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THE TAX ON MINES.

The following is an outline of the bill to be introduced in the assembly in the future:

All ores, tailings and mineral bearing material of whatever character, shall be assessed for the purposes of taxation for territorial and county purposes, in the following manner:

From the gross yield, return or value of ores, tailings or mineral bearing material of whatever character, there shall be deducted the actual cost of extracting said ore or minerals from mines; the actual cost of saving said tailings, the actual cost of transportation of said ores, mineral-bearing material or tailings, to the place of reduction or sale; and the actual cost of such reduction or sale; and the remainder shall be deemed net proceeds, and shall be assessed and taxed as provided for in this act.

It shall be the duty of every person, corporation, association or firm or company engaged in extracting ores or minerals in this territory to furnish the clerk of the board of supervisors, of the county in which the mine is situated, bi-annual statements, under oath or affirmation, of the total number of tons of ore extracted by him or them, and of the gross yield of the same in dollars and cents for each preceding six months, commencing on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for each succeeding six months, viz: First of January and July of each year thereafter; such statement to be made and furnished to the clerk of the board of the several counties, within twenty days after the expiration of the six months for which statement is required. The statement required under the provisions of this act shall be substantially in the following form:

Total Amount of Tax.
Net Yield of Value in Dollars and Cents.
Actual Cost of Reduction or Sale.
Actual Cost of Transportation to Place of Reduction or Sale.
Actual Cost of Extracting the Same from the Mine.
Gross Yield of Value of Same in Dollars and Cents.
Number of Tons Extracted for the Quarter.
Names of Owners.
There shall be levied and collected for the territorial and county purposes a tax of two dollars on each one hundred dollars of the net proceeds of mines, as required or assessed under the provisions of this act, said tax shall be appropriated as follows:

Twenty-five per centum shall be apportioned to the territorial treasury for general territorial purposes, and twenty-five per centum shall be apportioned to the county treasury of the counties in which the mines are located, and twenty-five per centum shall be deposited in the road fund of such counties, to be used and disbursed by the board of supervisors in the construction of public roads, highways and bridges, as provided by law, and twenty-five per centum shall be paid into the school fund of the counties in which said mines are located.

A Sonora Mine Sold.

From parties who arrived last evening from Nacosari, an ORB reporter learns that the Gregg, Normine mining property, consisting of 94 pertinences, had been sold to John A. Cruse, representing the Sonora Investment and Improvement company. The price paid for the property is said to be \$45,000 in gold coin. The property is situated about nine miles from Nacosari where the Mactesuma company are at work.

The claims show up an abundance of exceedingly rich copper ore on the surface, so far the depth of the ore bodies has not been determined, as all the work has been done on the surface. From parties who have seen the property we learn that if the ore bodies go down the mines will be one of the biggest and richest in the state of Sonora. Several other parties were after the mine and an offer of \$40,000 was made for it about a week prior to the price offered by Mr. Cruse.

Mr. Cruse will be in our city the early part of next week, when we hope to be able to give our readers something worth regarding this property and the intentions of the company.

J. V. Vickers' carload of CCC calves from the Graham county range took a prize at the Denver stock show, a fact which is highly creditable to the company and to Arizona. Mrs. Adair's purebred Herefords, won the first prize for southern calves. Whiteman's lot from Tascosa, Texas, gained the second prize, while Mr. Vickers' lot captured third award, a silver medal. As Mr. Vickers remarked, "this is better than not being in it." The Chiricahua Cattle company have been at great expense to breed up their herd and deserve the distinction given them.

ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

Good Reports from the South Bisbee and Cochise Properties.

Sunday afternoon several specimens of rock were brought up from the bottom of the South Bisbee company's shaft that has created quite a demand for that company's stock during the past two days. The rock is of a soft formation, composed chiefly of lime, iron and spar. The whole bottom of the shaft, which is now down to a depth of 450 feet, is in this same formation; several small pieces of copper ore have been found embedded in the formation, which clearly indicates the close proximity of an ore body.

According to the views of over forty miners, employed in the Copper Queen mine who have been shown the rock, the formation is a first class indication of an ore body, the same being encountered in many of the stopes in the Queen company's workings just prior to the finding of the ore bodies. The specimens are on exhibition at the Turf saloon, where they may be seen.

From present indications, it may not be but a few days when the ORB will have the pleasure of announcing to its many readers the opening up a large body of ore on this property. It is currently reported that the price of the stock will be raised within the next few days to thirty or forty cents.

Most encouraging reports come from the Cochise company's properties. The shaft is now down to a depth of 140 feet and this morning the eight hour shift struck into a small body of sulphide ore. An assay of ore found in the shaft several days ago shows six per cent copper and \$2.50 in gold, besides some silver. A contract is soon to be let for sinking the shaft to the 200-foot level.

During the past thirty days over 200,000 shares of the company's stock has been sold in this vicinity and orders for stock are being received almost daily by mail. The outlook is indeed most encouraging, and a raise in the price of this stock may be looked for at almost any time. In conversation with Supt. Muehm today, that gentleman expressed himself as satisfied, and stated that if an ore body is not struck within the next fifty days, all indications which have heretofore been relied on will prove a failure.

The company is already making arrangements for the erection of a steam hoist, and is now corresponding with parties for the purchase of the necessary machinery.

THE LEAD MARKET.

Mining men are finding considerable encouragement in the steady rise of the lead market. Even the most conservative now predict that it will reach the 5-cent limit. It would be impossible to estimate what could be accomplished in the production of the mineral if the price reaches five cents and remains at that point. Nearly all the great silver mines now lying idle will produce a per cent of lead that would pay the miner to open them again. All these vast interests will undoubtedly become productive if there is a pretty plain indication that the price of the heavy metal will remain at a substantial figure.

In the mining business it is difficult to estimate what the rise in price of a few cents means to the miners and mine owners. For instance, if there are a few dozen mines that can be operated on a 4-cent market, there are probably 100 that would pay to operate on a 5-cent market. The low grade ore mines are in the great majority, and where the market price of a mineral will justify their operation it means thousands and millions of dollars will be added to the capital produced.

There is also considerable encouragement in the general stable condition of the mining stock market. For the past year the rise in stocks has been steady. Month after month they have continued to make better showings, until the present ruling prices have been reached. The mine owner has no room for complaint so far during the present year. Every indication argues that the production of last year will be augmented by many millions additional at the close of the year 1899.

These facts should be kept before the people at all times. Advertising will attract capital and capital will develop the hundreds of new mines that would become producers at any time if sufficient capital could be applied to develop them.—Dever Times.

The Papago county bill is faring badly in the hands of the committee on counties and county boundaries. It is quite probable the bill will be recommended not to pass.

Deputy United States Marshall Graham left this morning for Tucson, taking with him L. Rodriguez, the mescal smuggler.

COPPER IS THE METAL.

The Cochise Copper Mining Co., Bisbee, Arizona.

Incorporated Under the Laws of the Territory of Arizona. Capital Stock \$5,000,000. (Limited.)

This company owns a very valuable group of mines situated in Warren Mining District, County of Cochise, Arizona, lying immediately east of and adjoining the town of Bisbee, and adjoining the property of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company on the North. The latter company has been in operation for about twenty years, and employ about 1500 men daily in the operation of its mammoth mine and smelters, and as a result have produced copper to over 34,000,000 lbs. during the year 1898, and the net proceeds of such production are reported to have been over \$2,000,000, and it has been said by experienced miners who have been under their employ for years, that the Queen mine now has sufficient ore in sight to keep them in constant operation for the next twenty years, without further development.

Is it not reasonable to believe that the property of the Cochise company is fully as valuable, when it is within such close proximity to such a wonderful mine?

The blasts set off in the underground workings of the Queen property can easily be felt and heard at the shaft of our mine, and oftentimes the concussion has attracted marked attention.

The original owners of these valuable mines are local business men, well and favorably known in Bisbee and surrounding vicinity, who are doing their utmost to make this enterprise a success in every respect. The board of directors are original owners, and are donating their services to the company until such time as the mine will pay dividends. They own the controlling interest in this property, and as a protection to stockholders have placed their entire interest in escrow for a term of one year.

The stock books of our company are now open for subscriptions, and a limited number of shares are offered at ten cents per share. No application for less than 100 shares will be accepted. The company reserves the right at any time to advance the price of shares without further notice, or to reject any application for stock whenever they deem it discretion.

Every cent received from the sale of stock will be expended toward the development of our property and the erection of hoisting works, and all other necessary improvements, and to make our enterprise a success in every particular.

We invite investigators and their experts or their engineers to closely scrutinize our property.

Applications for shares may be made to any of the directors of the company, or to any of our legally authorized representatives.

L. C. SHATTUCK, Pres.,
J. MUEHM, Supt. & Treas.,
G. W. HILL, Vice-Pres.
S. K. WILLIAMS, Secretary,
Bisbee, Arizona.

Reduced Rates.

For the meeting of the Arizona medical Association in Phoenix, January 31 and February 1, 1899, the fare from Bisbee to Maricopa and return, will be \$11.30. Tickets sold on the certificate plan.

For the celebration at Globe, February 15, 1899, the fare from Bisbee to Globe and return will be \$14.00. Tickets to be sold for use on trains arriving at Bowie February 14 and 15, 1899 and to be limited to February 20.

ACKER'S ENGLISH REMEDY WILL STOP a cough at any time, and will cure the worst cold in twelve hours, or money refunded. 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale at Bisbee Drug Store.

For Sale.

1 5-room house, right in town; furnished or otherwise. Terms very reasonable.

1 lot on Chihuahua Hill, 50x70 feet, all graded ready for building.

1 6-room house, partly furnished; price and terms to suit buyer.

For rent, one frame house near Shattuck's Lumber yard.

For further particulars apply to S. K. WILLIAMS, P. J.

Attention.

All members of the cemetery committee are requested to meet at Marks & Wittig's barber shop, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted.

For far robes, whips and harness, go to the N. K. Harness Shop. They will treat you right.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from our Exchanges.

Tucson has an Old Stiff Club.

The Arizona Shriners intend to visit the City of Mexico this month.

The Arizona Sportsmen's association held a tournament at Phoenix Wednesday.

A Tucson marble worker states that Arizona produces marble equal to that of Vermont.

A. B. Brown, of Kansas City, has purchased 10,000 head of cattle in the Gila valley.

It is estimated that 20,000 head of cattle will be shipped out of southern Arizona this month.

Burglars are laying in a heavy supply of clothing at Tucson, and none of them have been caught yet.

Large quarries of valuable marble are being opened on Sycamore creek, and are attracting great attention.

Fifteen Chinamen have been recently deported who slipped into the United States across the Mexican border.

Nogales is enjoying a business boom and a great many buildings will be erected during the coming month.

A number of cattlemen from Maricopa county propose to introduce some fancy breeding stock from Kentucky.

John G. Baird has arrived in Tucson in search of his brother, who has been missing from Trenton, New Jersey for fifteen years.

H. Beardly of New York, has offered an immense sum for one of the wolframate mines recently discovered in the Dragoon mountains.

Benjamin Tucker, of Springfield, Illinois, has arrived in the Salt River valley, where he proposes to start a ranch for raising fancy breeds of horses.

Free Scholarship at Orad.

Governor Murphy has received a letter from the president of the Orad Institute at Worcester, Massachusetts, requesting him to recommend some young woman of Arizona for a free scholarship in that institute. The letter states that it is desired that the one who may be selected be a young woman between eighteen and thirty-five years of age, in good health and possessing a high school education or its equivalent; that she be one having aptitude for intellectual attainment and desirous of securing a practical knowledge of household science and all that pertains thereto. To such a person coming to the school by recommendation and appointment of the governor of her state or territory, tuition, board and room will be given free, and at the close of her course of study she will be aided, if she proves competent and so desirous, to position as a teacher in her home state or territory, or elsewhere, should she so elect.

The governors will be please to hear from anyone desiring to accept this offer.

County Indebtedness.

According to Governor Murphy's message to the Twentieth legislature, the county indebtedness of Arizona is as follows:

Apache county.....	\$ 45,473 50
Cocconino county.....	156,000 00
Graham county.....	147,364 70
Gila county.....	44,781 36
Maricopa county.....	267,636 43
Mohave county.....	105,363 29
Pima county.....	210,240 05
Pinal county.....	136,138 08
Yavapai county.....	\$10,153 78
Yuma county.....	88,791 11
Prescott city.....	91,261 90
Tucson city.....	16,000 00
Tombstone city.....	13,812 38
Total.....	\$1,634,027 57

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. EDWARDS, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For by J. J. Williams & Co.

ACKER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS ARE SOLD on a positive guarantee. Cures heart burn, rising of the food, distress after eating or any form of dyspepsia. One little tablet gives immediate relief. 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale at Bisbee Drug Store.

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Bisbee, - - Arizona.

Palace Livery, Feed and Sale Stables,
TIM GRIFFITH, Proprietor.
Finest Turnouts in the City,
Horses boarded by the week, day or month. Horses bought and sold. Complete hack service. Hacks will meet all trains. Good service.
Upper Main St. - - - Bisbee, Arizona