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A NEW PLACER MINING DISTRICT OPENED.

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W. A. McIvers and S. S. Doak, of Webster City, Iowa, are among the number interested in these locations, and presumably have secured good grounds, as nothing was known of the district before their discoveries.

The American Placer Company, so the EAGLE has been informed, is negotiating for interests, and in case they secure possessions in the district, they will have little trouble in getting sufficient water for hydraulic machinery. This new industry for Schelerville added to the development of the Iowa and New Mexico Mining & Milling Company's copper properties will certainly make the Schelerville camp a humming district, and give great impetus to the mining industry of Lincoln county in the future. With the opening of Spring the new camp will be sufficiently advertised to induce others, now not interested, to come in for investigation, and will result in more capital being invested, not only in that vicinity, but elsewhere in Lincoln county.

A NEW STATE TO BE COINED.

The question of a new state, taking in portions of New Mexico, Texas and the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, with El Paso as the capital city, is again being talked by the fighters of column space in various newspapers.

The proposed territory which is to form the new state is more accurately described as follows: The counties of Otero, Dona Ana, Lincoln, Eddy and Chaves; in New Mexico; that part of Texas west of an extension south of the eastern boundary line of New Mexico, and a purchase from Mexico which would include a small strip of northern Chihuahua included within the Gadsden purchase to the Rio Grande river.

The original scheme on the part of El Pasoans fell through, but now that the republicans have been retained in power, the idea has been revived and the hope is entertained that the state will be coined and come in on the 1901 tidal wave of expansion.

GOING AFTER THE UNKNOWN.

At Elizabethtown, Taos county, is being undertaken an immense tunnel to undermine Baldy mountain. The tunnel is to penetrate the mountain 3,000 feet, at which distance 1,800 feet of depth will have been attained. The tunnel will open up a hillside that is well marked with croppings.

The EAGLE would like to see a similar process applied to Baxter mountain in this camp, where not only mineral croppings are in evidence, but producing mines are in operation.

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THE SCHELERVILLE COPPER DISTRICT.

History of the Iowa and New Mexico Mining & Milling Company and Its Operations etc. etc.

LARGE FORCE OF MEN AT WORK.

Will Soon be Shipping Ore to the Smelters.

Shipping Point is Carrizozo---5 Miles.

This new mining camp is situated in the northern foothills of the Sierra Blancas, or White Mountain range, and is about five miles from Carrizozo station on the El Paso & Northeastern railroad. It is about 12 to 15 miles from Nogal, and nearly the same distance from White Oaks. The original discoveries were made by Messrs. Fred W. and Forest Smith and W. A. McIvers, each of whom are stock-holders in the Iowa and New Mexico Mining & Milling Co., now developing the corporations' properties, W. A. McIvers being the general manager and Forest Smith the foreman of the work.

Schelerville is now merging from a prospector's camp into an inhabited mining town, containing hotels and supply stores, and evidences of healthy growth such as is seen in older camps in the Rocky mountain country, and is giving steady employment to a considerable force of miners and workmen.

Through the kindness of W. A. McIvers, general manager, the EAGLE has obtained the following detailed information concerning the mineral deposits of the Schelerville district, as well as some thing about the organization, plans and intentions of his company, and its operations in developing its properties.

"This company is organized under the laws of New Mexico with a capital of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), divided into shares of one dollar (\$1.00) each, at the par value of one dollar (\$1.00) per share. The stock is non-assessable.

The property of the company consists of fourteen mining claims, as follows, the Grubstake, Columbia, Katy Flyer, Badger, Smarty, Butcher Boy, Tenderfoot, North Star, Smarty No. 2, Junction, Gray Horse, Mattie, Turtle Dove and Homestake, located in the lower mountains of the Sierra Blanca in New Mexico. Each claim is six hundred feet wide and fifteen hundred feet long.

The country is rich in mineral products, and developments which have been made in the past two or three years have proven that these mountains contain rich minerals, to-wit: gold, silver, copper and lead.

The indications are that the lower mountains were a part of the higher range at one time. There is cropping out on surface in every crevice not only on lead but off dyke. Where there is an opening copper ore appears. Some of the leads run over the mountains and down sides and through gulch; gangue of vein is whitish or yellowish white talc about one

half inch to six inches thick. All leads widen rapidly with depth from 8 inches on surface to about 5 feet at depth of 50 feet. Walls are well defined and slant several feet in 50 feet or about 15 degrees.

The country in general contains many large porphyry dykes assaying well in copper. The rock formation is principally granite and lime with considerable birds-eye porphyry.

The ore found is hydrated carbonate predominant, has sulphide and oxide, peacock copper, bromide copper, bromide silver, lead, and trace of gold.

As will be seen, this company owns 14 mines. Some of these mines are now being operated, sinking shafts, drifting and clearing. Ore is found in paying quantities.

An assay of the surface ore made by the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and refining Company shows:

Copper.....3 per cent.
Silver.....2.4 ozs. per ton.
Result of assay at depth of 45 feet shows:

Copper.....11 per cent.
Silver.....12 ozs. per ton.

An assay made from 3 samples of ore, made by Floyd Davis, E. M., Ph. D., Des Moines, shows the following results:

Copper.....10.81 per cent.
Silver.....8.4 ozs. per ton.

Sample from vein running into Homestake;

Copper.....31.20 per cent.
Silver.....2 ozs. per ton.

Lead has also been found in some of the mines in large quantities.

The prospects of the Iowa and New Mexico Mining and Milling Company with its fourteen mines are very flattering. The company is now sinking shafts in two of the claims, and then by drifting reach the large body of ore. The property is so situated that several leads can be worked by means of these two shafts, thus reducing the expense and facilitating the work. The width and value of the ore in the Homestake lead at or near the surface makes it certain that when the fissure vein is opened to a depth of one-fourth of the average depth of the copper mines quoted it will be one of the richest mines.

The mines are about five miles from Carrizozo, a station on the El Paso and North Eastern railroad. There is a gradual slope from the base of the mountain to the station, making the hauling of ore quite an easy matter. Wood and fuel is plentiful on the mountains and surrounding country, and can be obtained

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OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Roswell wants a wool scouring plant.

The Bloom Cattle company recently shipped 20 cars of cattle to Kansas City.

The adobe residence formerly occupied by John E. Wilson is being fitted up for occupancy.

A Thanksgiving ball (invitation ball) will take place at Bonnell Hall tonight.

The New Mexico Military Institute has matriculated 103 cadets to date this year.

W. H. H. Llewellyn wants to be governor of New Mexico. Wouldn't this jar you?

H. A. Neel has revived the Cerillos Register, which is evidence that the Cerillos mining district is again forging ahead.

The official population of New Mexico is announced to be 195,210, as against 153,593 in 1890. This is an increase of 41,717, or 27.1 per cent.

The hunters mentioned in last week's *EAGLE*, as being in the vicinity of Spence Bros.' ranches, returned with plenty of game.

The South Homestake operators have encountered a six-foot vein of ore on the No. 10 level, and are sinking a winze on the lead.

More machinery is daily expected to arrive for the American Placer Co. to complete their large placer dredge in the Jicarillas.

A slight snow fell Wednesday morning, and during the day the town was almost depopulated of its nimrods.

The White Oaks public school took a two days recess—Thursday and Friday—this week, the usual Thanksgiving occasion.

Bert Rowland has received his commission as postmaster at Capitan, and now the last vestige of the original village—Gray—has passed into history.

John A. Haley, superintendent of schools, this week signed bonds to the amount of \$12,000 for the building of public school house in district 28 in the town of Capitan.

Recently a change in the ore of the Superior mine, near Lordsburg, was encountered at a depth of 361 feet. The ore being removed runs about 20 per cent copper.

Business conditions in White Oaks seem to be improving. The Taliaferro Mercantile and Trading Company has been doing a greater volume of business this fall than ever before in the history of the firm.

U. S. Bateman, legislator elect from this district, is sending letters to the attorneys of the territory, asking their opinions concerning needed legislation. The legislation Bateman would originate alone will be bad enough without calling upon all the lawyers of New Mexico to help him. Take the other fellows cards if you can this time, Bateman, but play them alone.

RICH GOLD STRIKE.

"I do not care to be quoted," said a visitor at the Orndorff last night, "but I came in on the train from Capitan this evening and at Jarillas Pat Kelly got on the train and came on to El Paso. He told that while running a shaft down on a prospect in the Jarillas the other day he struck a fissure vein of gold nine feet wide which assays from seven to fourteen ounces in gold to the ton. The vein was struck at a depth of thirty-five feet and was a glorious surprise to Mr. Kelly, who is now in El Paso to get men and supplies to go out and begin working the mine at once."

The reporter went in search of Mr. Kelly, but could not find him. However he is in town and told several parties last night of his rich strike.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. H. Norton was in from Jicarilla to spend Thanksgiving.

W. A. McIvers was in the city from Schelerville Saturday.

The walls of Paul Mayer's new livery and carriage house are going up.

Dye & Carpenter now occupy offices in the Hewitt Block.

Elmer Lindsey went to Roswell with Robt Leslie.

James Ashinhurst is in the city from Jicarilla.

John Ramsdale and wife were in town for ranch supplies Saturday.

Silas May went to Capitan Friday. He returned by way of Nogal Monday.

Gus Matthews, teacher of the public school at Jicarilla, spent Saturday and Sunday in the burg.

Ed Homan, of Nogal, was in the burg Saturday on a business mission.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Riely, of Capitan, spent Monday and Tuesday here.

Noah Ellis, I-X ranch, shipped 300 head of steers from Roswell last week.

Jas. Woodland was in the city a day or two this week, under treatment of Dr. Paden for neuralgia.

W. C. McDonald drove about 700 head of cows to Roswell a few days ago, from which place he shipped to Kansas City.

John W. Owen, Robt Taylor and others are in the mountains looking for a Thanksgiving turkey.

Capt. Monroe was in the city Friday from the Sumner camp northeast of here.

Robt Leslie went to Roswell with more Old Abe coal, for which he gets \$12.00 per ton, delivered to Roswell blacksmiths.

Wm. Wiley and Alfred James each secured a venison last week. They hunted in the mountains near town, going out and returning the same day.

Rev. R. P. Pope, of Alamogordo, came up Tuesday evening, and is conducting nightly services at the Baptist Hall. Rev. H. O. King, the local pastor, returned with him.

Harry and Edward Comrey went out to their Coyote ranch Monday, where they are sinking a well, in hope of securing an abundance of water for ranch purposes.

The young people of the town had an enjoyable time at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Lane last Saturday evening. The event was the celebration of Allen Lane's twenty—birthday.

Miss Ula Gilmore, first assistant in our public school, took advantage of the Thanksgiving vacation to visit her parents who reside on Eagle Creek, this county. She will return Sunday and resume her school duties the day following.

Samuel Wells, E. H. B. Chew and Geo. Watson returned Tuesday from a week's hunt in the Mesa del Gallo country. They brought back three deer, one antelope and four turkeys—about all that the law would allow.

John Owen and Robt Taylor returned from the Cameleon mountains Tuesday night. They exhibited two deer, and four turkeys as evidences of their skill with the gun. Mrs. Owen accompanied them on the expedition, for whose comfort a tent was added to the camp equipage.

A. P. Carter, who has been foreman of the *EAGLE*'s composing rooms for the past six months, left Tuesday for Durant, Indian Territory, where he has accepted the management of a stock company publication. Durant is Mr. Carter's old home and the position was a well deserved compliment.

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