

month's business ever experienced by the Salt Lake board. And Sioux and Iron Blossom, up to the present time, have been the leaders in steady trading, both holding very faithfully to the levels gained during the height of the boom.

There were several other interesting spots on the local exchange during the year. Ohio Copper comes near to holding the prize for extent of appreciation in value. During the panic season, a portion of 1908 being utilized by the country in recovering from the fateful closing of 1907, Ohio Copper stock was to be purchased at \$1.95 per share. On the company weathering the storm, and properly providing the necessary funds for completing mine development and mill installation, the stock reflected the return to logical conditions, and the stock during November reached as high as \$5.60 per share in Salt Lake and \$6 in New York.

Throughout the first few months of the past season, many of the mines were forced to curtail their output owing to the closed smelters and the low price of metals. Among them was the Silver King Coalition, a stock that dipped to \$3, but which recovered to \$4.90 on the resumption to normal conditions and profit distribution. Prince Consolidated stock, one of the latest recruits to the regular board, began its career on the exchange by selling for 90 cents a share. After a large majority of local investors had become convinced of what this property contained, the stock rose to as high as \$1.52½ per share. Grand Central touched as low a point as \$2.62 during the blue period, but recovered to \$3.90, and is now holding well above the \$3 level.

Beck Tunnel was an attractive stock during the forepart of last year, selling from 49 cents a share to as high as \$1.52½, to slip back to points below \$1 a share during the close of the year. Wabash has had another feverish year, going from 7 cents a share to as high as \$1.40 during

the summer months, when it began to appear as if the mine really had encountered its ore at last. The stock is now wavering between 10 and 30 cents a share. Victoria, with all its splendid resources awaiting extraction, followed the general run of stocks during the months, when there was no hope in sight, and slid back to 90 cents a share. The stock was absolutely stationary otherwise, until a few weeks ago it jumped to \$2.40 a share in the sale column just because someone wanted to buy it. Mammoth, another old leader of Tintic, lost faith to the extent of selling for \$1.65, and then recovered to \$2.25 a share, closing the year at figures near \$2.

Nevada came in for her share of prosperity in the Mason Valley. This stock always has been a favorite one in Salt Lake, and not long ago began a steady climb from \$1.30 a share up to \$2.80.

There were many stocks on the local board that weakened badly, and failed to recover the levels lost. Among these are the Daly Judge, Daly West, Uncle Sam, Mountain Lake, May Day, Lower Mammoth and others. Carisa, one of the forgotten ones, began to look perky when it became known that the management had shifted, and that the management had selected the Carisa as the spot over which the Colorado ore body should cross. For several weeks the Tintic Central stock has been one of the most active on the exchange, and it likewise is a candidate for Colorado ore honors, although it and the Carisa are at complete right angles to each other geographically.

The Salt Lake Exchange has been very fortunate in 1908 in getting some of the strong unlisted stocks placed on the regular board, where they are afforded better protection, and where the stockholder has some show for his investment. Among the additions were the Silver King Coalition, Mason Valley, Prince Consolidated, New-

house, Boston Consolidated, and practically all the new Tintic companies, as the Tintic Central, Tintic Combination, Tintic Silver, Tintic Silver Crown, Utah Consolidated, Iron King Consolidated, Swansea Consolidated, Iron Hat, East Tintic Development, Dragon, King William, Bonnie Brier, Addle and several others. The Yerington Copper stock, King David, Godiva and Gold Circle Crown were other additions to the regular board.

When the Salt Lake exchange began business, it placed stocks on the board indiscriminately, that is, whether they were paid for or not. In the past year all these free stocks were removed for a non-payment of the \$100 listing fee, among them being the Daly West, Mammoth, Utah Mine and Bullion Beck.

A study of the table showing the sales by months in 1908, and the figures for the totals of the past five years, it will be seen that 1908, by an even \$2,000,000, eclipsed 1907, which theretofore was the greatest year ever had on 'Change. The December figures are brought up to the 8th of the month, and it would be safe to estimate that the December sales will total \$1,500,000, which would bring the increase to an even greater level. Investors have made money as never before in 1908, and it goes without emphasis that the brokers have enjoyed unusual prosperity, a few of them getting very near the bloated wealthy class by the business done last year.

A little chap in Philadelphia, whose father is a prominent merchant, and, as such, never loses an opportunity to descant upon the virtues of advertising, one day asked his mother: "May Lucy and I play at keeping store in the front room?" "Yes," assented the mother, "but you must be very very quiet." "All right," said the youngster, "we'll pretend we don't advertise."

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