

General Mining News.

American Smelters Exploration Co.—This company, recently organized in New Jersey, elected the following board of directors on April 10: Daniel Guggenheim, chairman; E. W. Nash, Barton Sewell, Murray Guggenheim, Isaac Guggenheim, A. Eilers, S. R. Guggenheim, Simon Guggenheim, Edward Brush, E. L. Newhouse, Karl Eilers, S. W. Eccles, M. Robert Guggenheim, J. B. Grant, Dennis Sheedy, Franklin Guiterman and W. S. Morse. The directors appointed the following executive committee: Daniel Guggenheim, chairman; E. W. Nash, Barton Sewell, A. Eilers, S. R. Guggenheim, Simon Guggenheim, Edward Brush, E. L. Newhouse, Karl Eilers and S. W. Eccles. The officers elected were as follows: President, E. W. Nash; vice-president, Barton Sewell; treasurer, Murray Guggenheim; secretary, Edward Brush; assistant treasurer, F. W. Hills; assistant secretary, W. W. Porter; auditor, Judd Stewart.

ALABAMA.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Virginia.—The coroner's jury empanelled to investigate the explosion in this mine on Feb. 20, in which 111 men lost their lives, have returned a verdict as to the death of John Brown, one of the victims, holding that Everett T. Schuler and G. H. Schuler, of the Alabama Steel & Wire Co., owners of the property; Amos W. Reed, lessee and operator, and Sam Hartley, mine foreman, are responsible for the death, but without malice. By arrangements with the county solicitor, bond in the sum of \$2,500 each was made by the men accused by the coroner's jury until the grand jury shall have made an investigation or a preliminary hearing given under the accusation of the coroner. The jury of the coroner decided that the explosion was known as a 'dust explosion,' caused by a 'windy shot,' and that certain warnings had been given previously. A number of witnesses were examined, and the report of the State mine inspector, made to the acting governor of the State, was perused. A number of damage suits have already been filed, and others are said to be in the course of preparation against the Alabama Steel & Wire Co., growing out of the explosion.

ARIZONA.

APACHE COUNTY.

Lemon.—This mine, at St. Johns, has struck good ore at a depth of 120 ft. in sinking. The ores carry gold and copper, and, in the latter metal, to the value of 10 per cent.

MARICOPA COUNTY.

Owynee.—This mine, in White Tanks district, has been a steady shipper of ore to the El Paso smelter during March. The best ore was encountered in the 300-ft. shaft, since which time both sinking and stoping have been prosecuted.

Little Jimmie.—This mine, at White Tanks, has a shaft down 70 ft. on ore of a shipping grade, but a small vein. Sinking is to be kept up to a depth of 150 ft., when drifting both ways on the vein will be done.

MOHAVE COUNTY.

New Century.—This mine, at Chloride, belonging to Hughes & Mitchell, is producing two carloads of ore a month from drifting and stoping on the 110-ft. level.

Shaft No. 2 is also being developed with a good showing of ore.

Roger Boy.—This mine, on Cerhat mountain, belonging to E. B. Pyne, is under cover 200 ft. on the 115-ft. level. The ores carry good silver values, and go to El Paso at the rate of three carloads a month.

Leona.—This mine, near Chloride, is in a large body of very fair grade gold and silver ore, but will not ship at present. Developments are being pushed in a tunnel under the high hill to the southeast, which is gaining in vertical depth as work goes on.

PINAL COUNTY.

Wolfram.—This mine, at old Maricopa Wells, is in a body of wolframite ore, with half a carload on the dump and more in the 65-ft. shaft and drift. A sample carload will be sent to Pueblo, Colorado.

YAVAPAI COUNTY.

Octave.—This mine, at Martinez, has discontinued all operations, likewise the mill, although the old dump may be run through. It is said the mine will resume work in about three months. The cause for the shut-down has not been made public.

Linekilt.—This mine, at Harrisburg, has abandoned all work for the present but stoping and drifting on the 80-ft. level. The ore, while not in a distinctively large body, is of a fair shipping gold grade, which is being sent to El Paso.

CALIFORNIA.

AMADOR COUNTY.

McCann Mining Co.—This new company, with W. E. Stewart as superintendent, has been formed to operate this mine on the Mokelumne river, near Butte City.

Fremont Consolidated Mining Co.—In the Gover mine of this property at Drytown, Arthur Goodall, manager, they have found rich free gold ore on the 1,200-ft. level. The ore is so rich that it is sacked and worked separately from the ordinary milling ores. The 2-ft. vein carrying this ore was known before the mine closed down many years ago, but the new company on re-opening the mine failed to find it until now.

South Eureka Mining Co.—At the annual meeting of this company the following officers were elected: President, W. J. McGee; vice-president, F. W. Vowinkel; treasurer, Nevada National Bank of San Francisco; secretary, W. H. Miller; superintendent, B. B. Haven.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

San Andreas.—At this mine, San Andreas, the shaft has been sunk through the lava to the gravel on the ancient channel. A heavy flow of water was struck, but a large pump kept ready for such an emergency is being put in.

Edward Black, Thomas Borden and Aug. McCann have uncovered a pocket near French Gulch a mile west of Murphy, from which they have thus far extracted \$4,000.

EL DORADO COUNTY.

Landecker.—Prospect drifts have been under way in this mine some time, and pay gravel has now been struck in both channels.

Larkin.—The new hoist at this mine, Diamond Springs, has been completed, and the shaft is being retimbered before sinking 200 ft. deeper.

North Weber Land & Mining Co.—This company has been organized by S. H. Magness, A. S. and D. A. Bosquit, G. E. Pierce and N. W. Dacons, to work the

Golden Hatchet mine on North Weber creek.

Rebel Hill.—At this hydraulic mine near Georgetown, the owners, Sturman and Zerras, are to put a force of men at work.

At William Rupley's gravel mine, at Smith Flat, a 10-stamp mill is to be erected. The gravel is cemented and requires crushing.

MARIPOSA COUNTY.

Grimshaw.—At this mine a force of 10 men is employed, and the shaft is down 200 ft. A crushing of ore is being made in the Organita mill.

Mount Gaines.—At this mine, F. E. Long, manager, they are crushing ore from the old dumps in a Huntington mill. Some development work is being done.

Champion.—This mine, at Mariposa, has been bonded to E. C. Van Meter, who has commenced unwatering it. The shaft is 200 ft. deep.

NEVADA COUNTY.

Union Hill.—It is thought that Messrs. E. M. Mellin and H. F. Quint, of Boston, and H. W. Graham have obtained a bond on this property and will pump it out in order to prospect and sample it.

SHASTA COUNTY.

Afterthought.—The new smelter of this mine, owned by the Great Western Gold Co., has been blown in. A steam railroad a little over a mile long connects the mine and works. This makes the third copper smelter operating in the county.

Copper Crest Mining Co.—This company has been organized in Los Angeles, with G. W. Branthoover as president. It is intended to work the Milton mine near Redding, and the Copper Crest and De Dalles group in Brushy cañon.

T. Doebler and associates of Lamoine have located five claims of asbestos $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of Sims Station on the Southern Pacific railroad. One ledge is 13 ft. and another 16 ft. wide. The fibers are long and white, and the material is suitable for grinding up for filling.

SISKIYOU COUNTY.

Hogan-Nickerson.—This company, operating the Diamond Springs group of claims on China Gulch, has made a rich strike of specimen ore in the lower works.

TRINITY COUNTY.

Trinity-Siskiyou Gold Mining Co.—This is a new company formed by the consolidation of the interests of J. I. Gulick and the Swift Creek Mining Co. at Coffee. The holdings embrace 580 acres of mineral land.

Lappin.—For this mine, Deadwood, John Beatham, the manager, has purchased an air compressor to operate the Burleigh drills on the lower tunnel.

Quimby Creek.—An undivided one-half interest in this group has been deeded to J. A. Brent, who held an option. There is a stamp-mill on the ground, and over 40 men will be set at work as soon as weather permits.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Horse Shoe Bend.—At this mine a night shift has been put on at the 90-ft. shaft, where the vein is increasing in value. At the Englewood tunnel four drills are in use.

Densmore.—It is stated that the recent strike in this mine is proving as rich as any ever made by former operators.

Brindle Pup.—Upon this mine, between Vine Spring and Doyle Ranch, a 4-ft. Huntington mill has been placed.