

MINING, BUSINESS AND STOCKS

PROBLEM NOT
AN EASY ONE.

So Says Dr. Meyer. Regarding Solution of Smelter Smoke Trouble.

MANY CLASSES OF ORE TREATED

And Such a Variety of Metallurgical Process Used Makes the Situation Intricate.

Dr. Franz Meyer, the metallurgical expert who has begun his investigation of the smelter smoke trouble, has become thoroughly convinced that the problem is not a very easy one to solve, since looking over the situation, yet he is satisfied that such results will be obtained through a series of experiments that the existing troubles will be improved if not entirely removed. Yesterday afternoon Dr. Meyer prepared a statement for publication, and it is his intention from time to time to thus wise keep the public informed as he progresses with his work. Dr. Meyer says:

"The situation which I find here is most complicated, and consequently, as a problem to be solved is greater than any one I have ever encountered before experienced. Not only is the quantity of ore melted in this valley a very large one, but the quality of the ores to be treated varies so greatly that a great variety of metallurgical processes is used in their reduction by the different smelters. As these conditions naturally require a close study of the operations at each smelter, and of the various processes employed, it requires a great deal of analytical and experimental work for ascertaining the nature of the smoke and for advising the best methods to make it harmless to die."

The Bowes lease expired at the same hour and employees received a notification that the mine would be closed.

The Price & Curry lease on the Clermont, which is one of the Jumbo leases, also expired on the 31st, and work continues as usual. Mr. Stevens has been endeavoring for several months to secure an extension of six months that they might be able to extract enough shipping ore to make them even, but the complications which have arisen may preclude such an action by the court, which now has the matter in charge. Price & Curry have been enabled to ship only about four tons of ore every other Jumbo lease has shipped hundred tons.

On the 10th the supreme court is to decide on the receivership question, and until then Jumbo hill will remain in a state of coma.

Today's Metal Quotations:

Local settling prices as reported by the American Smelting and Refining company:

SILVER,	59%
COPPER, CASTING	10½
" ELECTRO	14 11-16
LEAD,	\$3.50 @ \$4.60

New York Quotations:

LEAD, quiet,	\$4.60 @ \$4.70
COPPER, firm,	15½ @ 15½

PROSPERITY IN
SILVER CITY CAMP

Renewed Activity Being Displayed In One of Idaho's Oldest Mining Districts.

SINKER TUNNEL ENTERPRISE.

Pushing of This Project Has Given a Distinct Stimulus to Mining Operations.

A. F. Stevens, manager of the Addie Mining company of Silver City, Idaho, has arrived from the north and will be in the city for several days to attend to some mining business. Of conditions in the northern camp, Mr. Stevens says, never looked better than they do at the present time, and he looks forward to a very prosperous year. The resumption of work at the Sinker Tunnel property has given a distinct stimulus to mining in the district.

The Sinker company has been securely financed and is preparing to push development work with more vim than ever before. Throughout Idaho the tunnel will tap the famous Golden Chariot vein on War Eagle mountain, at a vertical depth of not less than 1,569 feet. War Eagle mountain has record of having produced more than \$17,000,000 in gold, and was the scene of some of the earliest mining excitements in the west. An effort is to be made to add a Golden Chariot vein, which has a depth of 1,369 feet. The shaft contains about 1,000 feet of water, which will be drained by means of a drill hole.

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Opening Saw Some Losses but a Majority of the Stocks Were Higher.

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When the Selling Movement Ceased There Were Some Insignificant Recoveries.

New York, Jan. 12.—There was a sprinkling of losses on the opening quotations in the stock market today, including Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central and Southern Pacific, but the majority of stocks was higher. Amalgamated Copper opened up a quarter and then ran off to below last night. With the exception of the gain of ½ in Hide & Leather preferred the changes were all limited to small fractions and the trading was light. Persistent selling of Baltimore & Ohio disturbed sentiment and the various favorites were unloaded freely. Sugar, Amalgamated Copper and Union Pacific were particularly weak and the recent support to the coalers was lacking. Baltimore & Ohio declined 1¾, Southern Pacific and Sugar 1, Delaware & Hudson lost 1¼.

Colorado & Southern first preferred gained 1¾.

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LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 13,600; market steady. Cattle per prime, \$10.50; poor to medium, \$7.00; stockers and feeders, 2,250@1.20; cows, 1.25@1.40; heifers, 2,000@1.20; calves, 1.25@1.30; bulls, 2,000@1.25; calves, 2,000@1.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 300; market steady. Hogs, 40¢@4.25; calves, 4.00@4.25.

Lamb—Receipts, 500; market steady. Lamb, 40¢@4.25; calves, 4.00@4.25.

Pork—Receipts, 500; market steady. Pork, 40¢@4.25; pigs, 4.00@4.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; market steady. Sheep, 40¢@4.25; lambs, 4.00@4.25.

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