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Gentlemen—I have pleasure in submitting report on progress of work here:—Mines: Preparatory and development work is proceeding in a satisfactory manner. Ray: In the cross-cut towards the west from the bottom of the main shaft, which is 220 ft. deep, the wall of the mass has been encountered, and shows rich ore. A drift towards the south is being driven which will supply the greater portion of the ore for the old mill. The east wall has not yet been cut, and so far the mass here shows a width of over 100 ft. Arrangements are being made to drive an adit level a little above the creek bed, which will intersect the ore mass at a depth of about 100 ft. below the top of the main shaft, and thus facilitate the extraction of ore and the means of connection with the steam tramway on Mineral Creek. A large mass of ore undoubtedly exists on this portion of the property. Sharkey: Here cross-cuts have been driven from the bottom of the shaft at a depth of 210 ft. from the surface, showing a width of 60 ft., but no walls have yet been cut. Here it is impossible to say what quantity of ore may be eventually exposed, but that the quantity will be very great is beyond question. Humboldt: A contract has been given to sink a large extraction shaft, 12 ft. by 5 ft., on this claim. This shaft will eventually be connected with the Sharkey shaft, as ore undoubtedly exists all the way from one shaft to the other. This Humboldt shaft will be the main extraction shaft for this portion of the property, and a branch line will be run from the Mineral Creek tramway to this shaft. I cannot yet say much about the size of the ore body, but I am certain that it will be very large. Tribunal: A contract has been given to sink a shaft similar in size to the Humboldt, on this claim. A large mass of very good ore is exposed here on the surface, and on an adjacent claim called the Man Tiger, which does not belong to the company.

very rich ore has been cut. The Tribunal shaft will cut this ore, and eventually a drift will be driven from the bottom of the Tribunal shaft towards the Mathias and Hall claim, which will traverse an immense ore body, which promises to be one of the richest on the company's property. Eventually a shaft will be sunk on the Mathias and Hall claim, but this is not pressing at present. Lincoln: The Lincoln shaft has attained a depth of 80 ft., and is not at present being sunk, as the hoisting engine ordered for this work has not yet come to hand. This shaft is all in ore, and will eventually develop a large ore body. As soon as the hoist arrives this work will be proceeded with. There is no doubt that very large quantities of ore can be extracted from these places, and the question of an ample supply of ore for even a large concentrating mill can be considered as decided. The means of transporting the ore to the mill, and the erection of the mill itself, are what will cause delay. By the time the mill is erected and the tramway built the mine will be producing a large quantity of ore. Mill site: It has been decided to erect the concentrating mill on the Gila River, at the mouth of Mineral Creek, because—First, an ample supply of water for all future requirements, no matter how large dimensions the mill may eventually grow, can be obtained; and second, because Mineral Creek formed the only feasible exit from the mines. The site chosen is excellent, and ground suitable for a town site, and all necessary offices and work-shops lie in close proximity to the mill site. I have named this place "Regila," a combination of Ray and Gila, the name of the river. I enclose a sketch map, showing the mines and the mill site, and approximately, the route taken by the tramway. Tramway: This will be a narrow-gauge railway of 2 ft. 6 ins. gauge, and operated by means of locomotives, and will be capable of transporting a large quantity of ore, as the grade is down hill all the way from the mines to the mill. From the mill the tramway will be continued across the Gila River for about three miles to a point where the traction engine can come. From this point to the Southern Pacific Railway station of Red Rock all freight will be carried by the traction engine at a cost which will not exceed \$1.75 per ton. There are several schemes for railways connecting Tucson and Florence, which all pass near the Gila River, where we cross it, so it would be imprudent to consider the construction of our narrow-gauge railway to Red Rock for the present, as probably we may be able to connect shortly, with another system, and the traction engine will, I trust, meet all our immediate requirements. The survey of the tramway is being completed, and then bids on it will be asked for from contractors, and the work pressed forward with all speed. I hope to have it completed by the end of Jan. next, because I can only receive the locomotive in 90 days' time, and I shall require here to complete the work hauling girders and rails to the upper end of the line. The bridge over the Gila River will be at once the most expensive and protracted piece of work, and I am unfortunately not at present able to give any detailed estimates or particulars, either as to cost or length of time required to construct it. The construction of the tramway and the erection and even working of the mill can, however, be carried on with a little extra cost during the construction of the bridge. New mill: Plans and estimates for the mill are being prepared, and I expect to be in a position to close the contract within the next fortnight. So far as I can judge, the Gates Ironworks, of Chicago, offered the best terms for this machinery and plant. Plant ordered:—The following machinery has been contracted for: One 180 h.p. air compressor, engine and boiler; two gasoline hoists; one 2 ft. 6 in. gauge locomotive; 15 ore cars, 2 ft. 6 in. gauge; four flat cars, 2 ft. 6 in. gauge; 400 tons 25-lb. steel rails, with joints, bolts, nuts and spikes; one traction engine; three cars for traction engine; 15 mine cars, 18 in. gauge; 15 tons 8-lb. steel rails for mines; telephone instruments, poles, wire, &c.; various fittings for old mill; pump for old mill; sundry supplies, such as lumber, cord-wood, gasoline, sleepers, mine timbers, &c., &c. Old mill: The old mill is at work and every possible effort will be used to keep it producing concentrates pending the erection of the new mill, so that some saleable material may be produced. The loss in tailings will be greater than will be the case with more modern and perfect machinery, but notwithstanding, I hope to show a good profit on this work.—ALEX. HILL.

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there was little sympathy for the depraved life that sought only the worst of the world. Had the picture that is re-created in the letter that came to-day been portrayed at that time, perhaps there would have been more sympathy for her. Pearl had kept the story of her life from her mother, and since her brothers and sisters have learned it through the Arizona papers, they too are holding the secret lest the breaking of the news kill their mother.

The letter says: "To the sheriff: I see by the papers that you have Miss Pearl Hart in custody in Arizona for some misdemeanor. Now as I am her brother-in-law I am interested in her welfare. It has been a long time since we heard from her and we did not know what had become of her. The paper stated that she wanted to go to her mother. I assure you that her mother would be glad to have her at home, for I have seen her sit and cry when we were talking about Pearl and wondering what had become of her. Since she has unfortunately become an opium fiend we all have more sympathy for her. She is the only one in the family that has ever become addicted to such habits. "Now, I would beg of you to be as easy with her as you can, for we have not dared to let her mother know that we have heard anything of her, and much less that she is a prisoner, as she is troubled with heart disease and the news might affect her seriously. I enclose an envelope with my address for return. You will do me the kindness to answer and tell me all the particulars in her case. James T. Taylor, 712 Jefferson street, Toledo, Ohio."

The news had not been received at Toledo that Pearl Hart was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary when the above letter was written. The family is no doubt poor, and this makes the pity for the mother of the woman bandit all the more keen.

He Got Information.

A man who does not take his home paper, but occasionally answers advertisements in "story papers" has had some interesting experiences, says an exchange. He learned that by sending \$1 to a Yankee he could get a cure for drunkenness. Sure enough he did. It was to "Take the pledge and keep it." Later on, he sent 50 two-cent stamps to find out how to raise turkeys successfully. He found out—"Just take hold of the tops and pull." Being young, he wished to marry, and sent 34 one-cent stamps to a Chicago firm for information as to how to make impression. When the answer came it read, "Sit down on a pan of dough." That was a little rough, but he was a patient man, and thought he would yet succeed. The next advertisement he answered read, "How to double your money in six months." He was

told to convert his money into bills, fold them, and he would see his money doubled. The next time, he sent for 12 useful household articles, and got a package of needles. He was slow to learn, so he sent a dollar to find out "How to get rich." "Work like the devil and never spend a cent." That stopped him, but his brother wrote to find out "How to write a letter without pen or ink." He was told to use a lead pencil. He paid \$5 to learn how to live without work, and was told on a postal card to "Fish for suckers as we do."

Mysterious Murder.

[From the Tombstone Prospector.]

The body of an unknown man was found near Wilcox. The Range News states the examination before the coronor's jury developed the fact that the unfortunate had undoubtedly been foully murdered, shot in the head from behind and left on the prairie.

There was no mark by which the identity of the body could be established, except that the middle finger of the right hand had a defective nail, probably from the effects of a felon.

A striped percale shirt, evidently made to order and having below the bosom the initials W. A. T. in old English letters of red color, was found 300 yards distant from the body.

No blood stains or marks of violence were found on the overalls, which probably did not belong to the deceased as they were too short for him. The clothing did not appear to have been exposed to the weather so long as the body, and there is a suspicion that the garments might have been placed there to mislead.

Work on the Santa Fe & Grand Canyon railroad is progressing at a rapid rate. Material and supplies arriving daily. The boarding outfit for the construction crew has been moved twelve miles from town. Two construction trains have been put on, one which stays with the steel gang and the other doing the "swing work."—[Williams News.]

If you know a man to be a liar, you can trade horses with him unstandingly.—[Chicago Daily News.]

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