miners believe that the workings are just now on top of a big shoot and that a few hundred feet more of depth will bring in a big copper property. The mine is situated about nine miles southeast of Kingman, near the base of the Walapai mountains, and in the district to the north of the Yucca Tungsten properties.

STRIKES RICH COPPER ON MONTE CRISTO DIKE

On the Monte Cristo dike, and some miles away from that property, the old Abe Lincoln mine has opened up a wonderful body of copper ore. The ore is said to run as high as 45 per cent of the red metal and carries also good silver values. This mine was one of the silver mines of the Wickenburg country in the early days of Arizona, but owing to the working out of the surface ores and the low price of silver the property was practically abandoned. It is now being opened anew and the indications are that it will soon be in the shipping list. While copper has not been the prevailing metal in the Wickenburg mines it still has had a place there. It is in the belt which extends from Mexico up through this country and on to Idaho, and it is possible that some excellent properties will be opened along the big dikes.

TWINS CROSSCUTTING ON 300 FOOT LEVEL

The Twins mine is crosscutting on the 300 level with a view to opening up the ore body where it faulted on the level above. As far as the ore body remained in sight it was of good quality and the vein one of the best looking in the district. As soon as it is picked up development will be carried on with a large crew of miners.

MOHAVE COUNTY MAN DIES AT LONG BEACH

The Miner is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. William P. Eshom, dated at Los Angeles, conveying the news of the death of her brother, Howard Wells, at Long Beach, last Friday. Mr. Wells had been working in the shipyards as a riveter when taken down with influenza. Howard Wells was born on the old Cofer ranch, on the Big Sandy, April 25, 1881. He grew up in this county and engaged in mining, which occupation he followed until the United States entered the war when he entered the shipyards at San Pedro. He was well liked wherever he was known and his host of friends in this county will learn of his demise with regret. He leaves a brother and sister to mourn his death. Lon Wells, who also was working in the shipyards at San Pedro, is also ill with influenza, but is reported to be recovering.

ON SUCCESSFUL HUNTING TRIP

Ned Robinson, of the firm of Brawn and Robinson is one of the fortunate deer hunters of the season, returning to Kingman the first of the week with a two year old buck. Ned arrived at the hunting grounds late Saturday afternoon and early the next morning had his buck and returned to Kingman the same day.

EXPECTED HACKBERRY MILL WILL BE OPERATING DEC. 15

Last Monday some more of the heavy machinery for the Hackberry mill was hauled from the depot to the mine and is now in place in the big plant. It may be some time before the big motors are received, but it is confidently expected that the plant will be ready to go into commission by the 15th of December. The mill will be one of the most up to date plants in the state and will handle about 250 tons of ore daily. It is so constructed that additional units may be added at a minimum of expense. No mine in the country has as much ore blocked out as the Hackberry and of as high milling grade. It has a shaft 900 feet in depth and every foot of ground above that level is virgin territory. In places the vein is sixteen feet wide and the grade of the ore is above \$30.

BAY STATE MINE IN GOOD ORE

The United States Bureau of Mines reports that the costs of all things affecting mining has risen enormously since the war and quotes many of the essentials. Labor has risen 20 per cent; steel from 40 to 60 per cent; explosives 75 per cent; lumber 120 per cent; machinery 75 per cent; miscellaneous materials 10 to 200 per cent. Acids have advanced 200 per cent. In copper mining wages have advanced 42 per cent, and in fact wages are going up every day to meet newer living costs, although not apparent in the cost system. Mining companies operating boarding and rooming houses are doing so at a loss, which gives the workmen the advantage of just so much more toward their daily wage. Fuel oil has advanced from 37 1/2 cents to \$1.75 per barrel, while coke has advanced from \$3.75 to \$8.60 per ton. And one of the other items that has to be met by the mining companies is the arbitrary fixation of taxation by the state tax commission. This imposes an additional burden on the mining companies.

TOM REED SOON TO PAY DIVIDEND

We are informed by shareholders of the Tom Reed Gold Mines company that a dividend, the first in about three years, will be paid by that company about the middle of next month. The Tom Reed has been carrying on a great campaign of development the past several years and now has one of the largest reserves of ore of any gold mine in the country opened. Its milling plant is capable of handling a tonnage of 320 tons daily and it has enough water to care for a much larger tonnage. The new ore body is higher in grade than that heretofore milled and by mixing the ores from the various veins a splendid grade of ore can be put through the mill. Everything is being lined up to give the property added value and to lengthen the life of the mine many years. The management is going to open up the richer ore veins at greater depth, and it is possible that the milling capacity will be increased.

COPPER PRICE REMARKS FIXED

The government has extended to January 1 the price of 26 cents on copper. Some men believe that if the fixing would take the burr off that copper would go to over 50 cents. The fixing of prices on these metals that have been thrown on the market, but that the producers have been loyal to the government and have even depleted their mines to keep production high enough for all needs.

NEW BAY STATE CASHIER—W. H. ... several years Santa Fe ticket agent at this station, but who has been with the Arizona Central ... is now cashier of the ... of the same institution in ... taking the place of his brother ... Long, who has gone to the war.

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