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MINING NEWS

Progress in The
Parsons and
Nogal Districts

The Eagle Mining and Improvement Co.
Regular Correspondence.

Among the industrial enterprises that are bringing Lincoln county to the front the Eagle Mining and Improvement Company stands easily first. Not only so, but in the scope of its plans and the magnitude of its clear possibilities it is the greatest enterprise in New Mexico. And when its plans are realized it will undoubtedly place Lincoln county in the very front rank among the greatest gold producing regions of the world.

Dropping eastward in a mighty sky-line from Nogal peak is the divide whence spring the various streams that form the Bonito river. Sloping south from this divide, and converging somewhat toward the Bonito valley, are four or five great ridges. Lying across these ridges is a reef of gold-bearing ore. This reef lies east and west, and is over 4,000 feet in length and over 300 feet in width. Its depth at the foot of these ridges has been tested for 150 feet, and it is richer at that depth than on the surface. Other reefs almost as wide run parallel with this, while on the north side of the divide, running across similar ridges, are still other reefs, one of which is 600 feet wide. These vast ore bodies are connected by cross reefs running north and south right up the ridges to the top of the divide and down on the other side, and some forty or more feet in width. At one place on the top of the divide is a point of rocks more than 1,000 feet north of the first reef here referred to and fully 1,000 feet above it. These rocks are the same gold-bearing ore. In fact here is a deposit of gold-bearing ore three-fourths of a mile long, and in alternating reefs over a mile across, with an unknown depth, making this certainly one of the very largest, and possibly the largest gold ore body known to exist in the world. In magnitude it completely eclipses the famous Homestake mine of Lead, South Dakota, and yields a greater average per ton and at less cost of treatment.

For the cheap mining and milling of this ore nature has done everything possible. The ore is decomposed porphyry or syenite, easily crushed and perfectly adapted to the cyanide process. There will be no sinking of shafts, no pumping, no timbering; it will be simply quarrying back up the ridges on a level from their points down in the valley to the top of the divide and beyond, until the divide itself for thousands of feet has been quarried, milled and converted into a stream of gold. Great shovels swung by derricks will swing the ore and dump it in the cars, the cars will run by gravity to the mills, and the cyanide tanks will be strung along the base of a ridge down the valley, so that all the handling will be a down-the-hill operation, and it will cost less than \$1 per ton to mine and mill this ore, which will average \$5 per ton, leaving \$4 per ton net profits. The company intends to erect a mill to treat 5,000 tons per day. It is easy to figure a profit of \$20,000 per day, or \$5,000,000 in a year of 300 work days, all to go out in dividends, rich life-blood for the arteries of commerce and increasing the wealth of what is now the richest nation of the world.

This vast deposit has for years been

known to exist and has been worked to a profit, though in a small way, for a dozen years. Four years ago, however, there came to Lincoln county a man with the insight to see that this was a situation requiring work on a large scale. He was a man of large comprehension, indomitable will and the rare ability to get men to work together. He began at once to acquire and consolidate all the mining claims of the region. Down the beautiful Bonito valley some five miles from the ore body, the valley becomes a canon and there is an admirable site for a dam, where unlimited electrical power can be developed at a minimum cost for dam construction. Cheap power was essential, so this energetic man set about it and acquired the entire valley

valley for a mile at least, thus making a lovely lake set amid lovely mountains. Here will be the homes and villas of the well-to-do and wealthy, and also a magnificent sanitarium in what is acknowledged to be the best climate in the United States.

The genius that has effected this gigantic consolidation and evolved these far-reaching plans is John M. Rice. He is the general manager of the Eagle Mining and Improvement Company and lives at Parsons, in the Bonito valley, in a home which has been the surprise and admiration of at least 100 men whom he has been instrumental in bringing here to inspect the country. These men have come from Chicago, New York City and elsewhere. Some have been mining experts, some geologists, some representatives of the leading papers of our country, but for the most part they have been men of means who were looking for a place to invest their capital. Mr. Rice and Mrs. Rice and their four daughters are cultured people, and they have planted in that mountain valley what this country most

foot vein of fine quality, blacksmith and coking coal. It supplies local demands and the Old Abe mill, and is hauled in wagons 100 miles to Roswell.

American Gold Mining Company.

Closely associated with the Eagle Mining & Improvement Company, is the American Gold Mining Company.

It is under almost the same management and most of the stockholders in the one own stock in the other. The American is also a consolidation of almost all the mines of a mining district, some eighty-one claims aggregating over 1200 acres, being included in the company's holdings. Of these mines two are now being worked, and from these alone dividends are now being paid regularly at the rate of one per cent. per month, with an equipment of a fifteen stamp mill. A new fifteen stamp mill is now nearing completion; it is so located that the ore can be brought to it by tramways on a down grade from almost all the mines. The stamps of the American mill will be moved to the new location, and by February, 1, 1903 it is expected that thirty stamps will be in operation. Much development work has been done. It is estimated that a million tons of ore are now in sight, assaying \$25 per ton. The cost for milling is \$3 per ton.

In addition to this, there is ore in paying quantities on almost every claim, and there are at least eight of these claims that are as rich at present workings as either of the two now being worked, and of such value that any one of them would warrant a capitalization of \$1,000,000 according to the estimate of an experienced and conservative mining man of Colorado, who recently inspected the property. The entire capitalization of the entire consolidation of gold mines is \$5,000,000. It is considered a gilded property.

Jicarilla District.

Regular Correspondence.

The Free Gold Mining and Milling Company organized under the laws of the territory of New Mexico, with offices at Nogal, New Mexico. This company has secured one hundred acres of rich placer ground in the Jicarilla mountains, in Juana gulch, and under the direction of Geo. E. Sligh, who is secretary and treasurer of the company, is putting in an improved placer mining machine, which promises to put new life into the old camp.

The Jicarilla placer mines have long been famous gold producers. For the last fifty years, and long before the red men were driven out of the country, the white men and Mexicans would organize strong parties and make trips into the mountains and by melting snow would use the old primitive rocker to wash out the yellow metal. In this way large fortunes were taken out of the ground, as, for instance, the grandfather of the present governor of the territory, who, it is said, nearly a half century ago, came from San Maguil county with a large force of peons and in one winter took out \$80,000 in gold. For the last twenty-two years, since the writer has been familiar with the camp, there has been a constant stream of gold going out, and perhaps in no year has there been less than \$5,000 worth of gold added to the wealth of the country from this source. All this has been done by hand work and only the richer strata of gravel could be worked profitably by the prospectors and the Mex-

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TRAMWAY AMERICAN MINE, NOGAL, NEW MEXICO
Property American Gold Mining Co.

to a point below the dam site. Knowing that companies had made many millions of dollars by exploiting the property adjoining the Homestake mine, he gathered into his company everything in reach, and reachable, until the holdings include over 300 claims, or some 6,000 acres of mineral land. Many of these claims are in themselves gold mines and will pay to work, but are overshadowed by the immense ore bodies already referred to. Yet they have an additional value, for the region has an abundant rain fall, and hence a luxuriant vegetation. Dense, untouched forests abound, and upon the holdings of this company is timber having an actual value today of a good \$1,000,000. The company owns the townsite near where the vast milling operations will be conducted, and will by and by be the owner of a city. The dam will be at least 100 feet high, and the waters of the Bonito will be backed up the

needs—a Christian home. "Eagle Hall" is known far and wide for its generous hospitality and good cheer. To such families and such homes, and Lincoln county has many such, we extend a most hearty welcome.

Last July the Eagle Mining and Improvement Company added to its already princely holdings the Old Abe mine at White Oaks and the coal mine of 160 acres near White Oaks, owned by the Old Abe company. This is a developed mine, fully equipped with modern machinery, with hoisting works, a 20-stamp mill now in operation, concentrators and a cyanide plant. During the ten years it has been in operation it has yielded an output of more than a million dollars in gold. The workings have reached a depth of 1,350 feet in ore, and at this point averages better than at any previous level. The coal mine is a valuable asset. It is a three and one-half

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COMREY OIL COMPANY,

CAPITAL STOCK, \$300,000.

This company is now offering for sale 25,000 shares of Treasury Stock at 10 Cents per Share, par value \$1.00 per Share. The proceeds from the sale of this stock are to be used in purchasing a drilling outfit. The board of directors reserve the right to advance price of stock, or withdraw same from market, at any time. The company has a well 300 feet deep on property and control 2080 acres of land in oil basin.

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Call For Convention.

KANSAS CITY, MO.
 December 2, 1902.

To the Members of the National Live Stock Association and all others interested in the Live Stock Industry:

Complying with the orders of the Executive Committee, we have the honor to advise you that the Sixth Annual Convention of the National Live Stock Association will convene in the Century Theatre, Kansas City, Missouri, January 13, 1903, and continue through as many sessions as the business may require.

Delegates will be admitted according to the provisions of the Constitution, as follows:

Each state, territorial, county or local range association of cattle, sheep, horses or swine breeders may appoint one delegate for every 10,000 head of stock or part thereof, represented by the members of such organization.

The governors of each state and territory may appoint three delegates-at-large.

Each feeders' and breeders' association may appoint one delegate-at-large and one for every twenty-five members or part thereof.

In counties where there is no regular live stock organization, the county commissioners may appoint one delegate from among the stockmen of said county.

Each state or territorial live stock sanitary board may appoint three delegates.

Each state board of agriculture or agricultural college may appoint one delegate.

Each live stock commission merchants' exchange may appoint one delegate-at-large and one for each twenty-five members thereof.

Each stock yards company may appoint one delegate.

Each railway and transportation company may appoint one delegate.

Each chamber of commerce may appoint one delegate for every 100 members.

Each dairymen's association may appoint one delegate.

Each state irrigation organization may appoint one delegate.

Any bona fide stockman engaged in breeding, feeding, trading or handling live stock may become a member of this Association by the payment of an initiation fee of \$10.00 and an annual due of \$10.00.

Delegates may be appointed from Canada and the Republic, but in all cases, except those from state and county, the requirements regarding membership must be complied with.

Among the subjects which will come up before the convention are:

The Consideration of and the Adoption of Some Plan to oppose the merging of a majority of the packing plants of the nation into one gigantic trust, which we have every reason to believe is contemplated. No greater calamity could befall the live stock industry than a combination of this kind to control the meat supply of our country.

To take such decisive action as will induce the present Congress to pass the following measures which we have caused to be introduced:

H. R. 14,488, known as the Grosvenor Anti-Shoddy Bill, which is now before the Committee of Ways and Means of the house. The bill provides for the federal

inspection and tagging of woolen goods, so as to prevent the sale of and shoddy and waste as pure wool. This is not only a protection to the producer of wool but to the consumer as well.

H. R. 14,643 Introduced by Congressman Hopkins, and providing for a classified census of live stock and agricultural statistics.

H. R. 12,002 Introduced by Congressman Stephens, and amending the shipping laws by extending the limit for unloading live stock from 28 to 40 hours. The bill has been favorably recommended by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

H. R. 2,588 introduced by Congressman Penrose, providing for the improvement in breeding of horses for general purpose and use. This bill has received the endorsement of both the war and department of agriculture.

The Amended Elkins' Bill to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, so as to give the the commission power to enforce its orders and decrees.

To take steps to prevent the removal of the tariff on wool, cattle, meat and hides.

To discuss what Congress might do to improve existing laws governing the public lands and forest reserves.

The Practicability of Co-operation in marketing live stock.

The Advisability of some change in our financial system so as to give elasticity to the currency, thereby benefiting the stockman and farmer.

To consider the present policy of state live stock sanitary boards in demanding a re-inspection and imposing fees, on interstate shipments of live stock after said stock has been inspected by a federal official. This case is now before the Supreme Court of the United States, and a decision may be expected about time this convention convenes.

Also all matters pertaining to sanitation, markets, transportation, feeding, breeding, etc., in which you are interested and which may be brought before the meeting.

Any member of the association interested in any subject of a general nature is respectfully requested to place it in the form of a resolution and send it to the secretary at once, so it may be brought before the first meeting of the executive committee, and thus receive early consideration by the convention.

For mutual protection it has become the policy of all industries to organize. It must be conceded that in a national organization the live stock industry of the nation can accomplish more in its interest than by individual efforts. The history of this organization will demonstrate this fact. This work which is in your interest cannot be carried on successfully without your assistance. The cost is maintaining a national organization is insignificant, the assessment being one cent for every twenty head of stock. If you or your local association are not members of the National Association, you are earnestly requested to make application immediately, in order that you may be represented at the Kansas City meeting. Blanks are for this purpose, and all information may be had by addressing the secretary at Kansas City, care of Coates House.

All associations, governors and county

commissioners are requested to send names and postoffice addresses of their delegates to the Secretary as soon as named, in order that the roll may be promptly and properly arranged.

The National Wool Growers' Association will hold their annual meeting here on Saturday, January 17th, the day following the adjournment of our convention, so that it will be possible for delegates to attend both conventions during the same week.

The citizens of Kansas City have subscribed \$20,000 and are arranging to entertain all delegates and visitors in a most generous manner, and an excursion to New Orleans via Memphis, after the meeting, is contemplated. In fact, everything possible will be done for your entertainment, but you are asked to attend to the business of the convention first.

Immediately on arriving in Kansas City you should register with the Secretary at headquarters, Coates House, or the Theatre, when you will be provided with badges admitting you to Convention Hall, and coupon tickets for all entertainments given by the citizens.

Nearly all railways have granted a rate of one fare plus two dollars for the round trip, while remainder have reduced their rates. The return coupon is limited to January 16th, but by the payment of 50 cents additional to the joint agent in Kansas City, the time will be extended to include January 31st.

Be sure and ask for rates to National Live Stock Convention January 13th, 1903. If your local agent cannot give you full information as to dates of sale, etc., write the Secretary of the Association.

JNO. W. SPRINGER, Pres.
 CHAS. F. MARTIN, Secy.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF COMREY OIL COMPANY.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO, }
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. }
 CERTIFICATE.

I, J. W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify there was filed for record in this office, at 9 o'clock a. m., on the first day of December, A. D. 1902, articles of incorporation of also Comrey Oil Company, (No. 3278); and that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this first day of December, A. D. 1902.

J. W. REYNOLDS,
 Secretary of New Mexico.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, Harry S. Comrey, John A. Brown, Arthur P. Green, Frank J. Sager and Sidney M. Wharton, citizens of the United States and bonafide residents of the Territory of New Mexico, desiring to form a corporation, under the laws of New Mexico, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, do make the following statement, to-wit:

1. The name of this corporation shall be "Comrey Oil Company."

2. The objects for which this corporation is organized and formed are to prospect for and produce oil, petroleum, asphaltum, lime and gypsum; to construct and operate

railroads, tank and pipe lines, electric plants, telephone and telegraph lines; and to place and construct machinery, hoisting works, pump plants and all other appliances incident or in any way pertaining to the conduct of and necessary for the full and complete operation of such mines, wells, roads, tank lines and pipe lines; and to purchase or otherwise acquire lands, mining claims and such other real and personal property as may be necessary in carrying on and operating said business.

3. The amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, and shall be divided into three hundred thousand shares of the par value of One Dollar each.

4. The time of the existence of this corporation shall be fifty years.

5. The corporate powers of this company shall be exercised, by a board of directors, consisting of five stockholders thereof, a majority of whom shall be citizens of the United States and at least one-third of whom shall be residents of New Mexico.

6. The names of the persons who shall manage the concerns of this corporation for the first three months are Harry S. Comrey, John A. Brown, Arthur P. Green, Frank J. Sager and Sidney M. Wharton, all residents of White Oaks, Lincoln county, New Mexico.

7. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be White Oaks, Lincoln county, New Mexico.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, at White Oaks, New Mexico, this 22d day of November, 1902.

(Signed.)

HARRY S. COMREY, [SEAL.]
 JOHN A. BROWN, [SEAL.]
 ARTHUR P. GREEN, [SEAL.]
 FRANK J. SAGER, [SEAL.]
 SIDNEY M. WHARTON. [SEAL.]

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO, }
 County of Lincoln. } ss.

On this 22d day of November, 1902, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county, personally came Harry S. Comrey, John A. Brown, Arthur P. Green, Frank J. Sager and Sidney M. Wharton, who are known to me to be the persons who signed the above and foregoing statement in writing, and each acknowledged the execution of the same to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my said office the day and year last above written.

[Signed.] EUGENE L. STEWART,
 [SEAL.] Notary Public.

Endorsed.—No. 3278. Cor. rec'd Vol. V, Page 221. Articles of Incorporation Comrey Oil Company.

Filed in the office of Secretary of New Mexico December 1, 1902, 9 a. m.

J. W. REYNOLDS,
 Secretary.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO, }
 County of Lincoln. } ss.

Filed for record this 12th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 5 p. m., and recorded on the 13th day of December, 1902, in Book D of C and A, on pages 358 and 359.

I. L. ANALLA,
 Probate Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder,
 By E. W. HULBERT, Deputy.

PROSPERITY HERE TO STAY

Evidences of the Country's Ability to Avert a Financial Crisis.

The testimony of the London Statist that large American loans have been paid off in Paris, substantially reducing our international debts, is only a part of the evidence of the financial strength of the United States which has come to light during the past six weeks of a stringent money market. What is still more notable is that the heavy liquidation which has been going on in stocks has caused no serious failures anywhere—a proof that the speculation was not rampant as has been represented. All the stocks sold have found buyers at good prices, showing that somebody has had the money for investment at the declines. There has been no panic, though a powerful "bear" party has been operating and very heavy declines were predicted at the beginning. Of late the rallies have been more violent than the declines, and the low points of the market are on each decline a little above the previous ones, so that if the worst is not over there is little likelihood of any great fall.

Leaving Wall street, which is entitled to notice purely as the indication of financial opinion, we find every branch of trade continuing to flourish. Our agricultural interests, on which our prosperity is based, have been strengthened by large gains in the corn and oats, hay and potato crops. The wheat crop is turning out larger than the preliminary report gave reason to believe, and it is the largest yield, with but three, and possibly only two, exceptions in history. The cotton crop, at first thought to be seriously cut short, has been favored exceptionally by the season, and now there is little expert questioning of a yield of at least 11,000,000 bales. Best of all, these farm products are in great demand at highly remunerative prices, thus guaranteeing the prosperity of trade for the next year, if no longer.

For a while the croakers have been claiming that railroad earning were shrinking. There was some decline in the net earnings of August and September, due to the anthracite strike, which seriously affected a number of important lines, but late figures on September show the upward march was only slightly checked. October earnings did better. The typical corn-carrying road, the Atchison, showed a gross increase of \$520,000 for the month, and a very large net increase, yet the new corn crop has barely begun to move. When this important cereal is marketed in all the forms in which it goes into consumption, expert opinion is that the railroads will have such traffic as never before. The railroads can not have freight unless general business is active.

The legitimate business situation has not had a backset anywhere, while Europe has been waiting with bated breath for a repetition of the hard times of 1893. These hard times seem still far off, for we have weathered apparently what is the worst part of a serious monetary famine, without a distressing accumulation of business failures, as must have been the case were not conditions intrinsically sound.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Local Market.

Generally the first thing read in a local newspaper is local advertisements; this is particularly the case as regards our good wives, who do most of the buying for the family. An advertisement should never be allowed to stand over its time, but should be changed often and offer something new each time. There is something in the holiday ads of our home merchants in this issue. Don't miss them if you are in the market for holiday goods or any line of general supplies. Montgomery, Ward and Sears, Roebuck should be cut out and the trade given to home merchants. Go and ask them their prices before you insist on sending your dollars where they never come back to the town. Goods of every descrip-

tion are cheaper in White Oaks now than ever before. Our merchants take pleasure in showing and pricing their goods. They live among us; they help build up the town and county, and they should be patronized instead of people who have no interest in us except to get our money.

Big Cattle Shipment.

The G. O. S. Mountain Range and Chico Cattle companies, together with Otto Heuschling, Mrs. O. C. Carpenter, McGregor brothers and other cattle owners of the Mimbres country are shipping about 2,500 head of stock this week at Deming, having sold to Miller & Lux, the California buyers. Shipments could not be made from Silver City owing to the inability to secure cars. The sale is one of the most advantageous which has been made in recent years. It is understood that the N. A. N. company will likely include about 1,000 head in the same shipment.

Educational.

The New Mexico Educational Association will convene on the 22nd day of December, in the chapel of the Normal School building at Las Vegas. Two days' session will be had. One of the interesting features will be a lecture by Dr. Winship, editor of the New England School Journal. Special rates are offered by the railroads. One fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale December 21 and 22, good for return to January 2, 1903.

Tragedy at Moriarity.

Moriarity, N. M., Dec. 11.—Wm. Garrety, the 9-year-old son of Joseph Garrety, a section foreman on the Santa Fe Central, was killed. The boy was playing in front of a dump car when, in some way, it became started down an incline and ran over him, death resulting instantly.

No woman was killed in this vicinity by a negro as was reported.

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THURSDAY DEC. 18, 1902.

Bitter cold, is the report from most eastern states. New Mexico weather has been fine.

Coal road operators have refused to grant a hearing to President Mitchell, on grievances that have arisen in districts outside the anthracite region.

There is a great kick among territorial papers against Senator Beveridge. Why not make arrangements with Bailey of Texas to interview the gentleman?

It looks like it is going to be necessary to again slaughter the Apache Kid. He has turned up at Fort McDowell, Arizona and seems anxious to make trouble.

J. P. Morgan is much dissatisfied with the anthracite commission appointed by the President. The commission will probably proceed, however, in spite of his opposition.

A mass meeting was held in Albuquerque last week to make a general protest against the majority report of the senate committee on territories against the admission of New Mexico to statehood.

The E. P. N. E. officials have received samples of the coke made by the ovens of the Dawson Fuel company at Dawson, N. M., to which place it is expected that trains will be running within thirty days. The coke is said to be of an extra fine quality.

The latest thing in the way of a unique thrust of fortune upon man is reported from Chatham, Ont., where a resident struck a fine flow of oil in a well dug on his premises. Property in the town is commanding fabulous prices and a general boom is on.

The Roswell Journal is going to get out an edition, calling it the "Apple Edition." The purpose is to advertise the possibility of apple growing in the Pecos valley. This is a piece of commendable enterprise and should result in something good for Chaves county.

The Standard Oil Company has advanced its prices. It has made a 30 per cent, increase in two months and 50 per cent. in a year. It has not yet effected New Mexico as it has always been higher than a cat's back here, since Mr. Clark's inspection office was created.

A bill authorizing the president to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Great Britain whereby coal mined in the United States may be shipped into Canada free of duty and Canadian coal shipped into the United States free of charge, has been introduced by McCall, representative from Massachusetts.

Alamogordo is talking railroad from Las Cruces to Aalmogordo. The chamber of commerce at Las Cruces has estimated that the road would have a local tonnage of fifty cars a day from the start. This section of New Mexico is all right and an era of development has progressed so far that nothing can stop our industrial growth.

Timber Lands Going.

A news item now going the rounds of the territorial press states that: "The board of public lands of the territory has completed a deal by which the Santa Fe Central railway will acquire 20,000 acres of timber lands in the Manzano mountains for \$3 an acre." It is certainly queer sort of timbered lands that are not worth more than \$3 an acre. The worst feature about the land board is that they are everlastingly completing such "deals."—Otero County Advertiser.

Right you are Advertiser, and in ten years Otero county will have lost as many millions just in the same way in the Sacramento mountains. It is much to be regretted that our land boards don't manage the timber business to better advantage.

The Oil Industry.

The oil industry is not booming in the ordinary acceptation of the term, but it is growing in importance continually. The Boulder and Florence, Colorado, fields are beginning to pay dividends, and owners generally are receiving reasonable profits on investments. Those who have stayed through all discouragements are now realizing and are enthusiastic over the improving prospects for the future of the oil business. There are few dry wells in the Boulder field and shooting, says the Colorado Springs Mining Record, makes fairly good producers of all of them.

Illegal Fencing.

Col. W. S. Mosby says that thousands of acres of public lands are illegally fenced in the state of Nebraska. He is there in the service of the government to take them down.

Coming to the front in a rapid manner is the tenor of all reports from the oil field at Boulder, Colo.

Northern Colorado stock ranges are in very bad condition, and a hard winter will cause a heavy loss to owners in the Bear, Snake and Green river regions.

Heavy snows are a great menace to prospectors in Colorado and other northern latitudes. These difficulties are not known in New Mexico mining regions, particularly in Lincoln county. Prospecting may be carried on here through the winter months, and in most mining districts of the territory fuel and water may be had in abundance.

From Picacho.

Regular Correspondence.

R. P. Hopkins is erecting a new saloon east of the store.

The store in the Analla settlement has been completed and goods are beginning to come in.

We regret to hear of the sickness of Mr. Martinez Chaves' eldest son, who is suffering of pneumonia.

John W. Owen was a visitor at Picacho last Sunday. We are glad to welcome the genial face of our next sheriff among us.

The public school at Hondo has opened. Prof. Mullins, of Chaves county, has been employed for this term. We wish him success in his undertaking.

The public school has reopened with a good attendance. The measles are well over, and we hope no further epidemic will break out among us to stop school again.

The Picacho officers followed the wagons of three Mexicans who were en route for Las Cruces, but were unable to get any clue to the chest of tools belonging to Ben Nowak, which was stolen from the Analla store some two weeks ago. Stay with 'em, boys; better luck next time.

Picacho has already been visited by three light snow falls. The state of the range is such that stock will suffer unless enough snow or rain falls to enable them to get out and obtain lake water and thus get the benefit of the grass which the dryness of the year has heretofore prevented their doing.

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LOCAL and PERSONAL NEWS.

Oake's Celebrated Candies for Christmas at Taliaferro's.

Fred Lalone is employed at the Taliaferro Mercantile & Trading Co's.

Louis G. Brockway is spending the holidays with his family at his home in Lynn, Mass.

A good, soaking rain fell in this county last Saturday, the first general rain since the latter part of last summer.

Frank Crumb and Charles Hamilton were initiated into the goat riding art at the K. P. lodge last Thursday night.

Charles Henley, employed by the Free Gold Mining Company in Jicarilla, passed through Saturday en route home to Nogal.

White Oaks needs a shoemaker. Thin soles are not desirable in winter, and the editor is not the only man walking on his uppers.

M. D. Lincoln was in from Gallina. He has secured some kind of a lease on the Sun Beam mining claim, and took out supplies to begin work.

Activity is reported in the Magdalena mining district, Socorro county. The Socorro Gold Mining Co. is milling ore that runs \$28 to the ton. The company is working thirty miners.

J. Brooks, nephew of R. Owens, residents of Jicarilla, accidentally shot himself in the leg, inflicting a very painful, but not fatal wound. He is rapidly recovering under the careful skill of Dr. A. G. Lane.

If you don't think the Eagle office can put out first class job work, try us; and after you have done so, you will never send another job away. Besides you will be spending your money at home where you will have a chance to get some of it back. Think it over and act accordingly. We want your business, if good service will get it.

Silas May went to Capitan.

W. F. Atkinson, Corona ranchman, spent a day in town.

J. M. Rice and W. R. Grant came in from Parsons Tuesday.

Editor Knuckles and wife were over from Capitan two or three days.

J. T. Keogh, St. Louis, drummer, signed the Baxter register.

New candies, new nuts, including chestnuts, for Christmas at Taliaferro's.

R. D. Armstrong has returned to the city after several days' absence in the country.

E. E. Wright, the Capitan mountain saw mill man, was among the guests at the Baxter hotel.

J. E. Wharton has gone to Santa Fe to look after legal matters before the secretary of the territory.

Wm. Puckett and Bert Bonnell marketed produce here. They are farming over in the White mountains.

E. H. McKeen, Nogal, has been employed at Jicarilla for two weeks. He is with the Free Gold M. & M. Co.

Old boreas hit the thermometer full in the face here Monday, and mercury has disappeared down the other side of zero.

We open up today a new line of Holiday Goods. Your inspection invited.

S. M. WIENER & SON.

W. F. Glenn went to Capitan to buy out a barber shop over there, which he intends to move to White Oaks and add to his shop here. Business must be good, Billie.

Robert Taylor came in from Corona Monday morning a very sick man. He went to Corona to put up a water tank and worked out in the storm part of one day. Besides a heavy cold he is threatened with appendicitis. Dr. Paden was called Monday morning and his patient is resting as well as could be expected at the present state of his illness.

Baxter Register.

Wm. Puckett, Nogal; Bert Bonnell, Capitan; P. Smith, Chicago; T. H. Payne, El Paso; W. F. Atkinson, Corona; W. A. McIvers, Geo. E. Sligh, Charles Henley, E. H. McKeen, Frank Zulmwalt, Nogal; Phil Prager, J. T. Keogh, St. Louis; Charles Campbell, A. J. Craig, Carrizozo; Joe Ross W. S. Ross, Ed Fox, Jicarilla; C. G. Knockles and wife, Capitan; M. D. Lincoln, Gallina; M. Lefevre, Morencie, Ariz. A. W. Colton, Columbia, O.; J. M. Rice, W. R. Grant, Parsons.

Sam Neid is over from Nogal.

M. Fequeure, Morenci, Ariz., is in the city.

Charles Campbell, Carrizozo, was in the burg.

Edward Fox is at home in Chicago to spend the holidays.

Phil Prager, a St. Louis traveling salesman, was in the city.

E. L. Ozanne and Joe Ross were in from Jicarilla for supplies Tuesday.

A. W. Colton, a mining engineer of Old Mexico, spent Tuesday in the camp.

Oranges, lemons, figs, dates, citron, new evaporated fruits, nuts, candies and sweet cider at Taliaferro's.

F. H. Payne, Shelton-Payne Arms Co., El Paso, was among the list of traveling men who made White Oaks this week.

W. A. McIvers and O. B. Taneyhill, Nogal, were here a day or two. Mr. Taneyhill lives in Waverlo, Iowa, and is interested with W. A. McIvers in the Nogal country.

The senate has agreed to the house resolution to adjourn December 20th and convene January 5th. This will take up one-fifth of the working time of this session. No wonder the assertion has been made that this session will not take up the trusts and tariff seriously.

Registered Stock.

W. A. Hyde, the Three Rivers sheepman, has one of the finest graded flocks on the ranges of Lincoln county. He has ewes that shear an average of twelve pounds each, and about seventy very fine registered bucks. His ranch is located thirty miles out from White Oaks. It is his intention to raise registered stock for the market, and will offer the first lot for sale about October, 1903.

It is pleasing to note that Lincoln county stock interests are making such rapid advancements. Nearly every ranch in the county is grading up every year. White-faced Herefords and Poll Angus are now to be seen all over our ranges. Fine Angoras are also plentiful, as well as the best graded sheep in the territory. This is evidence that Lincoln county stock men are prosperous and that they are alive to the essentials of a progressive stock business. While the total number of horses, cattle, sheep and goats on the ranges is considerably less than it was ten years ago, the valuation is much greater, on account of the improvement in the grade of stock now being grown. The ranges are also much improved and the country not overstocked as it used to be.

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Some of the best coal we have ever seen was delivered to us last week by the Eagle Mining & Improvement Co. It came from the property recently purchased from the Old Abe Co. There is not a town in the whole southwest so well supplied with fuel as White Oaks.

Taxation of Mines.

Following is an article from the Scientific Press which should be thoroughly digested by the lawmakers of New Mexico, and if possible some relief along the lines suggested should be considered for the relief of mine owners in the territory of New Mexico:

Now that elections are over newly chosen legislators who will represent the public next winter turn to thoughts of what to do, and what not to do. One thing that affects the mining industry everywhere is mine taxation. Many mining men annually feel a relief when their state or territorial legislature adjourns, because at least things are no worse.

There seems in some sections this year an intent to "go for" the miner in the way of new legislative enactments making even more onerous the present taxation. Probably the generally prosperous condition of the mining industry attracts attention and the idea is formed that anything doing so well ought to stand an extra "cinch." Idaho seems to have the idea that the gross output of the mines of that state should be taxed. That mining commonwealth also seems to think that a patented mining claim is a fair subject for arbitrary assessment.

Colorado already has the system of output taxation, but seems to favor raising the rate and levying extensively on all mining machinery and improvements. Colorado has just sat down, hard, on the single tax idea, voting the Australian land tax proposition down on the 4th inst., but projects putting increased burden on the improvements.

Such restrictions and penalties violate the veriest A B C of wise government or just jurisprudence.

Montana seems to have a more fair system of mine taxation, a 30 per cent tax on the net annual profits of mining. Nevada's former bullion tax, equivalent to a royalty on the gross value of the metal production, was productive of continual protest and friction. California's method is less open to objection. Arizona seems disposed to make mine development a penalty. Oregon and Washington cannot be said to have any system of mine taxation.

There is or should be recognition of basic difference between the taxation of mining property and almost any other kind of real or personal property—not to favor the miner, for the miner wants no favor—but justly recognizing existing facts. A man has \$100,000 worth of goods in his store; another has a \$100,000 machinery plant on his mine. It is manifest that the same general rule should not apply in both cases. It would be just as fair to tax a merchant or manufacturer on every dollar that passed through his hands in a year as to tax a mine owner on the mine's gross production.

A man has a \$50,000 farm, eternally reproductive; another has a \$50,000 mine, ephemerally so; the equities are dissimilar. Any system of taxation that tends to limit the number of workable mines is against public policy.

Freak assessments are occasionally noted, as in the case of the sapient Teller county, Colo., assessor who decided to assess on the valuation of what was represented by the mining stock quotations, the selling price of the stock to be the basis of taxation on the mine.

This thing provoked loss, litigation and delay, and seriously affects the mining industry. It deters development, investment and general work. Take Cripple Creek district, Colorado! That is cited because it is today the most prosperous bit of gold-producing territory in the country, yielding \$2,000,000 in gold per month from a very small area. Yet the cinch taxation law of the last legislature has had the effect of having Teller county report nearly 1,500 mining properties in that district now for sale for delinquent taxes. The owners are willing to let their property go by default rather than submit to such extortion.

The present Colorado mine taxation law says in effect that a non-producing claim shall not be assessed more per acre "than is the lowest producing property in the same

locality." Mining men are inclined in Colorado to naturally assume that the word "locality" means on the same hill, or in the same canon, or, at least, in the same section of the camp, but the assessors seem disposed to interpret it as meaning only the next adjoining properties. So that as a result, even now, non-producers are in some instances assessed higher than are producing properties in what the owners claim is the same "locality."

Another question is the tax on unpatented mining claims. By a legal quibble regarding "possessory rights," the state presumes to tax United States property, which is not taxable in or by any state. The miner has no established title to the land, nor has the state. The United States government does not grant to the locator any fee nor ownership on real or personal property. Yet the state assesses and taxes what the locator does not own nor the federal government grant. The only thing the locator really owns is the chance to make the property his own. Under this silly and baseless system an unpatented mining claim is "sold for delinquent taxes." But the state can give no title to property it does not own, nor can it work the property. All the states can do is technically deprive the prospector of his claim. All the prospector can do is to wait long enough, and when the ground becomes subject to legal relocation, locate it again, and when delinquent can "sell" the claim again, and after a while the prospector can relocate it again, and so on; a ridiculous proposition.

The matter is of importance to all miners. The intent of these fragmentary remarks is to suggest to newly-elected legislators, who propose introducing laws governing mine taxation in their respective commonwealths this winter, that a degree of caution is necessary and proper understanding of the subject absolutely requisite. The prospector should not be discouraged, the miner should not be frozen out, and the investor should not be unduly deterred from aiding development. The working miner is a good customer for everybody and a competitor of no one. He deserves a fair show and that's all he asks.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Insignia for Worlds Fair Medal Selected.

Charles Holloway of Clifton, Ia., one of the leading designers and mural decorators in the United States, is the winner of the World's Fair emblem contest and will receive a prize of \$2,000 for his conception, which becomes the official insignia of the Exposition.

Announcing that his design is the fortunate one, of 400 submitted by European and American artists, was made last week by the jury of Award.

Description of the emblem:—The successful design contains five figures. In the central foreground appears a woman, personifying the Territory of Louisiana. At her side stands Columbia placing around her the American flag. The garments of France have fallen from her and lay at her feet. The colors of the French flag and the fleur de lis are plainly discernable in the cast-offs.

In the background is a boat containing two figures—Progress and Rectitude. In front of Columbia and beside Louisiana sits a female figure, representing France, holding in her lap the treaty of the Louisiana Territory. Draped over her arm is the tricolor of France. She holds in one hand the sword of Municipality. The border shows four large figures, typifying Agriculture, Commerce, Art and Science. Above these figures are Genius and Progress, crowning Art and Science with a laurel wreath. In the lower corners are two shields, with the colors of France, bordered with the colors of France and the United States.

The design is intended as a poster, but may be used either on a medal or plaque. The Jury of Award pronounced the color scheme very fine, being soft and harmonious. Four colors are employed in the conception—red, white, blue and yellow, rep-

resenting the United States, France and Spain. It is the intention of the Exposition Company to use the design in a modified form for medals of award.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Services at Methodist Church.

Sabbath-School, Sun., 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, " 11:00 a. m.
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Preaching, " 7:00 p. m.
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Meets Tuesday evening of each week at Hewitt's hall at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. R. D. ARMSTRONG, N. G. J. P. KLEPPINGER, Secretary.

White Oaks Lodge No. 9, A. O. U. W.

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SHERIFFS.

Recently Elected Sheriffs Who Take Office January 1st.

The following is a list of the sheriffs who were elected or re-elected on November 4, and who will take office on New Year: Bernalillo, Thomas S. Hubbell, republican; Chaves, Fred Higgins, democrat; Colfax, Marion Littrell, R.; Dona Anna, Jose R. Lucero, R.; Eddy, M. C. Stewart, D.; Grant, James K. Blair, D.; Guadalupe, L. Casaus, D.; Lincoln, John W. Owens, D.; Luna, William H. Foster, D.; McKinley, W. A. Smith, D.; Mora, Tito Melendez, R.; Rio Arriba, Alexander Read, R.; San Juan, J. E. Elmer, R.; San Miguel, Clarence Romero, R.; Santa Fe, H. C. Kin-sell, R.; Sierra, M. D. Kahler, R.; Socorro, Leandro Baca, D.; Taos, Faustin Trujillo, R.; Union, Pabla Baca y Sanchez, D.; Valencia, Carlos Baca, R.

Miners and Farmers Fight Gold Standard in Mexico.

Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 12.—The silver question continues to be one of the great topics of public discussion. It is now certain that the silver miners and farming classes will make a common cause against the adoption of a gold standard. The miners argue that silver mines in gold standard countries will have to shut down at the present price of silver, while the Mexican mines can continue to be operated; also that silver mining and agriculture are interests with more claim on the protection of the government than railroads or merchants.

Meantime all prices are being raised and there is much anxiety among the middle classes, especially the wage-earners and salaried men. The cost of living is considered to be out of proportion to incomes.

Cuban Reciprocity.

Havana, Dec. 12.—A definite treaty of commercial reciprocity between Cuba and the United States was signed at 11 o'clock last night by General Bliss and Secretaries Zaldes and Monte. It lacks only the signatures of Secretary Hay and Senor Quesada and the approval of the United States and Cuban senates to make it operative. Although the treaty provides for a uniform reduction of 20 per cent from the present tariff charges on Cuban products entering the United States, a parallel list of products has been drawn up in which the scale is set for the reduction on each item made by Cuba and the United States, respectively. It is impossible now to make any material change in this list.

Plenty of Snow.

In the mountains of New Mexico the snow is four feet deep, and wolves and wild animals have been driven to the valleys of the White Oaks country in search of food. The beasts have preyed upon the herds of sheep and the losses have been severe.—Portales Herald.

The foregoing is a mistake. There has been very little snow in the White Oaks country and there have been no losses to amount to anything on account of wild animals. Wolves have been a little troublesome near Picacho, sixty miles east of White Oaks, but we haven't heard of any losses in this section from such causes.

Catron Got Punched.

A special from Washington says that Thomas B. Catron, of Santa Fe, was struck with an umbrella by Col. Thos. Smith in the lobby of Willard's hotel in that city. A fight between the two men was only averted by the intervention of mutual friends.

A Good Future.

"I have just visited parts of Dona Ana, Otero and Lincoln counties, and noticed that there was a good deal of mining development going on," says a Colorado mining man. "Considerable improvement was noticed in Lincoln county, and that district has a very promising future.

Alto News Items.

Regular Correspondence.

A new girl has been announced at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Haggee.

Harry Edmiston has sold his ranch on Eagle creek and intends to make Alto his future home.

William Smith has sold his one-year-old steers to Fred W. Smith. They have been fed for some time. The price was \$17.50 per head.

After several weeks idleness, the Eagle Creek saw mill is again in operation. The shut-down was occasioned by the Lincoln forest reserve agent's notice to that effect.

Miss Ula Gilmore is teaching the Bonito school this year, and Miss Cora Gibbs is teaching at Little Creek. Both schools are progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

Jackson Holder has opened up a vein of apparently very high grade gold ore on his Eagle Creek property. P. L. Krouse's claims are also showing up well. They are located in the same vicinity.

The V. V. ranch is building seventy-four miles of four-wire fence on the Indian reservation, inclosing lands the ranch has leased for a period of three years. B. F. Stewart, of Ruidoso, and Harvey Jackson, of Nogal, have the contract.

What interest has a teacher who does not live in the territory, in the education of our children? We are speaking generally, and do not wish to condemn eastern teachers who have proven themselves worthy, but some of them brought into Lincoln county have been very unsatisfactory.

Deming-Alamogordo.

The preliminary survey of the line from Alamogordo to Deming by way of Las Cruces is progressing rapidly. C. C. Small, as locating engineer, has been out for some time with a party of thirty men surveying the new line to connect with the El Paso & Northeastern at Alamogordo and with the Southern Pacific at Deming. This line when built will give the Rock Island a short cut to Deming and save several hours' haul over the El Paso route.

The Copper Market.

Standard is this week quoted at \$10.75; Lake, \$11.95; electrolytic and casting, \$11.45.

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MINING NEWS.

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The Jicarilla has always been a dry camp, and it was considered futile to try to get water of any amount, but two years ago the American Placer Company put in a well drilling machine, and the result was the finest well of water in Lincoln county. This has changed the whole course of procedure in mining in the Jicarillas, and now that plenty of water is assured, wet concentrators are going in and drilling machinery will be installed throughout the camp.

The Free Gold Mining and Milling Company now has a 3000-foot oil well rig on their ground and are drilling for water. They also have a small saw mill with which they cut their own lumber for their houses and mill plant. Their mill plant will consist of elevators to run the gravel and to carry off the tailings, and of a system of

screens and concentrators that will handle about 200 tons of gravel daily. The whole plant will be mounted on rail road trucks and placed on bed rock, and as fast as gravel is worked the plant will be moved up and in this way kept close up to gravel pits. The company has secured the services of Mr. S. B. Wise, a mining man of considerable experience, to put in their plant, and under his supervision they will have an up-to-date plant. Mr. Wise has made some valuable improvements in this line of work and will give the company the benefit of his inventions.

We predict a big success for this company and mark it a heavy producer for the year 1903.

Rico Mining and Milling Co.

The Rico Mining and Milling Co. is a corporation composed of home people, who are thoroughly familiar with the resources of the country and have had considerable experience in mining. The home office of the company is Nogal, New Mexico.

The Rico company has wisely selected the Jicarilla placer diggings as their field of operations, and through the efforts of Geo. E. Sligh, who has been elected general manager for this company, has acquired 300 acres of the best placer diggings in the district.

The Rico company has joined in with the Free Gold M. & M. Co. in the purchase of a 3000-foot oil well drilling machine, which will be operated on the Rico property early in the spring.

This company will put in a placer machine like the Free Gold company, but on a larger scale, and will handle a larger amount of gravel.

Probably the richest diggings in the camp are owned by this company. The ground was purchased from Richard Murphy, who has been living on the ground for the last five years, working it continually. Careful examinations of this ground places the average value of the gravel at \$1.50 a ton, with a rich streak on bed rock that often pays twenty-five cents to the pan.

Work will be pushed by this company in

the spring, and before the year 1903 comes to an end, the Rico Mining and Milling Co. will be put on our list of dividend payers.

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Program.

The following program has been prepared for the Christian Union service of Epworth League and Christian Endeavor societies, to be held at 3 o'clock Sunday, Dec. 21st, at the Congregational church, and to which everybody is most cordially invited:

Opening song—"Joy to the World."
Prayer—Rev. Hamilton.
Bible lesson—Mrs. Leighner.
Star exercise—Junior League.
Recitation—"The Little Christmas Tree."
Octette—"Prince of Peace."
Mandolin club—"Nearer My God to Thee."
Address—Rev. Hamilton.
Duet—"Wonderful Name."
Recitation—"Glory Over These."
Quartette—"Some Day."
Address—Mr. Sager.
Recitation—"Little Gottlieb."
Song—"Praise Ye the Lord."
Song—"America."
Benediction—Rev. Hamilton.

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The Holidays.

It seems to us that Thursday, our publication day, manages to fall upon more holidays than any other day of the week or year. We published this year on Thanksgiving day, and the entire force were busy, next week, Thursday the 25, we must publish again. Nevertheless, we found plenty to be thankful for on November 27, and if conditions, temporal and spiritual, are as favorable Christmas we will still be happy on that day, notwithstanding the fact that it will be necessary for us to be limited of coin and to wear more ink than smiles, and that we must labor while more fortunate people may spend the day in turkey festivities, nog and fine flavored Havanas.

Nobody can keep us from hoping that some time we may have a summer cottage at the seashore and an income from government bonds, even if we are right in the middle of way-out-west. See?

May Eagle readers have glad hearts on Christmas day, and we hope Old Father Time will be good to them, and give them many annual returns of like measures of good cheer, contentment and happiness.

Christmas Services.

Sunday morning the Methodist pastor will use as a text, Luke 2:10-11: "Christ—His mission in the world and its accomplishment." In the evening the text will be Math. 28:18, 19, 20: "The great commission."

It will be noticed that these texts bring into view the two extremes in the life and work of the Savior of the world. The first is the angel's announcement of His birth. The second is His last utterance before His ascension to the Father.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the two young people's societies of the Congregational and Methodist churches will join in a union service at the Congregational church. The topic will be, "Christmas—Its message and motive. Mrs. S. M. Parker will lead the meeting.

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