

MELTERS AT THE FOOT OF THE OQUIRRH RANGE, SALT LAKE COUNTY. SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF THE GREAT WORK OF BUILDI

Output of Utah

Mines and Dividends

Mines, 1905. \$29,808,565.23

tember, the throngs of pleasure seekers who were at Saltair beach, heard a terrific explosion | of giant powder. The noise came from the south and, immediately, hundreds of eyes were turned that way. Some took no notice of it, while others did so and they wondered what it all meant. At first, all that could be seen was a little cloud of dust; but when it cleared away a cluster of white tents came into view. Probably not one out of every hundred

who visited the great lake resort on that day, gave the matter more than passing notice; but the sound from that blast announced to the people of Utah that ground had been broken for one of the largest smelting plants in the world.

A few days afterward, train loads of a few days afterward, train loads of material began to arrive; the camp r gradually grew larger and the spot where those first few tents were pitch-ed became one of intense activity, Today there are employed out at this very place more than 800 people, and the accompanying illustrations will give the readers of the Christmas News a very good idea of what this army of men has been doing towards building this big smelter enterprise since that eventful September day.

Ready Next April.

Daniel Guggenheim, the chief officer of the American Smelting & Refining company, made the statement not iong age that the first unit of 3,000 tons of this new plant would be ready for com mission sometime during next April, and that the second unit, of the same size, would probably be ready for operation within one year. An enormous sum is being spent in its construction the original company, and in the equip-

NE bright afternoon last Sep- | \$2,500,000, and before it is finished the | chances are that new additions will be tacked on and that the original esti-mates will be found far lower mates than what the actual cost of the great plant will be. Garfield Smelting Company. The Garfield Smelting company, or-

ganized recently, will operate the new smeller. At the time of the filing of the articles of incorporation of the smelling company, the Gardield Townsite company came into existence, it

The structural material and equipment, The site selected for the Utah Copper mill is about four miles east of the Garfield smelter. With the present plant handling an output of 1,000 tons a day and the new one 6,000 tons, the is to have charge of the disposition of the town property of the new town of combined output of the Utah Copper mine will be brought up to 7,000 tons Garfield, which is to be permanently located at a point about a mile and a half east of the location of the smelter. The Garfield Water company will at-tend to the water and lighting busi-

Two Great Milling Plants. But the building of the smelter and the town are not the only big enterpristhe town are not the only big enterpris-esbeing brought into existence along the western borders of Salt Lake coun-ty. Two immense concentrating mills are to be built; both closely allied to the smelting company. One of the mills is to be put up by the Utah Cop-per company, the control of which, a few months ago passed to the Guggen-heim Exploration commany and which heim Exploration company, and which, like the Garfield companies, is a sub-000,000 pounds of copper per annum at the estimated cost of from seven to eight cents per pound.

sidiary concern to the American Smelt-ers Securities company. The Utah Cop-per company's shareholders met imme-diately after the formal passing of the control of lorson City N. I. control at Jersey City, N. J., and au-thorized an increase of the capital stock of the company from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 and the sale of \$3,000,000 worth of bends, re-deemable in the stock of its company at \$20 per share. The proceeds from the sale of these bonds is to be used in liquidating the bended indebtedness of

where with should handle 200,000 tons per-month and, it is claimed, the earnings of the company can be brought up to somewhere between \$3,000,000 and \$4,-000,000 per year. It is said that the first unit of the new plant will handle about 1,100,000 tons of ore per annum. The recovery from this should be between 25 and 29 pounds of copper to the top. The first unit of the new plant will be combint of the new plant will be com-pleted late in the coming year and the second will be ready early in 1907. If the present plans are enreled out. Af-ter both units are in commission, it is expected the output will be over 60,-

ment of the company's mines with greater facilities for ore treatment. The

preater inclusion of ore treatment. The new mill is to have capacity, when completed, for the treatment of 6,600 tons of ore per day. The concrete foundations upon which the massive buildings are to stand have been put

in, or, at least the most of them, and the contracts are about to be let for

Great Boston Con. Plant.

The Boston Consolidated Mining com-pany will build the second mill and work on it will commence as early in the new year as possible. Just when, depends on the progress made at the experimental mill about to go into com-mission at Eingham; mention of which is made elsewhere in this paper, The management expects that the ex-periments will be concluded by April next; when construction will be or-

Dividends 3,948,000.00 🕴 the structural material and equipment Complete Particulars on Page 68. also awarded the contract to build a branch of the Rio Grande Western dered immediately. The plans for the plant have been drawn and they will probably need few alterations in them Bingham Junetion on the Bingham Junetion on the Bingham branch to the smeller site, a distance of about 15 miles. This work is almost completed and by the beginning of the on account of the adoption of any methods other than planned. The Bosof any methods other than planned. The Bos-ton plant will be built to handle a ton-mage equal to that of the Utah Copper and will be constructed in two units. The original intention of Managing Director Newhouse was to build the mill on a site selected for it along the west shores of the Utah lake in Utah county; but afterwards, when a closer alliance was made with the builders of the Garfield smelter, a site proffered by the smelting company near the new new year, the road will be in shape to deliver freight to Garfield. Being the only line entering the camp of Bing-ham, that company will haul the ore from the mines of the West the smelting company near the new town of Garfield was accepted. The lo-cation of the Garfield townsite will be central for the smelter and mills; where employes of either may make their liberal in the treatment of its patrons at Bingham and it is not frequent that homes and have all the comforts and conveniences enjoyed by citizens of a modern city. By the end of anothe anyone is heard to complain.

year clarfield should contain a popula-tion of 10,000 people.

The astonishing rapidity with which development in the mining camps has progressed, made the construction of the Garfield smelter a necessity. This fact was realized by officials of the ready there and up to the present time has had a nor poly on the business created by the sew construction work; American Smelting & Refining com-pany us far back as two years ago; but since the revelations made in Bingage. The San Pedro Los Angeles & Sait Lake has operated a suburban train for several weeks and it has ham's porphyry belt, and elsewhere, through systematic mine development made it also apparent that a plant much larger than the one originally considered a necessity. The Bingham developments, in particular, changed things, and as the big mines of the dis changed trict became better explored, the smelt-ing people sought to get control of some of them, either directly, or or indirectly and they have succeeded quite well in the attempt. The United States Smelting company had be-come a dangerous competitor in the field by this time and both companies began to expand by the purchase of mining property as well as to provide more extensive facilities for ore treat.

ment. The Garfield Site.

The agitation over the "smoke" question came up and the multiplicity of damage suits instituted by the farm* ers of the Sait Lake valley made it inadvisable to continue to fight them, so it was decided to look up another ocation than the one at Murray for the proposed copper smelter. The Garfield site had many advan-

tageous features. It was believed that the wind currents were such at the point of the mountain that if a few of the farmers in the vicinity of Black Rock and this side of there could be induced to part with their lands, the hances of any damage being done to regetation was remote. Accordingly, agents of the smelting people were intructed to proceed with the task of curing options on the ground and the rater sites needed. It was necessary to work quietly: It therefore, con-sumed a whole lot of time to round out the 10 sections of ground required before the enterprise could go ahead. Another favorable feature was the abundance of water in the vicinity of Black Rock; the close proximity to the ines of Bingham and to Salt Lake ity, where all the railroads in the ate center, carried with it advanwhich other sites that had been idered did not have.

Awarding of Contracts. Practically all the options required ,

proved to be a source of a whole lot of revenue to that company while an appreciative public, on the other hand. were obtained in the early part of September and the awarding of contracts was begun. The first one was let to the Utah Construction company, for nd the train a great convenience to he excavations, and the camp of that company was the first established on them. Covers Thirty Acres.

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the site chosen. The concrete men then followed in a few days: the struc-tural steel men came next, then the Thirty acres of ground is a good deal for a single smelting concern to oc-cupy in the operation of its works. But that is what the Garfield Smelting company will require for the great group of massive buildings, railroad trackage ore bins and other appurtenances. This This mages would be equal to three city

blocks in Salt Lake City.

The Principal Buildings.,

Aside from the three office buildings, now under construction, there will be nine big buildings. Of this number the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery com-pany has undertaken the construction of seven of them. The blacksmith shop practically completed, occupies space ham, that company will haul the ore from the mines of the West Mountain district to the mills and smolter, the railroad man-agement having recently announced a favorable schedule of rates which will probably have the effect of heading off any imediate danger of competition in that field. But the Rio Grande has always been literal in the treatment of its patrons. of the steam and electrical power equip ment: the building that is to contain the McDougail roasters will cover ground space of 60x222 feet; there will be two sampling mills, each of 70x82 feet dimensions while the main building of the lot, to contain the reverberatory, blast furnace, converter and buillon de-partments, will rest on concrete founda-tions within the area of 360x305 feet.

In the construction of the foregoing uildings, 4,000 tons of steel structural naterial will be used and from 65 to 75 skilled mechanics are given employ-

The stack, which is to stand at an elevation allove its base of 300 feet, is to be connected by a large system of flues, 2,000 feet in length to which will he atached bins for the collection of the dust. The inside measurement of the stack at the base is 30 feet, tapering gradually towards the top.

"Tearing Down" a Mountain.

In making the excavations for the melter, it has been necessary to tear down a portion of the mountain side. For more than three months the steam shovels of the Utah Construction company have been at this work; so have cores of men with teams wagons and scrapers been moving the dirt and rocks from where nature left it.

Will Smash Old Records.

It is the intention of the management to do some record breaking in the construction of the Garfield smelter and when the work is done it will probably be said that no plant of anywhere near the proportions that this one will be was ever erected in so short a time. But the producers have demanded equipment for the treatment of their ores and the Garfield Smelting com-pany is going to give it to them just as quickly as money can do it. Time was essence in this case. Had it not been for the promptness with which the smelting people got into action the chances are that the Nevada producers would not have permitted their ores to come to Salt Lake for treatment; but would have built plants of their own somewhere out on the coast. The way things have turned out Salt Lake reains its prestige as the greatest smelting center of the world.

by 110 feet in length.

The carpenter shop, a wooden struc-ture, is completed and in use. The building is 20 feet wide by 80 feet in length; the store house of the com-pany is also finished and is 44 feet wide



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TEMPORARY DEPOT OF THE SALT LAKE ROUTE AT GARFIELD.

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