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ASSESSMENT LAW OF 1919 EXPLAINED BY SENATORS

The joint resolution passed by the United States senate August 7 suspending the requirements of annual assessment work on certain mining claims during the year 1919, and which has been approved by the president, is a measure which brought forth some interesting comments from the senators in Washington before the resolution was passed—comments which will do much to explain the provision that no such suspension shall be granted to any one claimant for more than five claims.

The joint resolution (H. J. Res. 150) was reported to the senate favorably and without amendment by the committee of mines and mining, composed of Miles Poindexter, Washington, chairman; Charles B. Henderson, Nevada; Lawrence C. Phipps, Colorado; Thomas J. Walsh, Montana; Henry F. Ashurst, Arizona; James D. Phelan, California; Truman H. Newberry, Michigan; Howard Sutherland, West Virginia; Thomas Stirling, South Dakota, and Medill McCormick, Illinois. The Nevada senators, Charles B. Henderson and Key Pittman, supported the measure and Charles R. Evans, representative at large from Nevada, worked for it in the house.

The limitation was shown by Charles B. Henderson, the Nevada senator, who pointed out the difference between the joint resolution approved October 5, 1917, covering all mining claims, and this resolution, limiting the number of claims of any one claimant to five. As to why there should be a limitation Mr. Poindexter said, "That was the result of a compromise between a conflict of views. It was adopted by the house and the senate committee agreed unanimously to it, both on its merits and because of the lateness of the season in the mountains, which made it desirable to get this legislation enacted. Rather than to return it to the house, with the prospect of a protracted controversy over it, the senate committee agreed to it."

William H. King of Utah could see no reason why there should be any limitation to the five claims, and he said that if he were not afraid of jeopardizing the passage of the measure he would be in favor of striking out that part. Mr. Poindexter was of the opinion that the striking out of the limitation might defeat the measure.

THOUGHT LIMITATION INTENDED TO PREVENT CLAIM SPECULATION

Lawrence C. Phipps of Colorado was of the opinion that the limitation was placed in the resolution to prevent speculation in claims. "Knowing that no assessment work would be required this year," said Mr. Phipps, "a man might go out into the hills and file on an unlimited number of claims, with no intention whatever of doing the assessment work as required by law." He also showed that if any change were to be made and the resolution returned to the house it might require a month or two to get action upon it; and that would make the measure too late in passing to do much good. Mr. Henderson, agreeing with others, thought it better to pass the resolution as it stood.

In a suppositious case of three individuals who have located ten claims, and remembering that the joint resolution uses the words "one claimant," Mr. Poindexter said, "I would interpret it to mean that if a corporation owned five claims, or more than five claims, that particular corporation could not have the benefit of this act for more than five claims. If a partnership owned five or more, that particular partnership could not have the benefit of more than five. If an individual owned more than five he could not have the benefit of it for more than five."

This interpretation would seem to answer the query of a Nevada prospector who wished to know what his own assessment requirement would be on six scattered claims he owned individually, a group of six claims in which he held a one-third interest, the other two-thirds being owned by two partners, and a group of five claims which had been owned by him but which he had passed to a corporation in exchange for stock. It would seem that this man would be required to do work on one claim that he owned individually and to file with the county recorder his intention to hold the other five. On the group of six claims his share of the required work would be one-third of $100 expended on the claim not covered by the 1919 suspension. The corporation in which he was an owner would not be required to do assessment work if it owned no other ground.

SENATOR THOMAS OF COLORADO SEES LITTLE MERIT IN NEW LAW

Charles S. Thomas of Colorado does not believe in suspending the annual requirement in the absence of extraordinary conditions, and not then unless the necessity for it is overwhelming. In fact, Mr. Thomas thinks rightfully that the privilege of unlimited location freely given by the government ought to carry with it a sense of obligation to the government, and that the man who would locate a claim and then be unwilling to spend $100 upon it would not appeal strongly to him as a bona fide locator.

"One great drawback to the suspension of these requirements," said Mr. Thomas, "is that once it is done it operates as a precedent, and those having the benefit of the suspension want its continuance, somewhat analogous to the man who, once having ridden with an annual pass, never pays his fare without a sense of injustice. We are about to get into the habit, in other words, of suspending this requirement, and it is not good for the mining industry. If a man has a claim worth anything he ought to be willing to pay $100 every year or patent it."

Mr. Phipps asked his colleague if it were not necessary for the locator to make a showing of metal ore in a paying quantity. Mr. Thomas replied, "No; it is not necessary to make a showing of ore in paying quantities in order to receive a patent. The discovery of a vein or a deposit of metalliferous-bearing ore is necessary. But the courts have held that any appreciable quantity is sufficient for purposes of discovery and patent. Judge Hallett once held, arbitrarily, that an ounce of silver was the minimum, but that was questioned quite severely, and the departments have frequently held that a substantial trace of metallic content is all that is necessary."

Returning to the subject of the limitation to five claims, Mr. Smith of Arizona seriously objected to those who are perfectly able to do the work escaping it from year to year, holding the title against poor fellows who would probably like to take the claims and try to make something out of them, but he was shown that the joint resolution had passed the stage of amendment and he then raised no objection to its passage. This was done.

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New Company in Comet District

The Hybla Mining Company of Nevada has been organized by Arthur Reall of Pioche for the purpose of developing thirteen mining claims in the Comet district. The organization will be composed of local men who are acquainted with mining conditions in that section. The office of the company will be opened in Pioche.

The large acreage of the company has recently been surveyed and the property lines established with accuracy and the next step will be the thorough prospecting of the 220 acres of mineralized territory. There are several interesting outcrops of ore already found on the property and the surrounding mines have shipped quantities of good ore.

"We are not expecting to ship ore within a week," said Mr. Reall, "as there is much preliminary work to be done before we can even start extensive prospecting. This will be undertaken first and upon the result of this work we will determine the more favorable locations for development work. The surface showing, however, is such that it is entirely reasonable to hope to ship ore within a short time. There is ore outcropping on the property in several places which might quickly open up with work and produce ore in commercial amounts within a few feet from the surface. We expect to develop our property sensibly and will report the progress of the work promptly to the stockholders."

Important Strike in Ida May Mine

The Ida May mine, two miles north of Jackrabbit and owned by the E. & F. Mining Company, is now producing all the ore that can be handled with the present equipment and about seven and one-half tons are hauled daily to the railroad for shipment to smelters.

Arthur Murphy, who is operating the mine under lease, is in Pioche for the purpose of looking up heavier equipment.

An important development of a new orebody has been made recently in the mine about 200 feet below the tunnel level, where a ten-foot vein of bedded ore makes from the fissure into the lime. The ore is of good grade and its substantial size makes the new orebody a welcome discovery. The fissure itself is about twelve feet wide, in which the ore occurs for a length of forty feet, with fairly uniform values in silver and copper. This fissure has been continuous from the surface and the mine has a large production record. The property was optioned to W. T. Clark Jr. of Butte some years ago for $300,000 and it was his intention to vigorously prospect the mine, but the panic of 1907 put a stop to the work and since that time the property has been idle until started up by Mr. Murphy. Since June Mr. Murphy has shipped 400 tons and it is expected that the production will be greatly increased.

Develop Claims at Stampede Gap

The Pioche Stampede Mining Corporation, owning five claims in the Stampede Gap, eight miles northwest of Pioche, is now being reorganized and Fred R. Heubner has been selected as manager of the company, which is controlled by local stockholders. The company is capitalized with a million shares, par value $1, of which 400,000 shares has been placed in the treasury, to be sold and the proceeds used in the development of the ground.

Hans Olson of Caliente and John F. Roeder of Pioche are heavy stockholders and have long been interested in that district. James Nesbitt, former sheriff and business man, was president before his death and he was a firm believer in the future of the property—a belief which he generously backed with his money.

The holdings of the corporation are opened with three shafts and many crosscuts and prospect holes. The old Gypsy shaft was sunk to a depth of eighty feet and opened some ore of spectacular grade. One sample taken by the writer assayed 1,700 ounces of silver to the ton and another taken by a prominent local mine superintendent assayed over 2,000 ounces of silver. These, of course, were accidentally high, even for picked samples, but they at least indicate that rich ore exists and that it may be hoped with some reasonable basis that other high values may be found. Some ore of fair value was taken from this place and marketed, but the total amount of work done at this shaft, with its windlass equipment, totals only a few feet, as the vein was opened at the depth of fifty feet and only short drifts run.

On account of the difficulty of making a satisfactory road the old shaft was abandoned and a new working shaft, also called the Gypsy, was started on the strike of the vein, but on the other side of the summit of the ridge, and this new shaft can now be reached with a motor truck. This shaft is well timbered and has a gallows frame over it. This Gypsy shaft encountered the ore at a depth of 108 feet, but owing to lack of sufficient funds the company was unable to develop this orebody, which at that time had a low value. The advancing price of silver has now, however, changed this low-grade iron ore into a decidedly attractive orebody well worth opening up. At this shaft there are two most interesting geological exposures. A strong porphyry dyke, cropping for thousands of feet, at this point was not strong enough to break through the lime and disappears, later to reappear for some distance and disappear again. West of the shaft and distant but a few feet the porphyry dyke, ordinarily straight, takes a double and short curve similar to the letter S. The porphyry dyke has had, undoubtedly, an important connection with the formation of the ore.

The new manager, Fred R. Heubner, visited the property last week in company with John F. Roeder, Joseph Hagel and Charles Stindt for the purpose of looking over the surface and checking up some posts and lines. Each member of the party was questioned by the reporter and each expressed a good opinion of the property in so far as their personal observations permitted, since they did not go underground. These men are experienced mining men. Mr. Huebner is rather enthusiastic, particularly since he found some high-grade ore on the trip, samples of which he brought back with him. He is trying to enlist financial support in Louisiana and Mississippi and is naturally desirous of getting local support. A small gasoline hoist is needed before economical work can be undertaken, but Mr. Huebner hopes to have the property equipped and in operation before the snow flies. The property, while admittedly a prospect, is regarded with favor by local mining men and with conservative management and careful study the corporation should meet with success in the development of its ground.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Tony Martello and Al Emerick have opened a soft drink parlor in the Nesbitt building.

Joe Powers has purchased the Beason house on shady Cedar street and moved in last Monday.

County Assessor Wheeler is in Carson City attending the meeting of the state board of equalization, of which he is a member.

Rev. Father Slattery celebrated mass at Miners' Union hall last Sunday. The sermon dealt with the actual Transubstantiation in the Sacrament and his points were favorably brought out.

Dr. J. H. Hastings has obtained a lease on the second floor of the Buck building, located between the postoffice and the Bank of Pioche, and will fit the rooms up for hospital purposes.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Alexander Orr to the marriage of Miss Martha Orr to Arthur Victor Huson, to take place Wednesday evening, September 10, at the Union Sunday School building in Pioche. A reception will be held at the Miners' Union hall in the evening at 9 o'clock.

The sale of food by Uncle Sam through the postoffices was ended Wednesday with but one sale, amounting to about $30. The prices were reasonable but Uncle Sam did not advertise. The instructions were received by Postmaster A. A. Carman Monday, leaving him but two and one-half days in which to take orders.

Friday evening the Electric Movies will present Dorothy Phillips in "The Talk of the Town;" also the two-reel comedy, "Lions and Ladies." Monday evening the last feature that will be shown here of Mae Marsh, in "Spotlight Sadie," will be the program. Saturday evening a dance will be given, at which the very latest music will be the feature.

W. E. ("Prince" Smith and Dan Dawson will leave today to prospect in the Delamar district. Mr. Smith has secured the promise of a lease and will investigate some of the old workings in the April Fool and other properties. Later they will investigate the silver showings on Irish mountain and then swing over to the Oak Springs section beyond the Groom mine, where Mr. Smith has some interesting exposures of ore.

The children of Pioche will be given an entertainment at the Union Sunday School next Sunday, to which all the older people are most cordially invited. Children's Day, as it is called, should bring out a good attendance. The exercises will be pleasing and much work has been quietly accomplished. All people interested in children—and who is not?—are not only invited but urged to come and encourage the little folks.

John Austin and his crew of roadworkers have finished repairing the road between Pioche and Pony Springs and the result of the work has brought forth favorable comment from several men who have traveled that road recently. The little back-breakers have been smoothed out, the rocks raked away and good road material has been hauled in the truck to build up the low places. One may speed on this road now, according to reports, without fearing for the rubber.

Building time is getting short. The government's suggestion that building be done at this time is a practical, sensible suggestion. Building materials are available at the A. S. Thompson Company and any letter requesting information will be answered by them with knowledge of local conditions. Cement, roofing, paint and hardware are carried in stock and any special article for building purposes can be quickly obtained for you through the channels of business built during the years of store service. Build now.

The Las Vegas ball team having failed to accept the offer of the Pioche club for two games between the two nines, Manager Freudenthal is making arrangements for the Pioche players to go to St. George, Utah, to play a game in the latter city during the fruit festival there, which will be held September 10, 11 and 12. It is proposed that the players leave Pioche the evening of the 9th in automobiles, arriving at St. George on the morning of the 10th and playing ball the following day. A subscription will be taken up to raise money to defray the expenses of the club and all business men of Pioche are expected to show their appreciation of the local players by a substantial donation toward the fund. A purse of $100 is offered by the St. George festival committee for the winners of the game. A large crowd of Pioche "rooters" will probably accompany the boys to the Utah city.

Panaca Items of General Interest

The crops in this section look exceptionally good, especially alfalfa and potatoes. The farmers of this locality are decidedly fortunate in respect to their water supply. The Big spring always throws the same amount of water regardless of local weather conditions, which is a decided advantage during a season like the present one.

The Lincoln county high school is undergoing a thorough renovation and cleaning preparatory to the opening of school September 16. The high school board has ordered a car of coal for the present year. This will be a decided advantage, since the heating of a large building with wood is a rather difficult problem.

Miss Tannie Higgins, Walter V. Long and Lynn Ronnow expect to leave about August 25 for Reno, where they will enter the state university. All three of these young people are graduates of the Lincoln county high school.

William Mathews Sr. visited Pioche Thursday on business.

Frank Wilcox and Gene Wadsworth are spending a few days in Salt Lake before resuming their work in school this autumn.

A number of young people enjoyed a moonlight picnic at Ryan's ranch after a car ride to Caliente. The trip was made through the courtesy of Frank Edwards.

James A. and F. E. Wadsworth made a business trip to Caliente Monday afternoon.

High School Representative Karl Banks visited Barclay Monday in the interest of the county high school. The following young people were interviewed and expressed their intention of returning for the winter term: Laura Gentry, Lloyd Mathews, Grant Woods and Fred Woods. The people of the county seem to be awakening to the real value of the local high school.

Lafa Mathews arrived Monday afternoon from Oakland, Cal., where for the last five weeks he has been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. He and Mrs. Mathews expect to leave shortly for an extended visit to Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafa Wadsworth are receiving congratulations upon the safe arrival of a fine baby girl, born Tuesday evening. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

Edward Gentry of Barclay was a business visitor in Panaca Sunday.

The Misses Ruth and Ruby Danvers left a few days ago for Ogden to visit their mother, Mrs. Rachael Danvers.

Mrs. Hannah Hansen is reported ill at her home in Panaca.

Hospital Supplies at the Drug Store.

CALIENTE PICKUPS

Mrs. Sarah Pippin, one of Lincoln county's old-timers, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. E. Dula, Friday, August 15. For the last several months she had been failing and owing to her advanced age nothing could be done to prolong her life. Mrs. Pippin was born in Tennessee eighty-four years ago and in 1879 moved with her young family to Meadow Valley, where she has ever since resided. Friends who have known her for many years say that she has always been the same cheerful, kind-hearted, hospitable woman that made her in her old age a joy and comfort to her family and a warm friend to those fortunate enough to enjoy her comradeship.

The funeral was held from Dula's ranch Sunday afternoon, George K. Riding delivering an eloquent eulogy and expressing the sentiments of the community in his words of sympathy to the bereaved family. A choir composed of Mrs. J. West Smith, Miss Edna Himstreet and Miss Sarah ImObersteg sang the hymns, "Is It True?" "God Shall Wipe All Tears Away" and "Somewhere" at the house, and at the grave "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Mrs. Pippin is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Emma Conaway and Mrs. T. E. Dula of Caliente and Mrs. John Harty of Ogden, who with her family came to Caliente to attend the funeral, and by three sons, Tom Pippin and John Pippin of Caliente and Redman Pippin of Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Boudreau and small daughter are visiting Mrs. Joe Dixon in Fort Bragg, Cal. Mrs. Dixon will be remembered as Louise Boudreau.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Himstreet and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Alquist and Miss Sarah ImObersteg returned Tuesday from a motoring trip through Utah and Wyoming. The Himstreets made the trip in their Chalmers and the Alquists started in their Oakland, but according to the Tribune Carl tried out all the new cars in Salt Lake and finally decided that none could come up to the Elkar he picked up in Kanosh, so since his return he is sporting the big blue machine.

W. B. Pace, formerly of Caliente but now of Maryvale, Utah, has an Elkar just like Alquist's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Milsap returned from Long Beach and Los Angeles, where they had the privilege of witnessing the coming of the Pacific fleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sands and two children are again at home in No. 7 Company row. Mr. Sands is here to resume his duties as roadmaster. Arthur Woods, who held the position during Mr. Sands' absence, is now holding a similar position at Provo, Utah.

Mrs. Lester Burt left Wednesday for a visit with her parents in Ohio.

Al Wilkes, car foreman in the Salt Lake shops, has been confined to his home for several days but is rapidly recovering. Dr. Smith pronounced his illness auto-intoxication.

Telephones are being installed this week in the Blue Front Mercantile Company's store and at the residence of James Ryan, on Main street.

Mrs. P. W. Duffin and two small sons and Mrs. Mabel Murray of Lynndahl are enjoying a visit at Venice, Cal.

Charles Wing and son Joe of Caliente are now located at Kimberley, Nev.

Mrs. J. Less Denton and family are spending a few weeks at the beach and visiting Mrs. Denton's sister, Mrs. Billy Seymour, in Los Angeles.

George Himstreet purchased Porter Lee's Ford runabout this week and made the trip to Alamo in record time to see the big ball game.

Among those who went to Alamo to root for Caliente Monday were Mrs. Lloyd Denton, Mrs. LaRue Duffin, Mrs. Will Cook, Mrs. Herbert Fieldson, Mrs. Reuben Savage, Miss Fern Cook, Miss Ruth Spotts, George Senter, Lester Burt, Bill Prout and George Himstreet.

The Caliente ball team won two games from Alamo Monday. The Alamo team is all right and, especially in the second game, Caliente had to hustle. The players went over in machines, one car leaving Sunday night to let Alamo know what was going to happen and the others leaving Monday morning. Early Tuesday morning they all came wearily home, full of praises of Alamo hospitality. After the ball games the vanquished team entertained at a watermelon feast and a social dance wound up the affair.

Frank Galnouer, who has been in the service twenty-two months and overseas for over a year, returned with the Fourth division, and after a visit with his mother in Los Angeles arrived in Caliente Monday to resume his position with the Salt Lake route. Buddy left with the second contingent and saw active service, beginning at Chauteau Thiery and continuing until the armistice.

It has been heard unofficially that Don Porrier, formerly of Caliente and Pioche, lost his life in the Argonne. The story has now been confirmed and his friends here are hoping it is untrue. Don was a resident of Caliente for about two years, during which time he was engaged as express agent, and was popular with all the young people. Later he went to Pioche and was with the Hodges-Cook Mercantile Company at the time he entered the service.

A party which was given some time ago has just come to light, but judging from the trouble met with in trying to get the particulars for this writeup it must have been some party. George Himstreet seems to have been the host, and although the exact date is uncertain it was sometime while his folks were fishing in Wyoming. From the number of Milford people present it must have been the day of the ball game between Milford and Caliente, but surely they would not "party" on a Sunday night. The house was decorated, without doubt, but the decorations were removed with the exception of some beautiful designs on the dining room ceiling, which must have been overlooked in the rush. Just what the refreshments were is not known, but they were homemade. That romance was in the air is evident from the fact that one couple, who saw each other for the first time while the fun was at its height, were married about a week later.

Virginia City Miners May Walk Out

By a vot of 129 to 52 the Virginia City miners working in the Comstock lode decided to go on strike if their demands for $1 a day increase is not granted. The strike, however, will not be called until official permission is granted by the International Union of Mine and Smelter Workers.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP

James Wheeler Jr. was in Pioche this week.

Arthur Reall returned from Salt Lake Saturday.

S. F. Whitney and W. H. Pitts are in Salt Lake on business.

J. D. Thomson and wife are expected in Pioche about September 1.

Ed Deck is moving his family into his own home on McCammon street.

Peter Buol is in Los Angeles enjoying a brief respite from mining work.

The Garrison family have been considering a move to their ranch on Wilson creek.

Mrs. Lawrence, mother of Mrs. William H. Pitts, is visiting with her daughter in Pioche.

Mrs. W. M. Christian has taken Edwin Christian to Salt Lake for an examination of his eyes.

Mrs. R. H. Shaw is on a visit to Salt Lake and Mr. Shaw is eating cold pancakes as he keeps bachelor hall.

Charles Schodde is in Pioche this week and reports general mining conditions in the Comet mining district as being good.

J. L. Bowman has returned from Salt Lake and again is genially attending to his duties in the A. S. Thompson store.

Wing Hi, known to all old-timers, has been sick for months and confined to his bed. He is not making a fast recovery from his illness.

Miss Mary Willoughby, teacher at the Prince school last year, has taken a school at Saticoy, Cal., near Los Angeles, for the coming school year.

Dr. J. H. Hastings has been joined by his wife and daughter and the family will make their permanent residence in Pioche, where the doctor will practice medicine.

Mrs. Isabell Ewing and Miss Mamie Orr have issued invitations to a shower party to be held at the Alexander hotel in honor of Miss Martha Orr next Wednesday afternoon.

W. C. Bright and family visited Panaca Wednesday and the reporter and editor, both very much in love with little Jewel, are glad the young lady had a pleasant trip.

Frank Kingsland came in from the Minerva Tungsten Wednesday and Tom Gillispie insisted that it be published that he brought the phonopragh in safely. Who brought the machine in safely?

J. W. Christian and wife are spending a few days of rest at the Wilson Creek ranch. Mr. Christian will probably resume his position with the Hodges-Cook Mercantile Company in the near future.

H. M. Lansdowne has been called east by the illness of his mother, who was operated upon Tuesday. It is expected that she will make a quick recovery and that Mr. Lansdowne will return in about ten days.

Master John Thomson Vedder has issued invitations to a party to be held Saturday afternoon at his mother's residence, and as he has won the heart of every child in the community the party should be a success.

Luke J. McNamee, the local attorney, left for Los Angeles last week and returned Tuesday with Mrs. McNamee, who has been visiting with her parents and brothers in the coast city during the last month.

O. J. Gillespie, engineer on the Prince railroad at different times for the last seven years, left Wednesday for Los Angeles, where he will make his home indefinitely. P. A. Lindsey, old-time railroader of Caliente, has taken the Prince run.

John W. Wedge visited Pioche Tuesday evening and reports that the third crop of hay is being harvested in the Pahranagat valley and that the fruit crop is excellent. Apples are three weeks early this year and the picking of pears has been started.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Donohue left Pioche last Saturday for an automobile trip extending through Utah and Idaho. Floyd Campbell accompanied them. The journey will require at least two weeks. They reached Salt Lake Tuesday, where they received a couple of forgotten suitcases.

The light of a big round moon showed the way to the popular Olinghouse ranch to a merry party last week. Mrs. Florence Vedder, Miss Mattie Orr, Miss Mamie Orr, Mrs. Jerome Fargo Sears, Miss Isabelle Osborne, Miss Isabell Ewing, Watson S. Side-Livermore, Luke J. McNamee, John Janney, Earl Godbe, Victor Huson, W. W. Grubbs and Charles Osborne made a party of thirteen, which was most unlucky for the glooms. The moonlight picnic was voted a huge success by members of the party.

Owen Walker and wife returned to Pioche last week after an absence of nearly two years. Mrs. Walker, who was Miss Adeline Craw before her marriage three years ago, is renewing acquaintances and visiting her many friends. Owen Walker during the last year was the master mechanic at the Standard Minerals, a mine nineteen miles southeast of Kingman, Ariz. Previous to that time he was with the Western Machinery Company at Los Angeles. Rumell Walker, much better known as "Plute" Walker, has been running a hoist in Arizona for the last four months and has returned to Pioche with his brother. Pioche weather is considerably more comfortable than the Arizona climate, but a trip is necessary before this is fully appreciated.

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JOE FOSTER SELLS MINE

Joe Foster has sold the Lime Hill. To everyone who knows Pioche and cheerful Joe Foster this brief announcement spells a long story. The Lime Hill, scorned in the early days, has been the subject of many a disparaging jest in later days, and Joe Foster has probably been "panned" regarding his ownership of the property more often than any other prospector in the district. Undiscouraged by adverse comment and undismayed by the knowledge that much work would have to be done before he could hope to open the ore which he believed existed, Joe Foster plugged along in his spare time and the passing years permitted him to open up the more encouraging places on his ground and finally to find the ore. Not much ore, it is true, but real ore, and some rich ore.

Mr. Foster by occupation is an ore-sorter. He can tell the difference between the chloridee and the chloridum with his eyes shut, and such simple minerals as complex lead-zinc he sorts with both hands into zinc-bin and lead-bin exactly as the relative merits of the predominating mineral demand. In short, Mr. Foster knows ore, and when he found ore on his property he knew it was ore without the formality of assay. But, simply to convince the skeptical, who were legion, he did assay it, and got a certificate which belonged among the proud and haughty class. Then the ore was sold for real money. That settled it.

Mr. Foster knew that there was ore in his ground regardless of what the early miners thought about it and regardless of what the local henchmen might say. And he stuck and did the work.

Now Mr. Foster is one of those cheerful individuals who is some little joker himself and he was not spared. In vain did he show the certificate and in vain did he quote the settlement sheet. He was constantly roasted and constantly jeered—and constantly at work.

Foster—pardon, please—Mr. Foster has now sold and the reporter called upon him for confirmation. Mr. Foster was starting to buy George Dorothy and L. G. Gill some Bevo at Clark's but paused to say:

"Now you get the story from the head man. I got nothing to say. Wait a minute. I'll tell you this much—you recollect this man who you boys bothered so much 'bout that Lime Hill, don't you. Well, he's sold out and got first payment in his pocket. Now I guess they stop talking, don't they?"

Stop talking! Mr. Foster knows ore but not the great American outdoor and indoor sport. Talk buzzed up one street and down the other, into the houses and out of the houses, and traveled on foot, on burros and in Fords. And—and this is news to Joe Foster—no word of jest was heard. Everyone was glad that Joe was glad, and everyone, for once, expressed himself as being glad that the old Lime Hill was going to have a chance to be developed. And everyone knew that the ore was there. Oh, Life!

Hunters from Ely in Pioche District

O. F. Foreman and George A. Sowers, both of Ely, are spending a couple of weeks on a hunting and fishing trip through the southern Nevada valleys and stopped in Pioche Tuesday. They are traveling in a Dodge truck equipped with camp outfit and are accompanied by three aristocratic wolfhounds, which afford some good sport in hunting coyotes and rabbits. They have been fairly successful in finding game, but have not seen coyotes on the trip. Joe Powers, the local hunter, took them out Tuesday in quest of these animals, but without success, although the party got plenty of rabbits.

Mr. Foreman has but recently returned from France, where he was with the American service corps engaged in the maintenance of highways back of the trenches. He was in charge of a company of French civilians and had some interesting experiences. The roads of France before the war, he said, were to be classed with the finest roads of the world. Graded accurately, crowned and drained, they were covered with crushed rock and rolled to the compactness of cement. During the war the traffic was so heavy and so constant that continual work was necessary to keep them up. Stone quarries were maintained near the important roads and crushed rock was kept hauled to each road by motor trucks and piled alongside in readiness for use. Mr. Foreman's duty was to see that this rock was spread as the road was worn down. At times there would be trains of motor trucks carrying supplies to the front, passing over the roads for hour after hour—trains seventy-five miles in solid length. No road could withstand the pounding of such traffic, so repairs were constant.

Mr. Sowers had army experience but was stationed on this side. At Fort Lee he gained the eminence of mess sergeant, a position that is far from being a snap, but which did not sour a sunny disposition in the slightest. Asked how it was that the won that particular position, he said that he knew no more about the lottery than did the bank clerk who found himself in charge of a washing machine in the camp laundry and bossing the owner of three California steam laundries who was checking clothes for him. They left for Ely Tuesday.

Pioche Ore Shipments for the Week

Ore shipments from Pioche for the week ending August 21 aggregated 1,800 tons, as follows:

Prince Consolidated	1,200
Virginia Louise	400
Black Metals	200

Ore shipments from Pioche for the week ending August 14 aggregated 1,600 tons, as follows:

Prince Consolidated	1,250
Virginia Louise	250
Black Metals	100

Card of Thanks From Pippin Family

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the many acts of kindness rendered us by our friends in the sad hour of our bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. T. E. DULA.
MR. AND MRS. TOM PIPPIN.
MR. AND MRS. JOHN PIPPIN.
MRS. JOSEPH CONAWAY.

Caliente, Nev., Aug. 20, 1919.

Tonopah Miners Decide Not to Strike

At an orderly meeting of Tonopah and Divide miners last week it was voted not to strike for higher wages pending the result of conferences between representatives of the miners and the mine ownrs' association.

Wanted—Family washing taken home; ironed or rough dry; two in family. Apply at Record office.

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