

# Mining Increase Helps The State

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Once again in 1937 the mining industry of Nevada recorded an increased year's production of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc, with an increase in total values to give a \$35,000,000 production for the year.

So general was the increase in mining activity that practically every city, town and mining camp in the state benefited from it. The ranching communities were especially favored with increased home markets, so vital to their success.

Outstanding in increased prosperity, due to mining, was the Ely community, where the settlement of the litigation between two large copper producers was the signal in midsummer for maximum production at the best copper price in years.

Elko and northern Elko county prospered from the steady production during the year of the Mountain City Copper Company's mine and the new large milling plant.

Winnemucca, famed for its rodeo, took on the aspect of a bustling mining city in 1937 with the rush of capital to develop George Austin's and other new discoveries in the Awakening district of the Slumbering Hills and to block out an assured large tonnage of gold ore in the new Getchell mine, with the construction being rushed on a 600-ton mill.

The continued production and growth of mining on the Comstock lode contributed greatly to the prosperity of Virginia City, Gold Hill, Silver City and extending to Carson City and Reno.

The rejuvenation of the Silver Peak district and surrounding territory was most noticeable in 1937, with a steady production from mills at Silver Peak and nearby Weepah, along with the completion of the 200-ton mill of the Desert Silver, Inc., and the construction, at the present time, of a new 200-ton mill at Silver Peak.

At Pioche the advent of Boulder Dam power in the district in the fall of the year marked the start of the necessary mine development work and plans for a 1000-ton mill that is expected to start Pioche on its way as one of the leading lead-zinc producers of the United States.

In Clark county there has been a marked increase in activity in and production of the non-metallics with promising experimental work on ferro-alloys and industrial minerals that envisions future reduction plants utilizing the low cost Boulder Dam power.

### OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR 1938

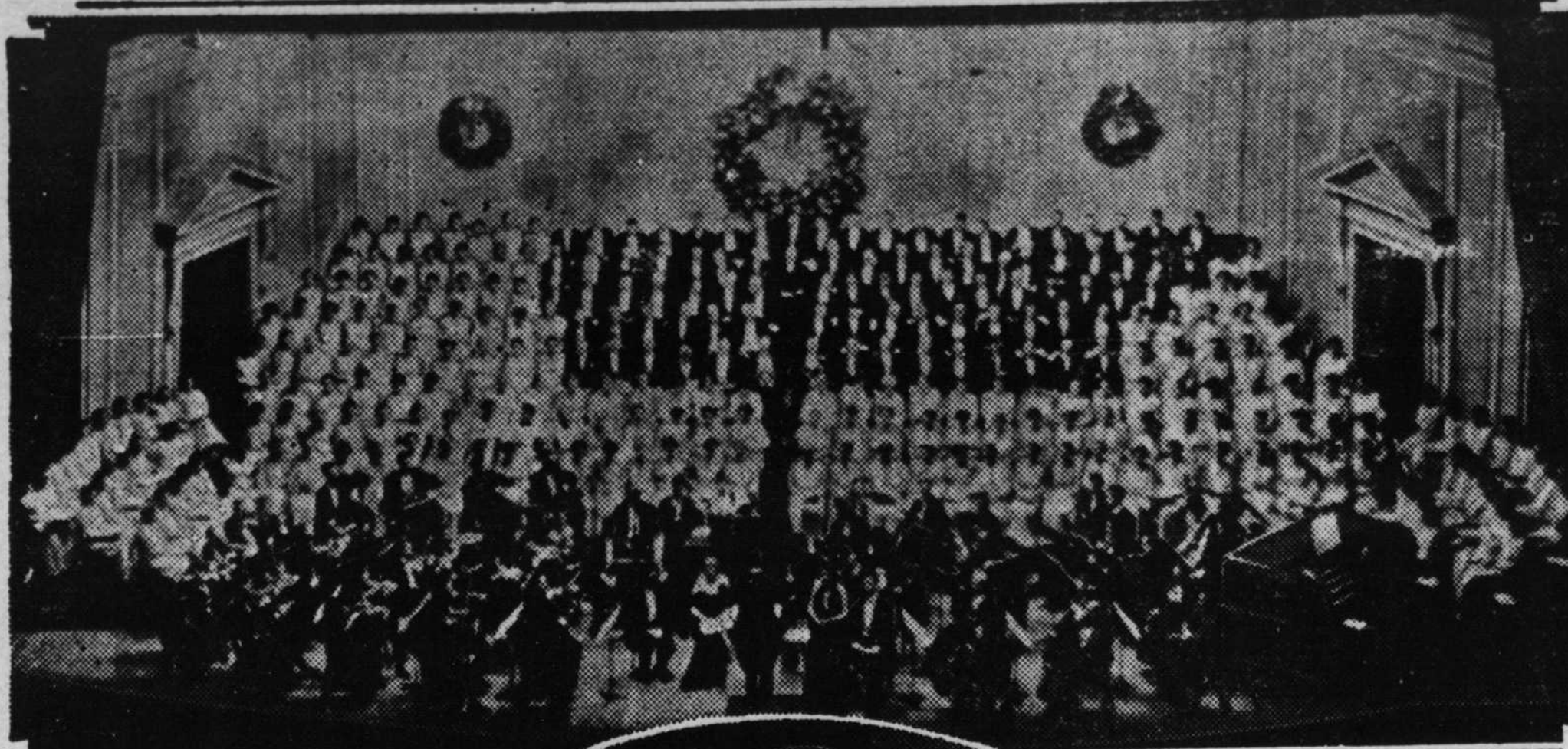
The year 1938 will see, as in 1937, certain properties closing down because of exhaustion of the ore-bodies. It will see certain marginal silver properties close on account of the 13-cent drop in the United States purchase price of silver.

However, if the President will see the wisdom of fixing for the year 1938 the new price of 64.64 cents an ounce, the silver producers will be encouraged to maintain present production.

With stagnant capital and low interest rates in the U. S., mining investments should be most attractive, especially if congress would recognize that the severe risk taken

# FIVE CONDUCTORS IN 65 YEARS

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Dr. Albert Stoessel, A.S.C.A.P.

**D**R. ALBERT STOESEL, distinguished member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, shown conducting the Oratorio Society in its memorable performance of "The Messiah," at Carnegie Hall, New York, Dec. 21, 1937, has been director of this famous organization for 15 years, fostering the zeal of its 300 enthusiastic members by his own devotion to the cause of choral singing.

The Oratorio Society was organized in March, 1873, by Dr. Leopold Damrosch,—intimate of Wagner, Liszt, von Bulow, Joachim, Auer, Rubinstein and other immortals of the last century. Two years after he had left the European centers of musical culture to seek new freedom in America, Dr. Damrosch formed the Oratorio Society

torio Society has mirrored the expansion of musical culture in America.

Dr. Stoessel is the fifth conductor of the Oratorio Society. Born in St. Louis, Mo., he began his professional musical career as a violin virtuoso with his debut in Berlin in 1913. Soon he became a commanding figure in the world of music, his work as educator, conductor and artist being paralleled with much creative effort. His compositions include chamber music and orchestral, choral and stage works.

One of his unusual educational activities was his directorship of the A.E.F. Bandmasters' school organized at Chaumont, France, at the request of General Pershing, by Walter Damrosch, a fellow member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. (Music Feature & Photo Syndicate)

at a meeting in his New York home, including in its roster of 28 members, his young son, Walter, destined to be hailed by a future generation as dean of American musicians. The growth of the Ora-

of capital loss in this particular industry justifies less taxation in its case upon possible large profits, and would also allow these profits to be put back in the ground during the next year in new ventures without being subject to the undistributed profits tax or to any new harsh depletion rulings.

Among mining states Nevada offers, I believe, the greatest freedom from irksome state laws concerning corporation control, taxation and mining operations, which explains the active continued search by large, nationally known mining companies and investors for properties in Nevada.

The successful sales made of mining properties during the last year by Nevadans has stimulated the efforts of prospectors and mining men and their local backers, which augers well for new discoveries in 1938.

The workers in the mines and mills in Nevada, to the extent of over 6000, have as a rule found ready work at good pay in 1937 and if the expected turn in the present chilly recession takes place with the confidence begat of spring, they can look forward to another good year with probable additional national legislation for their general welfare.

The airport that will succeed the 1939 World's Fair on Treasure Island, in San Francisco bay, will be valued at \$7,000,000.

### IN CLASS BY HIMSELF

Time magazine is trying to pick the man of the year. If it means the one who has got away with everything, he has tried to do, there is only Mussolini.—Victoria Times.

Fixed expenditures of the government now seem to approximate seven billions a year. Before the World war they were less than one billion. What a change there has been since we left the horse and buggy age! If we are to continue spending at the rate of seven billions a year, it may be impossible to raise enough money by taxation to balance the budget. Higher tax rates will defeat their own purposes, and sooner or later we shall face a genuine impairment of the public credit.

Everyone hopes we can avoid this predicament and that a way will be found to reduce expenditures and make a real move toward balancing the budget. In the meantime it must be apparent to all that things have gone awry. The old 1936 New Deal battle cry of "happy days" has been silenced. It is no longer claimed that "we planned it this way."

In any sound and patriotic effort to increase the defensive power of the American navy, the administration at Washington should have the people of the country solidly behind it, regardless of politics.

Elko county ranked second of all counties in the United States in the population of cattle in the year 1935, according to a report released by the department of commerce in Washington.

According to a United Press dispatch there were 128,190 cattle in the county in that year.

The agriculture census, released by the department, showed that Cherry county, Nebraska, led all counties in the nation with a population of 239,938 head.

St. Lawrence county, New York, was third; Dane county, Wisconsin, ranked fourth, and Merced county, California, fifth.—Elko Free Press.

Designed to encourage travel, the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition will be a "dramatized directory of destinations" and of the spots where sports are at home.

Transplanting of trees to Treasure Island for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition will begin in February.

A. E. Neal figures that the drop of 24,000 in Kansas population is accounted for by the Democrats who got jobs in Washington.—The Kansan.

Normanns-Forbundet, Norwegian society to promote internationalism, is handling Norway's participation in the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.