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More Editorial Politics

Recently a paper in the county seat published a tirade on the county commissioners because of certain improvements that had been made on the county roads in the north end of the county. In our last issue we stated that notwithstanding the present commissioners had for the first time in history made certain sections of the state road between Lehi and Pleasant Grove, passable, still this section lacked a great deal in having its share of the county funds.

We contrasted this method of spending the public money with the building of an expensive boulevard from Provo to Provo canyon, chiefly for the pleasure of pleasure seekers.

The aforesaid paper now comes back accusing us with ulterior motives and says that we "need Christensen's vote in the letting of coming contracts for county printing."

As this article is being written this paper has never made any bid for county printing, but, by the way, we see no reason why we should not submit one. "As long as the memory of man runneth," other cities in the county than Provo have never received a cent of county money of the thousands of dollars that have been spent for county printing. For a dozen years the complaining paper has had the exclusive grazing privileges on the county printing reservation. Would it not be shocking to have the county delinquent tax list published just for once in another paper, even if it did have double the circulation, covering twice or three times the territory? Rome, or a certain Dago from Rome would howl if the commissioners followed the rule in county printing that they have with the county roads, recognize that Utah county and Provo are not necessarily synonymous terms.

Will Make Mine of Lehi-Tintic

Manager George Nicholes and the directors of the Lehi-Tintic visited the property in North Tintic this week, accompanied by a mining expert, who told them that with a little more work they would probably have the greatest mine in all Europe. He was wonderfully impressed with the big ore vein and gave it as his opinion that vast ore bodies lay beneath. The directors accepted his suggestions and will push in the deep tunnel, and when the big vein is intercepted will then sink on it. Mr. L. H. Morrison, the mining engineer, reports as follows. As many local people are heavy stockholders, it will be of interest:

"The upper workings, or what is known as tunnel No. 1, runs east and north a distance of about 1,300 feet. A winze has been sunk about 140 feet from the end of this tunnel to a depth of about sixty feet, there being two steps or benches in that distance, and at that point the vein is nearly vertical. I find there a wide fissure containing some ore and a great deal of oxidized iron or a leached condition."

"The lower tunnel, which is about 465 feet lower than the upper tunnel, has been driven about 1,100 feet, at which point there is a fork in the tunnel, one of which is driven about 40 degrees east of north and about 500 feet. This branch of the tunnel is in the direction of the winze connected from the upper tunnel above described. The formation in this tunnel is lime and oxidized iron containing traces of silver and lead."

Details As to Tunnel.
"The left hand tunnel or fork has been driven about 400 feet and is in an almost northerly direction, and is in the direction of the fissure commonly known as the Empire fissure, as shown by the work in this fissure on the surface above. The formation in this branch of the tunnel is also of lime and oxidized iron."

"From the surface indications and from the development thus far made there are two well-defined fissures, and there is also, I judge from the surface indications only, a third fissure smaller than the other two on this property at a lower depth near the base of the mountain and runs in a northerly direction, and I also think it contains a nice quality of lead ore. This lower fissure, however, has not been developed."

Would Seek Depth.
"As to the further development

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work on this property I would suggest that the lower tunnel, at both forks, be driven to a point which would intercept the ore zone as shown above, and then raise from that point, believing this method will determine the character property at greater depth, and I firmly believe that you will uncover bodies of ore in both branches of the tunnel, being the two distinct fissures above referred to.

"The lower or third fissure referred to would be a matter for further consideration, and it is possible that the two larger fissures may intercept the smaller at a point near the base of the mountain."

"I would advise that a survey be made of the property to determine the nearest point at which these tunnels should be driven in order to establish a point at which to raise from the tunnel. There is also a possibility that ore may be intercepted in either branch of this tunnel as ore

chutes indicate this.

"The general condition of the lower tunnel is good and the character of the tunnel, with very little additional work, can be made a permanent working tunnel."

"It is also my opinion that this property is well worth the development contemplated, as I regard the showing made by the development thus far as warranting it."

BEDDING OUT SYSTEM

Is Advocated For Western Sheep Ranges

(From the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

As a result of experiments during the past few years the department of agriculture is now advocating the use of the bedding-out system of herding sheep on open ranges, instead of the

old close herding system which has heretofore been in use.

This system gets its name from the fact that the herder who attends the band camps and beds his flocks wherever the sheep find themselves at nightfall. Under the old plan he established a fixed camp and bed-ground and drove his sheep back to the same place each night.

Lambs Are Heavier

Through experience on the national forest ranges last year the department states that lambs from bedded-out bands were five pounds heavier on an average at the end of the season than those which were trailed to and from established bed-grounds, and that the range can carry from 10 to 25 per cent more sheep than when so much is tramped out in traveling back and forth. The disadvantages of the old system, according to the department, were two-fold, those to the forage and those to the sheep. The forage suffered by being trampled badly, and being actually destroyed at and near the bed-grounds; the sheep lost weight in going to and from the camps, and in dry weather suffered not a little from dust and from crowding.

Moreover, under the old system the sheep were kept pretty well bunched; under the new plan they graze at will in scattered, open flocks. During the day the herder moves about in a wide circuit around his charges, looking for tracks to see that none of the sheep has strayed beyond his circle. The sheep are constantly moving through new feed instead of traveling over areas already fed over.

Few Sheep Lost

Sheepmen have maintained that the close herding system so long in use was necessary to prevent losses from straying, and from the ravages of animals, such as wolves, coyotes, and mountain lions. The experiments, of

Abraham Lincoln

was once asked how long a man's legs should be and he promptly replied that they should be long enough to reach from his body to the ground.

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the Service show that straying can be prevented, and one band on the Payette forest, Idaho, which never bedded two nights in the same place, and which grazed in timber and brush practically the entire summer, lost only four head; in this, as in the majority of cases, the loss under the new system was less than under the old one of close herding.

The forest rangers and trained hunters of the service cooperate with the herdsmen to ride the ranges of predatory animals, and to render the danger of loss from this source less than it was formerly.

Sheep Owners Endorse It.

How the new system is regarded by the sheep owners is indicated by the following letter to the supervisor of the Tahoe national forest, California:

"I am in favor of the 'blanket' or 'camping-out' system of sheep herding. I have always found the sheep and lambs in better condition when camped out, and in feeding the range that way it will carry more sheep and does not damage the range as when they are driven to one camp. I have always been very careful about feeding my summer range and I think by the way I have had it fed, it is as good as not better than it was twenty years ago."

The author of this letter, according to local forest officers, is a very successful woolgrower, and the range which he uses under permit from the government is always in the best condition, and yet is stocked with sheep to its fullest capacity.

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NATIONALIZING THE TELEPHONE.

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When it can be demonstrated that the federal government can give better telephone service or an equal service at lower rates than are now charged, there will be little reason to protest against government ownership. But the report of Mr. Burleson's committee does not afford any promise of that sort.—The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

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