

# Millions Produced From Smelters of the Smoke Zone

In Deep Creek and Other Camps.

It would be an injustice to them not to mention what has been going on in the smaller mining camps of the state. They will be referred to, however, only in a general way.

First of all the Deep Creek country—that vast region skirted the western borders of the state and extending on over into Nevada. Deep Creek is divided into numerous districts and some day will make itself heard with several big producing mines. The prospects for railroad transportation are good and when the financial stringency eases up and normal conditions prevail again there is every reason to believe that this region will be among the first to receive attention.

#### RAILROAD DID GOOD.

Although it does not help out matters much, the building of the Western Pacific westward from Salt Lake has stimulated mining in the Deep Creek country. Early this year prospectors found this an attractive field to investigate and a great many new properties were found and shaped up for development.

The old Utah mine at Fish Springs has kept up a vigorous campaign of development and ore extraction. This company has produced across the desert for 50 miles to the nearest railroad station and has kept up the payment of dividends with commendable regularity. The Western Utah Copper company conducted an active development campaign up to a few months ago, when work was temporarily suspended, but not until after it had been demonstrated that the mine is destined to become an important copper producer. The Western Utah is a Heling proposition and when the proposed new smelter of the Miners' Smelting company is built out near Garfield, it is needless to say that the Western Utah will come into good use. The mine is situated about 30 miles from the nearest point on the Western Pacific and the company has planned to connect the camp with a branch line of the Western Pacific. Near the Western Utah will come into good use, mine, which has been undergoing vigorous development. Other properties in the Deep Creek country ought to be mentioned. But generally speaking, good roadway has been made. It is a most promising region and one of the best undeveloped mineral portions in the state inviting the attention of capital at this time.

#### IN BOXELDER COUNTY.

In Boxelder county probably the greatest strides have been made by the Salt Lake Copper company operating the copper and zinc mine some distance to the southeast of Lucin. This company has put in the greater part of the year doing development work at its Park Valley mine. The mill was operated at intervals, however, and all in all the bullion record is a fairly good one. Conditions here are encouraging.

#### WORKED IN CACHE.

In Cache county some mining has been done, but mostly in a small way. In Logan and Blacksmith Fork canyons are situated some attractive properties showing values in gold, silver, lead, copper and iron, while at La Plata the hope is expressed that some good mines may yet be found there. In the Uintah reservation country in northeastern Utah, considerable prospecting has been done, but no developments of especial importance have been reported.

#### STATELINE REVIVED SOME.

Stateline, in the western part of Iron county, enjoyed a slight revival. But the work has been applied towards development only. Around Gold Springs, a few miles to the south, considerable activity has been in evidence. Here the Jenkins Gold Mining company has installed a new mill and is getting in shape an era of steady production. The Jenkins press carry values in gold and silver.

Some placer mining has been done in San Juan and Grand counties but only in a small way. Attention has also been given to the development of some of the gold and copper districts in those counties.

#### CARBON AND EMERY.

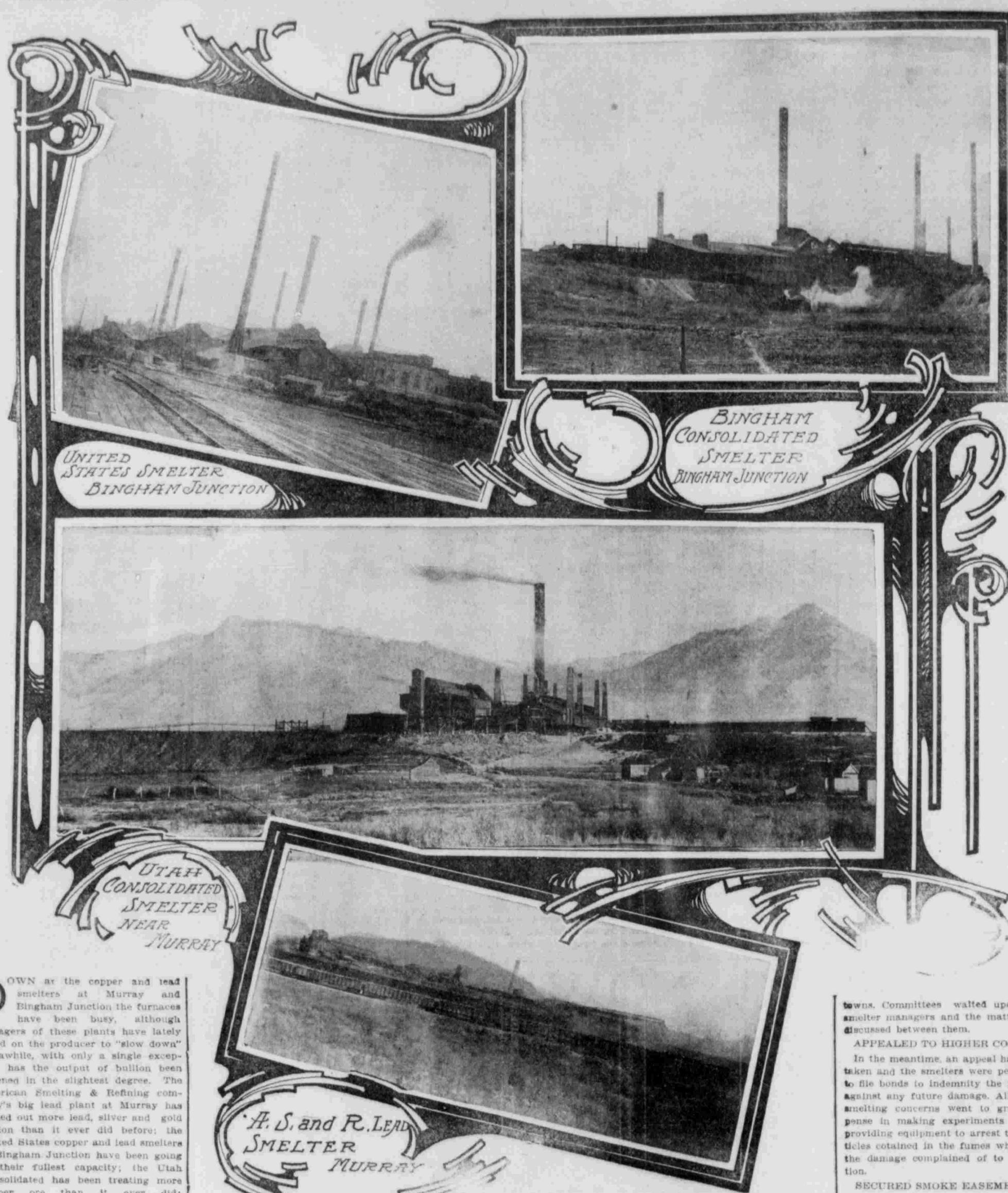
In Carbon and Emery much activity has been displayed in the coal districts. The fuel shortage experienced a year ago has had the effect of stimulating new interest in the coal camps.

The usual production of asphaltum and gilsonite has been reported from Uintah and Carbon counties.

## Review of Events Which Happened In Park City.

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that the officers of the Silver King company had in view the probable sale of a controlling interest in the combined property to F. Augustus Heinz, who had already become quite a factor in Utah mining affairs through his acquisition of a majority of the stock of the Ohio Copper company in Bingham, his purchases of Bingham Company, as well as those in associated concerns. Subsequent events proved this to be true but it was made plain that the McGregor litigation had to be cleared up before Mr. Heinz would put up his money. It developed that shortly after the closing of the McGregor deal, an option was given to Mr. Heinz on a large block of Silver King stock. The company was reorganized, along lines suggested by Mr. Heinz; the Silver King Coalition Mine company formed and the records show that articles of incorporation were filed in accordance with the laws of the state on June 19, with a capital stock of \$250,000 shares of the par value of \$5 a share. In the organization of the new company the officers of the original Silver King company are retained, with no mention of the name of Mr. Heinz or anyone connected with his staff. It appears, though, that while Mr. Heinz had actually become a stockholder in the company and was in possession of a good sized block of the stock, it was with the understanding that he was not to figure in the management of the corporation until after the date of the expiration of his option. This was to



All of them are affected by the decision rendered by Judge Marshall of the United States circuit court for the district of Utah in which it was decided that they should be perpetually enjoined from the further smelting of ore in the valley under charge containing more than 10 per cent sulphur. But this portion of the court's judgment was not the most sweeping; another clause made the smelting com-

panies and their officials subject to prosecution for contempt of court if they permitted any arsenic to be thrown off into the atmosphere from the top of their respective stacks.

The decision was so drastic in its character that it caused consternation among mining and smelting men. The decision was distinctly a victory to the farmers who appeared as plaintiffs in the now famous "smoke case" filed

against the four smelting concerns. Some feared that the effect of the decision might be the permanent driving away from Salt Lake some of the biggest smelting enterprises in the world. Others took a more hopeful view of the situation. The citizens of Lehi, Tooele, Grantsville, Ogden and Tintic took advantage of the occasion to invite the smelting companies to move their works to favorable sites near those

towns. Committees waited upon the smelter managers and the matter was discussed between them.

#### APPEALED TO HIGHER COURT.

In the meantime, an appeal had been taken and the smelters were permitted to file bonds to indemnify the farmers against any future damage. All of the smelting concerns went to great expense in making experiments and in providing equipment to arrest the particles contained in the fumes which damaged vegetation.

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interested in this enterprise and therefore figures in the management thereof.

#### CORE DRILLS INTRODUCED.

Development by means of the diamond core drill was introduced in Park City for the first time this year. This was at the property of the West Quincy Mining company. The New York Bonanza Mining company has carried on a fairly active campaign of development and has been an occasional shipper to the Salt Lake market. The Wabush Mining company has been going ahead at the usual pace and has made no let up in its development campaign. Shareholders have responded to a number of heavy assessments. The mine appears judging from outward appearances, a long way from becoming a producer. But the management has been persistent and is working on with the confidence that ultimate success will be achieved.

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#### NEW WAGE SCALE.

The disturbances in the metal markets in the past few months made it incumbent upon the mine operators to readjust the wage scale of the camp and the miners of the district accepted the change with good grace. The new scale became effective on November 15 and amounted to 25 cents a day, all around. Business men of the camp have assured the mine managers as well as the working men that such a reduction in the cost of supplies would be made which would offset what they may lose in wage reduction.

Engineers are to receive \$1 a day; timbermen, \$1.50; machine men, \$2.25; wagon tenders, \$2.50; all underground men, \$2; blacksmiths' helpers, \$2; iron shapers, \$2.50; lumbermen, \$1.25; foremen, \$3; millmen, carpenters and men, \$3; masons, \$1.50; reconstruction, \$1; repairmen, \$1.50; repairemen's helpers, \$1; mule drivers, \$2.75. All laborers and outside men, \$2.75. This scale does not apply to men under 18 years of age, who may be employed underground at the rate of \$2.50 a day, or outside at \$2.

## Plants Affected by Court Decision.

and they became parties to a stipulation praying the court for a modified decree.

**THE NET RESULT.**

The net result of these negotiations are that the American company is practically immune from any further litigation, provided, of course, that it keeps faith, and there is no reason to doubt that the compact will be lived up to the letter.

#### UNITED STATES COMPANY.

The United States company also installed a bag house and made many other costly improvements in the hope of controlling the smoke situation. The management has made headway. Similar conditions prevail there as at the American's lead plant at Murray. So far as retaining or eliminating the poisons from its lead plant is concerned, it has been entirely successful. No doubt if the American can operate its Murray plant without violation of the court's decree, the United States company can at least operate that portion of its smelter where lead silver ores are sent for treatment.

#### THE COPPER PLANTS.

What can be done with the copper smelter is the question? The management of the United States company expressed the belief not long ago that it could not be operated, after the injunction, which had been affirmed by the United States court of appeals, became operative and ordered its clients to cease shipping only enough ore to be used in clearing up the large tonnage of accumulated ores then hard.

#### WILL PROBABLY MOVE.

Nothing official has come up to this writing from the Utah Consolidated management since the Marshall decision as to what will be done in the future. Nevertheless, it is believed to be the intention to abandon the Murray smelter for the proposed new one to be erected in Pine canyon in Tooele county, but the hope is expressed that it will be permitted to continue until new facilities are ready.

The monthly payroll of the two smelting concerns south of Salt Lake City has agreed in the past few

\$500,000 to \$500,000.

#### USE OF SELENIUM.

Selenium, one of the rare and little known elements, is closely related in many ways to tellurium and sulphur, with both of which it often occurs in nature. Recently it has obtained some prominence from its use in various forms of electrical apparatus, where advantage is taken of its peculiar property of being almost a non-conductor of electricity in the dark, and under the influence of light its conductivity immediately becomes greatly increased. This characteristic is used in its use in instruments designed for lighting and extinguishing gas burners automatically; for guiding and exploding torpedoes by ray of light; for telephoning along a ray of light for transmitting sounds; and for graphs or drawings to a distance by means of a telephone or telegraph wire; and for measuring the quantity of Roentgen rays in therapeutic applications. A general or practical use of any of these instruments would result in an increased demand for selenium.

At present the metal is variously quoted from \$1.25 per kilogram (\$2.60 pounds) to \$2 per ounce as there is no steady market and the prices vary with different dealers. No selenium is known to be produced commercially in this country, but during 1906 one copper refinery made some in an experimental way and it is possible that it will be produced at other refineries also. At this time the selenium was obtained from the anode slimes or mud, where it is left with gold, silver, and other metals in the electrolytic refining of copper.

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now selling on the basis of about \$5 a ton in the St. Louis market, it is not a difficult matter to figure out that the product will become a profitable source of revenue to the company in the future.

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work to the ultimate benefit of the Daily Judge company so much as the announcement that steps have been taken to form a small part of the mine's assets. Through a contract entered into with the Grasselli Chemical company of Cleveland, O., the latter has undertaken the construction of a mill for the treatment of the zinc ore. The construction of the plant is well advanced and will be ready for commission early in 1908. It will start off with a capacity to handle 50 tons of zinc ore daily. Larger units may be added from time to time. Right here it might be well to state that on the dump near the company's mill is between 12,000 and 15,000 tons of zinc millings, or concentrate, and is being added to at the rate of 20 tons a day. This entire dump, Manager Lambourne states, carries values of 25 per cent in zinc. As soon as

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