

MINING, BUSINESS AND STOCKS

MINING BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Substance of the Four Measures Now Being Considered by Utah Law Makers.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

Establishment of Office Would Entail A Large Salary List—Mr. Curtin's Proposed Hydro-Carbon Law.

There have been four mining bills introduced in the Legislature during the present session, but, as yet, none have been enacted into laws. Three of these measures have been introduced by Representative Joseph and the fourth one by Representative Curtin.

The public has heard a great deal about Mr. Joseph's mine inspection bill, but any more than it provides for a general inspection of mines, a further understanding of the proposed measure is limited to very few outside a half-dozen legislators. This measure is known as H. B. No. 28 and is an act to establish a state department of mining, to be used for the appointment of a chief, with a salary of \$3,000 and expenses, per annum, and two assistants at a salary each of \$1,600 per annum, and expenses; also a clerk at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. As a qualification for the position of chief inspector the appointee must have had at least 10 years' practical experience in Utah mines. His term of office is four years and appointment comes through the governor. The assistant inspectors must be residents of the state and will be required to give evidence of having had at least five years' experience in practical mining, and must have a thorough knowledge of mining in all its details. One of the assistants is to have inspection of coal mines and the other to perform the same duty in metalliferous mines. An inspection of all mines in the state is required at least once every quarter and an inspection fee of \$10 is stipulated.

H. B. No. 29, also introduced by Joseph, requires mine owners to look after the health and safety of employees by providing proper ventilation, timbering, etc. The bill also fixes a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 a penalty for revealing any information concerning the character of the underground workings of any mine by the chief inspector of mines or his assistants. Mining companies are required to notify the officials mentioned of any fatal accident immediately after the occurrence of the same.

H. B. No. 30, by Joseph, provides for the taxation of full mines and those not proceeds, amending section 2,594 of the revised statutes.

H. B. No. 16, by Curtin, prohibits the use of explosive oils in hydro-carbon mines for lighting purposes, only when diluted with a non-explosive animal or vegetable oil, and then, in no case, to exceed five gallons at a time, in any case where the use of such greasing of cars inside mines is forbidden unless the place where this is done is cleaned out at least once a day to prevent accumulation of waste oil or grease in the roads or in the drains. Not to exceed one barrel of lubricating oil will be permitted in a mine at one time.

The state mine inspector is empowered to regulate blasting when he discovers the air is becoming vitiated by unnecessary blasting in coal mines.

In the case of properly ventilating rooms in mines where coal is over eight feet high, cross-cuts in rooms shall not be less than 100 feet apart, not more than 125 feet apart.

ON MINING EXCHANGE.

Sales of the West Aggregated the Sum of \$39,110.78.

During the week a total of 157,855 shares of stocks were transferred on the floor of the Salt Lake Stock & Mining Exchange, for which was paid out the sum of \$39,110.78.

The market, with the exception of a few stocks which displayed considerable activity, has been dead and sluggish throughout the week. A slight boom was enjoyed by Ingots for a few days, owing to the disclosure of a new ore chute in the Con. Mercur mine, and which is heading towards the Ingots.

The Ingots are now being shipped out of the mine, and are being sent to the smelters.

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Messrs. N. A. Brown, Chase Featherstone and David Roberts report encouraging results on their property near Saratoga Springs, in Reformation canyon. They have run an incline about 25 feet, and it was here that the find was made. They have a fine cabin, blacksmith shop and a good store on their property, and expect to be shipping out in a short time.

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Today's Metal Quotations:

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

SILVER 605¢

COPPER, CASTING 14 1/2¢

" ELECTRO 14 11 1/2¢

LEAD, \$3.50 @ \$4.60

New York Quotations:

LEAD, steady \$4.60 @ \$4.70

COPPER, firm 15 1/2¢

TONOPAH STOCKS:

Tonopah 10.25 11.75

Tonopah Belmont 64 89

Tonopah Midway 41 50

Tonopah Extension 3.75

Montana Tonopah 2.60 2.12 1/2

Jim Butler Tonopah 35 47 1/2

MacNamara 24 53

REGULAR CALL SALES:

May-Day, 1,669 at 5.

Butler-Liberal, 1,600 at 13 1/4.

Tonopah 1,600 at 47 1/2.

Ingots, 2,000 at 3 1/2.

OPEN BOARD SALES:

Ingots, 2,000 at 3 1/2.

Lower Mammoth, 2,500 at 9 1/2.

New York, 1,600 at 45; 1,700 at 43 1/2.

Petro, 100 at 6 1/2.

Thompson, 2,000 at 15.

RECAPITULATION:

Shares, Value.

Regular call 5,200 \$846.00

Open board 10,900 1,664.25

Today's totals 16,100 \$2,800.25

Week's totals 157,855 39,110.78

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MINING NEAR LEHI.

Indications Favorable for an Active Campaign of Development.

Special Correspondence.

Lehi, Utah, Jan. 20.—Mining interests are showing up in several localities and promises of some very good results on certain properties. Mr. T. J. Widdowson, recorder for the Lehi mining district, says it has been quite a long time since there was so much activity in this locality, and he is kept busy placing newly located claims on the records.

The Mayhew Mining Company has had a couple of men at work on its property in West Tintic for the past few months, and some one has been employed to do the work undoubtably to go 70 per cent lead, with characteristic values in gold and silver. The vein from which the samples were obtained is 18 feet wide, and lies in a 20 foot ledge of low grade ore that would pay, if milled. The big vein lies between porphyry and white lime and experts who have examined the property speak favorably of the quality of the vein.

The zinc clay interests have been showing up well. The Utah Zinc Clay company owns six patented claims about three miles west of the Jordan river, and probably \$10,000 worth of development work has been performed. About three cars per week of zinc clay are being shipped to Salt Lake.

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BINGHAM MINING NEWS.

Enlargement of Ohio Copper Company's Mill Progressing.

The Bingham Coal and Lumber Co. have brought about 150 tons of ore from the Butler-Liberal this week.

Teams are at work hauling a 160-ton lot of very fine lead ore from the Phoenix. They also have a large shipment of second-class awaiting them at this property.

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