

NEVADA STATE MINING NEWS

FIRE DESTROYS OLD PIOCHE LANDMARK

PIOCHE, Nev. — A disastrous fire which occurred at Pioche, on June 30th, completely destroyed the machine shops and tool hoes and blacksmith shop owned by Amalgamated Pioche Mines and Smelters corporation. The building was one of the oldest on the Pioche hill, serving the Raymon and Ely mines in their bonanza days, the floor of the machine shop covering the celebrated Hermes shaft, 1000 feet in depth, which was the central theme in the celebrated law suit over the Raymond and Ely Bonanza ore body. The disputed area being between the Hermes shaft and the Raymond and Ely shaft, it being claimed that the ore body was apexed by the Hermes discovery. Millions of dollars were spent on this case, and many lives were lost in the fights over the disputed area of bonanza ground in the early sixties. The building was still standing intact when the writer came to Pioche in the year 1905 and housed the machine shops, the blacksmith shop and the store-house of the company. S. F. Whitney having his private offices in the building. The loss was, it is stated, partially covered by insurance. The Amalgamated Pioche mill, close by the shops was saved by the efforts of the fire company at Pioche who worked hard to reduce the loss. The fire was stated to have started by sparks from the engines of the Pioche Pacific R. R., company which hauls ore down to the Union Pacific main line from the Combined Metals No. 1 mine. — Western Mineral Survey.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN AREA PRODUCING

RENO, Nev. — Continued activity in the Copper Canyon and Galena district, 12 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, have been marked by a number of new discoveries of interest and by a steady output of ore that has been shipped to Utah smelters. A new find is reported on claims situated in Philadelphia Canyon a mile west of the old camp of Bannock and owned by J. A. Madison, L. L. Lyman and A. J. Nelson, at a point that was the center of a gold stampede many years ago.

Following the granting of a lease on part of the ground to M. S. Fisher of Battle Mountain said the report, prospecting was undertaken in old workings opened during the last boom of the camp in 1909 and a two-foot vein was found that is said to sample \$60 per ton, selected samples having assayed as high as 15 ounces gold and nine ounces silver per ton.

Lessee Fisher was reported to have mined about 10 tons of highgrade ore and was installing a hoist and a shipping bin. Rich float is said to have been found at several points near the workings and it was reported that the vein had been traced into adjoining ground, where the owners were prospecting and preparing to explore the ledge at depth. — Western Mineral Survey.

ATTENDING U. S. C.

Rulon T. Shepard of Overton, principal of the Moapa Valley high school, is a member of the school administrator's club at the University of Southern California summer session. Mr. Sheppard is working for his masters degree in education.

CAMP GOING UP IN OSCEOLA

RENO, Nevada — Construction of substantial camp buildings at the property of the Wagner Placer Mining Co. at Osceola, in eastern White Pine county, is to be followed at once, says reports from the old camp by installation of equipment to handle a large yardage of gravel and results of development in the placer area are declared to have been highly encouraging. A shaft sunk 10 feet, in an unexplored part of the district is said to have shown increasingly good values to this depth.

Equipment that will be provided to recover the placer gold includes a Denver mechanical gold pan and preparations were being made to lay a 3,200-ft. pipe line for necessary water. The mine is situated about two miles south of the old Hogum-Osceola. Gravel and disintegrated country rock sampled in sinking the 100-ft. shaft is said to have shown a gold content ranging from \$1.20 to \$2.20 per yard.

Osceola, 40 miles east by southeast from Ely and on the west slope of the Snake range, was discovered in 1872 and the district is credited with a production of between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 up to 1907. Its product has included placer and lode gold, silver, lead, tungsten and phosphate rock, but its gold output exceeds by 10 to 1 the combined production of other metals. The Pilot Knob mine operated a 20-stamp mill on scheelite for several years and the Lucky Boy mine produced silver-lead ore.

—Western Mineral Survey.

PROSPECTORS GET NEVADA BERYL AND TUNGSTEN GROUND

LOVELOCK, Nev. — Geo. Gordon and Edwin Marker, discoverers of the beryl-tungsten property near Rocky Canyon in the Humboldt Range east of Oreana, completed the purchase of 320 acres of patented ground from the Southern Pacific recently. They now have the ledge intact in which development work has revealed lowgrade beryl and exceptionally rich tungsten. Specimens brought to Lovelock have been estimated as 70 per cent tungsten acid. — Denver Mining Record.

JARBRIDGE MINE IS BASIS OF A NEW DEAL

RENO, Nev. — The famous Jarbridge is being reopened, according to word received here. The Bluster Gold Mining Company has furnished new capital and installed a 100-ton flotation mill. R. R. Cook of the old company is the new president.

It is said the working force will be doubled within the next 60 days. Under former management the old mine is credited with the production of over \$1,000,000 in gold and silver.

—Denver Mining Record.

MORE PITTSBURGH MARRIAGES

PITTSBURGH — (UP) — Pittsburghers either have more money in their pockets or are becoming more loving. Books at the marriage license bureau show: 1,386 marriage licenses issued during June only 83 less than in the same month of boom year of 1929; 886 licenses issued in June of 1933 and 735 in the same month of 1932. Charles Hendrickson, veteran clerk, explains: "It's love and money."

CALIENTE MINES BOOST OUTPUT

CALIENTE, Nev. — A steady production in gold ore shipments from the Delmar featured the months of June and July will, it is anticipated show a greater production according to present estimates. During the month of June, the Magnolia a Lease of the Delmar Exploration Company shipped a car of gold and silver ore from its property, north of the Delmar Mine, the ore coming from the 200 foot level of the well known mine which has made steady shipments for the past three years.

The Steele Lease on the Gold Cup claim also shipped during the month, the ore being mined close to the surface from a well defined fissure vein which has been opened up for a considerable distance by the leasers.

The Easter Mine on the Western extremity of the Delamar District shipped its second car load of gold-silver ore during June, the ore, carrying a gross value of approximately \$25 in gold and silver at present prices. Work in continuing at the property, repairs to the compressor delaying the work for a week. The 40 foot level of the Easter shaft is now being connected with the winze from the No. 1 tunnel, this work will enable a large block of gold ore to be more economically mined at it would be necessary to underhand stope the ore at the present time, the first two cars being mined above the tunnel level clear to the surface of the cropping. The property is under lease to Phil Dolan, James Hulse and Jack Cole of Pioche, the owners of the mine being T. E. Dula, Wm. Acklin and E. C. D. Marriage of Caliente.

The Caliente Cyaniding Company has increased its production during June, four lots of precipitates being sent forward, while the water is still short, a better saving is being made at the mill, and further economies are being planned by H. L. Hazen, Supt., of the property. The mill tailings dumps are estimated to contain over 3,000,000 tons, and represent a valuable holding at the present prices for gold and silver. Ten men are employed at the present time and work has been progressing steadily for the past two years. — Western Mineral Survey.

NATURE SAVED YOUTH

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (UP) — Nature found a way even when physicians were puzzled, and little John Stringfellow, owes his life to the fact. After repeated efforts by physicians to remove a peanut lodged near the child's throat, Nature stepped in with a first class case of pneumonia. This served to wash the peanut away. John is now well on the road to recovery.

NEVADA GOLD ORE GOES TO BIG MILL

ELY, Nev. — As the Nevada Consolidated Copper Corporation resumed taking ore shipments at its McGill plant, the Ely Gold Mines and the Chainman lease were two of the mines starting operation again in the Lane City area.

Twenty men are working at the Ely Gold Mines under William Walker, superintendent, while six men are working at the Chainman lease at present.

The ore from both places is low-grade running \$6 to more than \$20 a ton, but it is of a silicious nature and is used by the copper corporation as a flux in its McGill smelter.

Across the valley eight miles at the Shallenberger property Engineer Dawson has secured a bond and lease and has uncovered some rich ore. He is now preparing to install a small mill there.

QUARTZ MOUNTAIN MINE HAS RESUMED AFTER FIVE YEARS

ROUND MOUNTAIN, Nev. — The San Rafael mine at Quartz Mountain has resumed production. The ore is being produced by leasers and is being shipped to the Midvale smelter. It is sampling \$35 to \$40 in silver, lead and gold.

The San Rafael mine had been idle five years. It is one of several mines united in January, 1928, to form the Quartz Mountain Mining & Milling Company. L. D. Gordon is manager.

—Denver Mining Record.

RICH ORE SHOWING IN IRWIN CANYON CLAIMS

The Irwin Gold Mining Company is in rich gold ore at its property in Irwin Canyon, 26 miles south of Carrant, it is reported.

A tunnel has been driven 350 feet on the 350-foot level. The vein is 20 inches wide and carries values that assay 4.47 ounces gold per ton.

In a shaft 85 feet deep, ore assaying 2.39 ounces gold per ton has been struck.

Melvin Jones, interested in the company, stopped in Ely this week and stated that a compressor shipped to the mine several weeks ago now is being used in development work. — Ely Record.

YOUNG MEN LEAD IN CRIME.

PHILADELPHIA — (UP) — A majority of the major crimes against life and property are committed by boys and young men, the annual report of the Criminal Justice Association reveals. Based on statistics for 1933, the report shows that the average for those arrested for burglary is 21; for robbery, 23; for larceny, 26; while 15 per cent of the total arrest for burglary were of boys under 16.

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