

MINES AND MINING.

A \$300,000 smelter is to be erected in Salt Lake valley, Utah, by the United States Mining company.

It is estimated that ore thieves get away with from \$50,000 to \$75,000 worth of high-grade ore and nuggets every month in the Cripple Creek district.

With the development work executed as now planned, within the next year a booming mining camp will be established in the Lone Star district, with Safford as headquarters.

In the Distaff mine, at Chloride, last week, while working in a raise from a tunnel, a three-foot body of ore was encountered which it is said will run 1,000 ounces silver to the ton.

John J. Shimmel, of Kansas City, has been here this week to put into position the new gasoline hoist recently purchased by the Superior mining company from the Webber gasoline engine company.—Liberal.

The El Paso Times says that the El Paso smelter is receiving heavy shipments of copper ore from several Arizona mining districts. The past month five more cars of ore were received than during the previous month.

It is reported that there has been discovered a sufficient quantity of ore at a depth of 2,500 feet in the Congress mine within the last few weeks to increase the valuation of that mine \$1,000,000 over its reported valuation of three months ago.

The large copper mines of Arizona are nearly all associated with limestone; those of Butte, Montana, are in granite; those of Lake Superior in conglomerate sandstone and diabase; those of Ducktown, Tenn., in mica schist; those of Iron Mountain, Shasta county, Cal., for the most part in quartz and porphyry; those of Idaho mostly in diorite.

The stock of the Superior mine is booming. It will be remembered that the stock was originally issued at sixteen cents a share. Last week a block of 1700 shares sold in El Paso for one dollar a share, the buyer offering the same price for an unlimited amount, but could buy no more at that price. Since then offers of a dollar and a half a share have been made for the stock, with no takers.—Liberal.

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