

MAGNITUDE OF BUTTE MINING

In round figures, the maximum annual production of the Butte, Mont., district is 300,000,000 pounds of copper, 175,000,000 pounds of zinc, 12,000,000 pounds of lead, 12,000,000 ounces of silver and 60,000 ounces of gold. An idea of the magnitude of the operations is conveyed by the fact that while Butte has on the surface 233 miles of streets, her underground workings aggregate 2700 miles.

The annual output of the Butte district in metallic copper, zinc, lead, silver and gold would fill 4569 thirty-three foot railroad cars, making a train 28 1/2 miles long. Yet this is only three percent of the total amount of ore which has to be mined and treated to produce the above amount of metal. The value of the output varies from \$65,000,000 to \$100,000,000, depending upon market prices of the metals.

More than \$2,000,000 a month is paid to Butte's 20,000 wage earners, about the largest payroll in the country for a city of its size.

Production to date from the Butte district includes:

1. More copper and more silver than any other district in the world.
2. One-third of all the copper mined in the United States.
3. One-sixth of all the copper mined in the world.

In all, more than two billion dollars mineral wealth, of which one and a half billion has been left here in the form of wages, freight and supplies. More than 100 shafts pierce the hill, from which 15,000 miners wrest 20,000 tons of ore a day. Some of these shafts are more than 3600 feet deep.—Mining Truth.

What mining has done for Spokane, Butte, and many other of the prosperous cities of the west, it will do for the cities of Southwestern Oregon, which are situated in the heart of a vast mineral belt. Real prosperity in Southwestern Oregon can be hastened by a united effort to develop this vast mineral resource.

STATE MARKET NEWS

Farm Co-operation Grows

There are today over 12,000 farmers' co-operative business organizations in the United States, more than twice the number in existence in 1915. Of these 3,325 are primarily engaged in marketing grain; 2,197 handle dairy products; 1,770 ship live stock and 1,150 handle fruit. Ninety-eight are large-scale organizations of a centralized type.

Potato Prices Quiet

State Market Agent Spence is of the opinion that the price of potatoes is not liable to advance much during the rest of the season and that farmers will not profit much by holding their stocks longer.

One of the Big Ones

The Minnesota Co-operative creameries did a business last year of approximately \$40,000,000. More than 80,000,000 pounds of butter were handled by this organization during the year. The association has a membership of 450 local units, with 73,000 dairy farmers. With such organization strength it is a power for the benefit of the dairymen.

Seed Potatoes Scarce

Market Agent Spence says indications are that certified seed potatoes are going to be scarce and high priced this spring. County agents in many of the potato growing sections state that their seed stock has already been sold out. Many inquiries have come to the market agent's office asking where certified seed may be obtained and the market agent is trying to get a list of those who have seed for sale.

S-O-S

During the recent terrific storms on the Atlantic four ships almost simultaneously reported themselves in peril.

"Fifty years ago," says the Paris, France, Times, "not only would they have been unable to call for help, but they would have stood strong chances of going down with all hands. Even in the steamer lines, a sinking craft blown off her course or just out of the range of visibility of passing ships would have stood small chance of rescue. However, when the faint three dots, three dashes and three dots of the distress signal were picked up by some watenful wireless operator, the word was passed and the air was cleared for reception of the unfortunate ship's position and the organization of relief.

"The signals of the powerful navy stations crashed through the atmosphere, demanding right of way and silencing broadcasting. The music and entertainment going out from scores of American stations was stopped for the longest period since the popularization of the radio. Millions of listeners in on two continents were informed that ships were in

distress and that they would have to forgo their evening's entertainment. "The world is growing smaller—and safer."

THE PETROLEUM AGE

The outlook for the future of the oil industry is always 'obscure.' Nobody can anticipate at what rate new production will be brought in. However, production tendency is downward, and as far as can be seen, the industry's prospects are good, believes the National City Bank of New York.

The heavy stocks accumulated during the years of overproduction still constitute a problem. But with constantly increasing consumption, these stocks, unless materially increased in the future, will more and more take on their proper function as reserves against shortage.

The United States in 1925 produced 760,000,000 barrels of oil, an increase of 6.5 per cent over 1924. Consumption of crude oil by refiners again broke all records with 741,000,000 barrels, an increase of 16.7 per cent over 1924.

The increasing demand of 1925 was met through discovery of new fields, development of deeper sands as result of improved methods of drilling, and improved methods of production.

"Science and invention are constantly making new drafts upon the barrel of petroleum to meet new requirements," says the bulletin of the National City Bank. "The use of oil as fuel in industrial plants, locomotives, ships, and domestic heating has enormously increased. Year by year, petroleum products increase in number and uses. The world is living in its petroleum age, and the possibilities of the future are suggested by the fact that the people of the United States now use six barrels of petroleum per capita per annum, while the rest of the world uses only one-fifth of one barrel per capita."

MEANS BETTER MARKET FOR LABOR

According to statements of leaders in the copper industry, the copper, brass and zinc business is good not only in this country, but in Europe. Production has not only increased, but consumption has overtaken and slightly exceeded production.

Electrical development is one of the main reasons for this condition of affairs. All the large countries of Europe are carrying big schemes of electrification.

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He believes that by next summer the farmers will have reached a position of financial security and a movement will start to increase their holdings.

Residents of this city attending the dance at eagle Point Saturday night include: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross, Ernest Rostel, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cash, Edith Copinger, Mrs. Irsel Lewis, Pearl Pankey, Miss Amick, Frank Peck, Leon Boomer, Nola Casebeer, Russel Ross, Sherman Musty, Esther Cash, and Kenneth Damon.



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