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BINGHAM CON'S BIG TONNAGE

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WHAT SMELTER IS DOING.

Figures on Cost of Reduction—Possibility of Earnings of From \$5 to \$7 a Share, Annually.

Bingham Consolidated is treated exhaustively in a letter sent out this week by George L. Walker, the Boston copper authority and contains much data concerning the operation of the mines of that corporation in Bingham and Tintic that is not lacking in interest. Mr. Walker says Bingham Consolidated has a very large tonnage of ore blocked out, and that mine conditions are such as to indicate that the amount already in stock could be doubled without any short time by the rapid and persistent attention of development work on the several ore bodies. It is estimated that there are 750,000 tons of ore blocked out in the company's five mines, 100,000 tons of which is lead-silver ore.

"I personally went through and inspected the underground workings of all the company's mines," says Mr. Walker, "when I was in Utah last month, visited its smelter and endeavored in every way possible to form an intelligent opinion of the value and future prospect of the enterprise. The character and extent of the underground developments and the amount of ore in sight were pleasant surprises, as was also the splendid showing of lead-silver ore of good grade. On the other hand, the grade of the copper ore was found lower than I had previously been led to believe, and the cost to pay dividends seemed to find an explanation, partly in the relatively low grade of its copper ores, and also in the tremendously heavy expenditure which must have been made in the extensive development of its several properties."

COMMERCIAL ORE BODIES.

The company's Commercial mines have about 300,000 and 350,000 tons each in 10 per cent copper and \$2.50 per ton in gold and silver. The ore is in two bodies, and as it is mixed it carries an excess of iron valuable for smelting.

The Bingham vein is about 18 feet wide, and of approximately the same grade as the Commercial ore deposits. Its precious metal value, however, is larger in silver and smaller in gold. The Lead mine vein, so called, has not been opened extensively at the Mascotte tunnel level, but it gives promise of making a very big mine, perhaps the largest in the Bingham Consolidated group. The vein at one place is 150 feet wide and carries an average of perhaps 1½ per cent copper and six to nine ounces of silver and a good excess of iron. There is also in this property a lead-silver deposit which at one point is 15 feet wide and of excellent grade.

"The longest continuous ore body in the mine, and probably one of the longest in the Bingham camp, is that known as the Dalton & Lark vein. It has been opened on the tunnel level a distance of 1,100 feet. Throughout about 500 feet of this distance the vein averages nearly six feet wide and carries an average of 2 per cent to 2½ per cent copper, six to nine ounces silver and as high as \$1.80 in gold to the ton. The other 600 feet so far opened carries two narrow veins, one of copper sulphide and the other lead-silver. The latter, as a rule, lies almost directly on top of the former, being separated from it by a narrow band of quartz. In places this last ore expands to a considerable width and contains excellent values. Shipments have frequently yielded a net profit of \$20 per ton at the smelter."

EAGLE & BLUE BELL SHOWING.

The Eagle & Blue Bell mine, located at Eureka, in the Tintic mining district, of the stock of which Bingham owns a controlling interest, is a large property on which as yet only a comparatively small amount of development work has been done. One of its six or eight claims is opened by a tunnel from which there is a shaft or winze 1,300 feet deep, equipped with a hoist, and a chimney of ore has been followed down and largely milled out to about the sixth or seventh level. Just above the tenth level this vein, which has been dipping to the north, turns abruptly and extends south. A little more than one-half of this vein of about 1,000 feet is now milled out and the remainder is still in the ground. The vein averages about \$1.20 to the ton in silver and gold, with very small values in copper. This property is sparsely located, and the extension of exploratory work throughout the large property will probably reveal other ore sheets of value. The ore of this property are very silicious. Some of them are used by the Bingham for converter linings and others are treated by oil operation, being dropped raw in small quantities into the converters with the matte. As Bingham matte carries a considerable amount of iron and sulphur, the operation referred to is successful, and at present 30 tons or more of ore is smelted in this manner daily.

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Today's Metal Quotations.

SILVER,	64%
COPPER,	17%
COPPER, Electro,	18
LEAD,	\$5.75

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

LEAD,	5.75
COPPER, Dull	18% @ 18%

LIVED TWENTY YEARS IN PIOCHE

William Lloyd Has Seen Historic Nevada Camp at Its Best And at Its Worst.

MADE A FORTUNE AT BRISTOL.

Gruddy Impressed With Methods Being Pursued by the Nevada-Utah Company.

VALUE OF ORES.

"As nearly as I can learn, the copper ores from Bingham's several mines carry an average of only 2% to 2½ per cent copper and about \$2 to \$4 in silver and gold. The treatment of Eagle & Blue Bell and other Tintic ores adds heavily to the gold and silver contents of its bullion, and probably only one-half of the company's gross income is from the sale of precious metals."

The Bingham Consolidated company smelters have never been the success it should be. It was a mistake at the outset to build blast furnaces exclusively, and this fact received its strongest demonstration when, after furnace No. 3 had been added, the company undertook to treat the concentrates from the Utah Copper and Newhouse-Cactus mills. These concentrates were exceedingly fine material, and, incidentally, the same is true of more than three-quarters of the tonnage of copper sulphide ores from the company's various Bingham mines. The concentrators cut the capacity of the furnaces down, increased the accumulation of fluxes due, and raised operating costs. Two reverberatory furnaces have been built since, and these are now used to treat the flux and gangue ores which have previously been calcined in the company's roasting plant.

"The news from the west that through the advice of F. Augustus Heimze, who is apparently now in control of the company's affairs, the directors have voted to spend \$400,000 on the smelting plant, probably means that this kind of the blast furnaces will be changed to heat smelting stacks, and that more reverberatory furnaces and more roasters will be added. By screening Bingham ores and treating the flux in reverberatories and the coarse ore in blast furnaces, considerable economy could be effected."

"There is little probability that the Bingham smelter will be removed to the site near the Dalton & Lark mine because of the difficulties involved in moving the plant, and the miners will be compelled to go to the south drift to get the ore.

The Bingham company has made a determined fight against the unreasonable demands of the farmers in the Salt Lake Valley and has furnished a large amount of the evidence which has defeated their most extreme contentions. The company went to the extent of purchasing a large tract of land lying directly between its own and the Utah Consolidated smelter and running it as a farm along almost precisely the same lines that are followed by agriculturists in general in the valley. It has demonstrated that this farm, located in the very center of what the farmers call the smoke zone, can be made to pay handsomely, and that its vegetable and live stock products are the very best in the state. These facts have been brought before the courts and have done much to check the wild scramble of the ranch owners for re-dress at law.

LOTS OF LOW GRADE ORE.

Mr. Lloyd says there is an immense tonnage of ore in the Bristol mine that will assay from \$5 to \$10 a ton. Under present conditions this ore would hardly pay to ship; but with a railroad into camp and a reasonable freight rate, there would be good money in it. This is the case in other parts of the district as well, and Mr. Lloyd says there is not the slightest doubt but that the camp could immediately furnish the railroad with 200 tons of ore daily, while a few months later this output could be very materially increased.

The E. & F. mine, owned by Col. A. G. Ellis of Salt Lake, who is situated two miles from the district center, is in condition to begin shipping immediately the moment the railroad is completed.

Col. Ellis has a force of men engaged in blocking out the vein, evidently being very well satisfied that Senator Clark is going to push a branch line of his Salt Lake Route into camp before the beginning of 1907.

CONCENTRATES.

Will C. Higgins returned this morning from a business trip to Pioche.

Edward McCarrick has returned from a brief business trip at Fairview, Nevada.

The Salt Lake Stock & Mining exchange will resume calls at the usual hour tomorrow morning.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE CANANEAS AND DULUTH MINES AT CANANEAS, MEXICO, HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY THOMAS F. COLE.

Gen. Supy. R. C. Gemmill and Supy. Frank Janney of the Utah Copper company are out at the company's Garland mill today.

The ore and bullion settlements reported late yesterday by McCormick & Co., were: Crude ore and concentrates, \$62,700; base bullion, \$44,900.

Robert Gordon, a Salt Laker who has been putting in several months on the deserts of Nevada, on a prospecting expedition has returned.

A Tintic operator says there is enough ore blocked out in Carissa mine to maintain the present production of 50 tons a day for a year.

Brooks W. H. Tibbals and A. B. Gresson, manager of the mining review, with their families, departed for American Fork Canyon today for an outing.

Joseph G. Dawson, for thirteen years in the employ of F. Augustus Heimze at Butte, has arrived from the north to become an employee of the Bingham Consolidated.

The Stephen H. Lynch came down from the Alta Hecla property at Alta yesterday with some good samples of ore that shows assays as high as \$4.80 in gold and 50 per cent lead.

THE BLACK LEDGE OF PIOCHE.

"In the Raymond & Ely mine, at 1,200 feet, is exposed what is known as the black ledge of Pioche. It has been proved up to the length of 300 feet and the vein averages from 8 to 10 feet in width. A winge was sunk in it 300 feet and crosscuts run there showing a width of from 25 to 30 feet.

The character of the ore is sulphide of zinc and lead, with some silver.

The ore assays about 20 per cent zinc, 10 to 12 per cent lead and from 30 to 40 ounces to the ton.

It is noticeable that below water level zinc values predominate.

The Meadow Valley mine has been worked to the depth of 800 feet and is said to have produced \$1,000,000. The Silver Lode, another Nevada-Utah property, has been worked down to the water level of the camp and has exposed at that point a shoot of ore 400 feet long and one feet wide that will probably assay \$40 to the ton.

Right in line with the other properties mentioned, all of which are located along the porphyry dike of the camp, is the Yuba with a production record of \$1,000,000.

Still further along in the Yuba East side, the Callow property, Capt. West has nothing to do with this property, but the porphyry dike and disclosures made there in the past prove a continuation of the dike east for a distance of over two miles east of the Raymond & Ely mine. Still further along in the property of the Bingham & Pioche Mining company and then again are the Scranton, Duley East and Alpa which have contributed \$1,000,000 to the enrichment of the world. The Duley East and Alpa are now held under bond by George Arbestad and Robert Muhal.

PROFITS IN SIGHT.

"After the expenditure of \$400,000 on its smelter, the Bingham Consolidated would make a total of \$1,000 to \$1,200 per ton of ore daily, of which perhaps 200 to 250 tons would be lead-silver.

The profit on the latter ore would run from \$10 to \$15 per ton, and on the copper ore there should be an average profit of \$2 per ton on a 15-cent copper market. This opens up the possibility of future net earnings of \$5 to \$7 per share annually on the company's outstanding capitalization.

"During the past year or two the company's net earnings have varied from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per month, and the company probably earned better than \$2 per share on its stock last year. Throughout the period of unprofitable profits, however, the work of opening up its ore deposits went on persistently, and the increase in the capacity of the smelter, which is suggested by the recent vote of the directors, is now fully warranted by the condition of the camp.

It will be recalled that the Bingham Consolidated Mining & Smelting company has only 150,000 shares of stock and \$1,000,000 of bonds outstanding. The bonds are convertible into stock at \$5 per share. If they are retired through conversion, therefore, the company's total stock issue will amount to but 170,000 shares. With the stock selling at \$5 and the bonds at par, the property has a market valuation of only \$5,000,000. The very large amount of ore in sight and the excellent prospect of its continuance both in depth and laterally makes this market valuation seem more than justified.

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electric power plant, which is to supply the mine and reduction works with energy.

DAY OF JACK RABBIT.

The Day mine at Jack Rabbit, 14 miles from Pioche, another of Col. Weir's acquisitions, is ready to produce. In this is a tremendous body of iron and manganese ore containing about 18 ounces in silver. The Day mine and the Pioche mines of the Nevada-Utah company are connected by means of a narrow-gaged railroad.

Mr. Lloyd believes Pioche is on the eve of a great era of prosperity and that it is destined to again take its place among the great mining camps of the west.

A MANHATTAN SALE.

Sedan Group Purchased for Forty-five Thousand Dollars.

A message from Manhattan, Nevada, to H. B. Cole conveys the information that the Sedan group, adjoining the Manhattan Gold ledge company's ground, in which Mr. Cole and associates are interested, has been sold for \$15,000; but the message omits the name of the purchaser.

A rich strike is also reported in the Manhattan-Belmont mine and on the Black Mammoth a 20-foot ledge of good and fine ore has been opened in which a rich streak from which are assay-

ing \$500 to the ton is being sacked.

BAMBERGER-DELAMAR.

New Hoist Being Installed—Defects in Tailings Mill Being Remedied.

Work is going on as usual at the Delamar mines of the Bamberger-Delamar company, says the Lode-Express of Caliente. The new hoist is going up as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Shaking on the inclines was started up a week ago. The ore on the 650 continues producing as development progresses.

At the Hog Pen the drift being run on the 400 foot level is now within about 40 feet of where the ore going down from the 200 foot is expected to be tapped. The ore in this ledge is steady at noon and practically stagnant.

Hounds were heavy.

Declines were made during the hour to make room for the 100 in St. Paul. The Piggs' Pacific, Superior and All-American preferred were lifted 1%, and helped to steady the market. The advance reached a point in St. Paul, Northern Pacific, Reading, Brooklyn, and Southern Sugar and International Pump.

Prices were held over flat trading. Declines in Great Northern preferred reached 2%.

At the Piggs' Pacific the drift was run on the 400 foot level and the ore was put in too tight, and on becoming wet shrunk to such an extent that it permitted the slime and dirt to settle in the bottom of the tanks.

The other mill continues grinding out the allotted daily amount of ore.

AT THE MONTEZUMA.

One Body In South Drift Widens Our Considerably.

Feter Porter, manager of the Montezuma mine at Bingham, is keeping in close telephone communication with that property for the reason that developments have reached a decidedly interesting stage.

He was advised during the forenoon that the south drift is still showing a breast of shipping ore 3½ feet wide, while the vein is 7½ feet. Ore is also coming in in the north drift, which leads the mine superintendent to believe he is going to open into something just as good as the showing in the south drift.

Manager Porter says a crosscut is being run to the west to intercept a vein which can be traced on the surface for a distance of about 1,000 feet. He figures that it will be cut within the next 25 feet.

The Montezuma is improving rapidly and bears every indication of opening into a first rate shipper.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, July 24—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; market steady. Heifers 4,000-\$8; cows and bulls, 1,500-\$12; stockers and feeders, 5,200-\$12; steers, 3,750-\$15.