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## ALMOST MILLION IN COCHISE CO. VAULTS IS SHOWN

There is almost a million dollars in the vaults of Cochise county at the close of the year's business, according to the annual report of County Treasurer Guy C. Welch, filed with the Cochise county Board of Supervisors today. The report also shows that during the year just closed nearly three million dollars has been received through the office, while disbursements for the year amounted to nearly three millions and three-quarters dollars, the total to account for during the year being in exact figures \$3,678,618.11, according to the report, which shows in recapitulation.

**Recapitulation.**  
Balance Jan. 1, 1922 \$ 782,577.25  
Receipts for year 1922 2,894,879.88  
Total to account for \$3,784,618.11  
Disbursements for yr. 1922 2,772,651.23  
Bal. close of business Dec. 31, 1922 \$ 996,566.88

Taxes collected for state and county, highway bond and interest, city taxes of Bisbee, Douglas, Tombstone and Wilcox, special, common and high school levies and maintenance, poll tax, road tax, water users' association, volunteer fire departments amounted to \$2,302,554.29, while collections by County Assessor Geo. R. Henshaw paid into the treasurer's office were \$10,197.24. Fees and receipts from all other sources including justice courts and other county offices bring the receipts up to the grand total of \$2,894,879.88. Disbursements covering all funds, general, road, salary, bond and interest, school, law library, fire departments, etc., make up the total of \$2,772,651.23.

This is the final report of Mr. Welch, who leaves the office on January 1st, to be succeeded by M. C. Hankins, present clerk of the board of supervisors.

## CURLEE GAINING FAVOR NOW FOR SPEAKER HOUSE

DOUGLAS, Dec. 29.—Arthur Curlee member of the Sixth legislature from Douglas, is running for the speakership of the house, and, according to report from Phoenix this morning, has a splendid chance of winning. Curlee stated that he had just returned from a trip through Yavapai county and had enlisted the support of the entire delegation in that district. This afternoon he will leave for Globe, where he also hopes to secure the patronage of the Gila county delegation.

## ESCAPED CONVICT SAWS WAY OUT OF DOUGLAS PRISON

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Albert E. Caldwell, escaped convict from Leavenworth, recaptured by the local police Thursday, sawed his way out of the city jail tonight and is once more a free man. It is believed that he headed straight for the line and is now in Agua Prieta, Sonora, where his recapture and return will be an easy matter for county authorities to-morrow, police say. Caldwell was sentenced to serve eight years in Leavenworth for an assault on a German girl while the American troops were on the Rhine in 1918. He had served four years of his time when he made his escape November 29, according to the story he told the police. Only one other prisoner, a man held for vagrancy, made his escape from the jail through bars sawed by Caldwell.

## Freight Engineer Held Responsible By Inquiry Board

TUCSON, Dec. 29.—Extending over the whole of Thursday, the board of inquiry called by Superintendent Wm. Wilson to investigate and render a decision on the responsibility for the head-on collision between train No. 119 eastbound and westbound special freight, last night issued a statement placing the full responsibility for the wreck on H. K. Parrett, engineer of the freight train. The board declared in its findings that Parrett had erred in judgment in not applying his brakes at a sufficient distance from the point where he should have taken the siding with the result that the heavy freight train could not be brought under control in time to prevent an accident.

The board was made up of W. F. Turner, division engineer; O. B. Schoenke, master mechanic in this city; and William Wilson, superintendent of the Tucson division, who served as chairman of the board. The two members of the board who are not connected with the railroad were Amos C. Quit, a retired locomotive engineer formerly with the New York Central lines, and George B. Purves a local minister.

The board examined all members of the two train crews, such witnesses to the wreck as could be located and late yesterday morning visited the scene of the crash where conditions were investigated. It was late yesterday afternoon, however, before a report was issued by the board and signed as final judgment in the case.

## SHERIFF-ELECT ANNOUNCES HIS NEW DEPUTIES

Sheriff-Elect James F. McDonald yesterday announced the list of the force of deputies and jailers that will hold office under him when he reassumes the duties of sheriff on Monday.

Following are McDonald's appointments:  
George Roark, of Douglas, chief deputy.  
Sam Boucher, Douglas deputy.  
Walter Morris, motorcycle deputy.  
William McDonald, Lowell deputy.  
B. W. Norton, Bisbee deputy.  
Sam Hayhurst, ranger deputy.  
Bob Tummins, Tombstone deputy.  
Hud Kelly, McNeal deputy.  
Jay Wilmouth, Douglas, Frank Marion, Bisbee, and Rube Wells, Gleason, will be jailers. George Davis will be night watchman at Lowell.  
E. W. Norton, the Bisbee deputy, is more popularly known as "Barney" Norton. For many years he was chief of the Bisbee fire department and has more recently been engaged in the fire insurance business here.  
Sheriff McDonald will have only one motorcycle deputy, Walter Morris who will cover both Bisbee and Douglas districts, now patrolled by Billy Ryan and Vern LaMore, deputies under Sheriff Hood.  
Sam Boucher, now Douglas deputy, was a deputy under McDonald when he was sheriff two years ago. Sam Hayhurst, ranger deputy, and Hud Kelly, McNeal deputy, are also former county peace officers. George Roark, chief deputy or under-sheriff, was formerly assistant county attorney during the administration of that office by R. N. French. Roark was secretary of the Democratic County

## The Spirit of 1923



## Specialists Making Investigations Designed to Cut Down Risk to Mine Workers and to Trim Mine Expenses

TUCSON, Dec. 29.—The important work being done by the United States Bureau of Mines in the testing of explosives and in safety instruction to miners, was discussed recently by E. T. Gardner, who specializes in safety work for the Bureau, and who was recently transferred to Tucson from Berkeley, California. Mr. Gardner outlined most of his remarks to the achievements of S. P. Howell, an explosive specialist with the Bureau of Mines, who was also sent here recently from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had charge of the explosive testing laboratories conducted by the government, in testing all explosives used in the gaseous mines of that section. These powders were tested by Mr. Howell both as to breaking ability and in the matter of safety, Mr. Gardner said. Both of these prominent engineers are now stationed at the head

quarters of the United States Bureau of Mines in the Mines and Engineering building at the University of Arizona. Mr. Howell, his associate in the explosive and safety work, pointed out, is the author of a number of important pamphlets issued by the Bureau. Probably the two most important of these are "Investigations of Detonators and Electric Detonators" and "Selections of Explosives Used in Engineering and Mining Operations." Mr. Gardner explained that he, himself, is carrying on the field work from the practical end. "This work in the field of explosives has never before been carried on in this section except by the mining companies," declared Mr. Gardner. "The work of testing powders is now being conducted by the Bureau at the Calumet & Arizona, the Cop

## Star Drivers Practice for Phoenix Races

PHOENIX, Dec. 29.—Race drivers of Phoenix and surrounding points who will take part in the New Year's day speed events, will take their final practice spins today on the mile track at the state fair grounds. Sunday the track will be closed and a coat of calcium applied. Drivers will receive instructions and have their cars registered at a meeting this afternoon. Roy Smith and L. M. Bruzy, escaped injury Thursday when Smith's car sideswiped Burgay's as both were rounding a curve on the track. Each car lost a wheel in the smash.

## Equipment for New Operations Is Overhauled

BISBEE, Dec. 29.—Work of overhauling steam shovels and putting ore cars into condition in preparation for the resumption of surface copper mining on Sacramento Hill is under way here by the Phelps Dodge corporation. A force of carpenters is also putting the finishing touches on the new concentrator that will handle the low grade ores shoveled from Sacramento Hill. Officials of the Phelps Dodge corporation declare the copper surplus is back to normal proportions for the first time in almost two years. No reduction will be made in the underground production with the resumption of mining on Sacramento Hill, it was stated today. Present plans call for a continuation of the present underground mining program. The December mine production, it was announced today, will be greater than for any other month this year.

## Three Airplanes Off On New Hunt For Missing Fliers

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Acting on a solemn hope that the bodies of Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieut. Charles L. Webber, lost since December 7, may be found either in the desolate fastnesses of northern Sonora or along the shores of the Gulf of California, three army and navy planes left San Diego today for Yuma to search for Lieut. Webber's plane in which the two missing officers left San Diego for Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

NOGALES, Dec. 29.—Every rumor so far received which might have led to the discovery of the fate of Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieutenant C. L. Webber, who disappeared more than two weeks ago while flying from San Diego, Calif., to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., has been thoroughly investigated without result and at the present time the search for the missing aviators in Arizona is at a standstill, Col. A. J. McNab, commanding officer at Camp Stephen D. Little, said tonight. "This does not mean that we have given up hope of solving the mystery," Colonel McNab declared.

## POSTPONE SENTENCE ON BANK EMBEZZLER

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Passing of sentence of Alva E. Smith, found guilty by a jury last week of embezzling \$6,000 of the funds of the Valley Bank of Parker, Ariz., was postponed until tomorrow by Judge Fred Ingraham in superior court today following an agreement by attorneys.

## MOORE QUILS AS CHAIRMAN STATE LIVESTOCK BOARD

DOUGLAS, Dec. 29.—Frank Moore returned yesterday afternoon from Phoenix, after spending several days in that city and tendered his resignation to Governor-elect G. W. P. Hunt as chairman of the livestock sanitary board. Charley Mallen and J. M. Reblinson, of Globe, other members of the board, also tendered their resignations. Mr. Moore has served on the board for five years and during that time has made many trips to Phoenix to formulate and carry out plans in connection with his office, first as a member of the board and later as its chairman.

## WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

JEROME, Ariz., Dec. 30.—With the 810 drift on the 800-foot level of the Verde Central nearly 150 feet into an ore body that is steadily growing richer, preparations are being made to sink the shaft to the 1000-foot level without delay and explore the mine at that depth. When the strike was made on the 800 level, those in charge of Verde Central development did not expect to find a body of any consequence there. They knew that on the same contact, 200 feet above, there was no commercial ore, therefore the 800 must be somewhere near the apex of the shoot. Greatly to their surprise, the mineralization persists. More than that, the ore is growing richer the farther that contact between greenstone and quartz-porphry is followed into the mountain. It is now admitted that the ore probably continues along the contact indefinitely.

## Tax Commission Urges a Stronger Delinquent Law

PHOENIX, Dec. 29.—Recommendations that changes be made in the present delinquent tax law, especially as to the collection of the delinquencies, and in the gasoline tax law were contained in the biennial report of the Arizona state tax commission submitted today to Governor Thomas E. Campbell by Charles R. Howe, chairman of the committee. The report, in addition to the recommendations, contains a report on the entire work of the commission during the past two years. Tabulations show the expenditures of the commission during the past two years and also the assessed valuations of the state.

The recommendation for a change in the delinquent tax law was made by the commission in the section devoted to delinquent taxes. The commission points out that the present law has apparently fallen down. The present law, the commission declares, provides for the collection of the back taxes by the county attorney of each county, and due to the fact that most of these officials are exceptionally busy on account of the enormous amount of criminal work passing through their hands the collection of back taxes is of necessity, a secondary matter with them and as a result an effort to collect them is made in but few of the counties of the state. The commission in its recommendation does not offer any specific plan for the collection of the taxes but suggests that the law be amended to take the matter out of the hands of the county attorneys in each county.

Chairman Howe stated today that it was the idea of the commission to present to the legislature a bill which would amend the back tax law so as to place the responsibility for the collection of back taxes and the filing of suits for this purpose on the tax commission. In this way, Chairman Howe said, better results would be secured at a much less cost than under the present system.

## HEAD OFFICERS OF LEGION IN STATE TO MEET IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Dec. 29.—For the first time in the history of the state department of the American Legion the state officers and the chief officers of each post in the state will meet for a conference in Phoenix on Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13. The meeting, which is patterned after the conference of the national department, has been called by State Commander Celera M. Stubbard and notices of the conference were sent out last night to all posts by Neri G. born, Jr., state adjutant. This conference is the inaugural one of similar conferences to be held each year for the purpose of putting new life and "pep" into the state department of the American Legion and in each of the posts in the state. It is expected that more than 100 delegates from all parts of the state will attend the two days' conference which is to be held in the Blue Room of the Hotel Adams. There are 12 posts in the state. Governor Geo. W. P. Hunt will deliver the address of welcome to the delegates.

## CRAZED EMPLOYE SHOOTS MINING MAN IN PILARES

DOUGLAS, Dec. 29.—Frank McKinney, 48, for many years a miner in Nacozari, and of recent years part owner and operator of the Cebolla mining claims six miles the other side of Pilares, was shot five times and instantly killed by Frank Wilson, an employe, during a dispute over wages Tuesday night. Word of the shooting reached Douglas yesterday thru W. N. Flippen, manager of the Nacozari hotel. McKinney had employed Wilson, a stranger in the Pilares district, to help him build a mill on the Cebolla property, and Tuesday night informed Wilson that he had decided to shut down for a few months. Wilson asked for three months wages and upon being refused, demanded that he be given employment as watchman. McKinney also refused this request and Wilson pulled a revolver, with which he fired five shots into McKinney's back as the latter fled. Wilson was captured by Mexican police a few hours later and is now being held in the jail at Pilares on a charge of murder. McKinney was buried yesterday in Nacozari. He is survived by a wife and four-year-old daughter. The whereabouts of other relatives is not known by friends or his wife.

## SUPERVISORS IN SESSION CLEANUP YEAR'S BUSINESS

Completing unfinished business as far as possible, the board of supervisors, composed of Chairman J. B. Hart and Members L. C. E. Adams and D. A. Adams, held their final meeting for the year 1922 today, finishing their work late this afternoon.

Business, mostly routine, occupied the better part of the day, and when the board wound up their work this afternoon, but very few matters went over until next month and next year for the new board to take over. The new board will be composed of two members of the present board, J. B. Hart, of Douglas, being the holdover, D. A. Adams, of Douglas, re-elected from his district, while L. C. E. Adams, of the Bisbee district, will be succeeded by V. M. Johnson, of Bisbee.

Approval of bonds, tax exemptions, disposal of communications, and the reading and filing of annual reports of various offices took up most of the day's session. The new board will meet in Tombstone next Tuesday when they will organize, make appointments, approve further bonds and open bids for contracts for supplies for the new year.

## BISBEE REVIEW HAS WRONG DOPE ON DEATH OF TOMBSTONE BOY'S WIFE

An article in the Bisbee Daily Review this morning was in error regarding the death of the wife of James Lamb, Jr., of this city, who was drowned at Deep River, Wash., on Christmas day. The Review article has "killed" the wife of Walter Lamb, brother of James Lamb, the latter being alive and well in Los Angeles where the couple make their home. The Miss Jessie Brown referred to by the Review as the wife of James Lamb, spent several months in Tombstone in 1920, and it was in this city that she met her husband. They were married a year and a half ago in Los Angeles, and recently spent several weeks in Tombstone on a visit with Mr. Lamb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lamb.