

Calico Print

Sunday February 8, 1885

In another column will be seen the new advertisement of Jos. Le Cyr, in regard to teaming. Mr. Le Cyr is well known in the southern mining counties of this state as a freighter. He is also one of the pioneers of Calico district and has been engaged in hauling ore from some of the principal mines. He now offers extra inducements in the freighting line.

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**JOS. LE CYR.**

**Almost a Bloody Battle.**

On the night of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant an encounter came near taking place between two parties of miners in the immediate vicinity of the Occidental Mine in East Calico, which would have resulted in a deadly conflict had it not been for the presence of mind and quick action of the Deputy Sheriff Joseph Le Cyr. The dispute was over a small piece of mineral ground considered to be very rich. In the night referred to Le Cyr was notified that a lively time was going on in that neighborhood with a prospect of blood-shed.

Acting under legal advice he concluded to repair to the scene of action at once, and in the dead hours of night he proceeded to the said grounds and there found, as stated, the same held by a party of resolute and determined men armed with Winchester rifles, shotguns and small arms, in such a position to resist successfully a hundred men. The deputy then determined to meet the leader or leaders of the other party and try to persuade them not to make the proposed attack as sure death would be the result without settling the title. So in accordance with his judgment Le Cyr waited until daylight and proceeded to meet the enemy and with then held a council of peace and endeavored to induce them to seek legal advice as they undoubtedly were acting under a state of excitement. So the leader concluded to go to Calico and seek advice, and in the meantime the riflemen were withdrawn and replaced by miners with tools, which resulted settling matters for the present. There is no doubt that Le Cyr deserves great credit for his prompt action and wise council, which prevented bloodshed.

Sunday, February 15, 1885

### **DISSATISFIED MINERS**

Providence,  
San Bernardino Co., Cal.,  
February 3d, 1885.

ED. PAINT:- Knowing that your most able and fearless journal always advocates the rights of labor and the Interests of the state and people in General, and in order that the readers of the Print may fully perceive and comprehend the full detail and workings of this section of the country, and her many resources, I feel it a duty now imposed on your humble servant, to state facts pertaining to the causes of so much discontent and I may say hard feelings now existing between miners of the Bonanza King mine, the foreman Mr. H.

C. Callahan, and the shift boss Mr. John O'Donnell. Some of the ablest Nevada miners have worked here off and on for some time, but all of them become dissatisfied and leave after a short time, not only the Nevada miners, miners from all other portions of the States and Territories on our coast are infected with the same disorder of feeling until the name and fame of Providence and its aristocratic Bosses are well known through southern California, that the name may signify a great deal more than it means, and in order to correct any and all mistakes, the full details must be fully studied without any prejudice on either side. Mr. H. C. Callahan and his associate Mr. O'Donnell have been here running the mine for over a year, and have studied with diligence how to extract the most ore with the least expence, and have followed in the groove of ancient and heartless task masters by forcing men to work more than their health and strength will permit. A man comes here dead broke, wants work and is advised by runners here to apply to the store that H. C. Callahan is a silent partner in, then and there to make a purchase and have his name (the broken man's) put down on the books, which is all complied with and in a few days the applicant goes to work. If he purchased liberally on the credit system he may continue at work for a month or until he begins to KICK with his tongue, then his time is cut off short and another poor tramp, as he is called, is booked for another supply of debts on the books of the silent partner's store account; to be treated as his predecessor. And when ever those poor unfortunate pioneers and adventurers find out that it is a game of wealth to fill the coffers of their so called superiors, they pause and begin to murmur sounds of discord at their situation, and resolve to change basis of operations to other places of business. Then the driving

or tyrannical course is followed, urging a man to do the labor of two men or take the displeasure and vengeance of two hirelings acting as drivers of white slaves; for it cannot be classed as good as that slavery of old Dixie land long ago abolished. The slaves of those times were generally cared for whereas the white slaves of the Bonanza King mine must work until they fall with the burden of two men on their backs, or give up their job for another speculative deal for the benefit of the silent partner's purse, and if any other be so bold as to make any comments on the system of operations he is silenced at once by an order to appear at the office and meet his superior for judgment, so that now to acquaint those not already versed in the system of operations "that he who runs may read" in the columns of the Print the full cause of all our grievances with the bosses, that public sentiment and judgment may be rendered where it belongs and against whom may be found guilty; still it may appear singular that gentlemen like superintendent Callahan and his fore Boss O'Donnell, who were tramping the country like the rest of us in quest of work, and landed at Lake Valley in New Mexico a little over a year ago, dead broke and packing their grub and blankets, should be so tyrannical and oppressive now over poor men when they are under their control, that the leaders or head men of the corporation would sanction the present system, seems strange to many. It appears that some of the corporations of our time have lost all humane feelings, for the sake of enriching those who are already masters of the situation and trample on all rights of decent labor, but a ventilation of the true facts may have a tendency to change matters in the future. There is time yet to remedy this evil, or if not remedied by a just course may yet lead to a serious cause of misunderstanding against tyranny. Another

act of unkindness by this corporation is orders strictly given to the boarding Boss to give nothing to eat to any broken man who comes to camp unless he (the tramp) pays in advance or gets some miners in the works to go security for said grub.

Of course, Mr. Editor, many miners surmise that all newspapers will side with the cor[porations in preference to right and labor, but the majority of us pioneers and young miners do know that the Calico Print was and is always open to give facts and criticize the evils of corporations as well as the acts of individuals, and with these views before us, we miners interested in justice request the writer of this article to place our cause before the public. As to the wealth of this section of the country there is no doubt that it has been fully established. The Bonanza King mine from the 400<sup>th</sup> Level to the top is pretty well worked out. The last 100 feet shaft develops a good quantity of ore, but the cost of extracting will be more costly as depth is attained since the ground is becoming harder and the ore chambers not so rich as was encountered towards the surface. The old quota of miners are at work and it is all they can do to keep the mill in operation. It is rumored to-day that the wages will soon be reduced here to \$3 per day. It is also stated that the Bonanza King Co. have made an offer to R. P. Kerr, for his mine; less than \$100,000 could not touch the magnificent mine. There are other mines coming to the front worthy of note. Several new discoveries further detail of which will appear in my next letter. Mr. Cook & Co. are sacking some fine ore and will soon forward a few car loads for reduction. The outlook is good for the future of our camp. All that is now needed is a change of the oppressive system of the present aristocratic hirelings who assume such great aspirations for notoriety. You can ask any miner who was ever employed

under the lash of Callahan and the great O'Donnell if the contents of this article are correct or not. There are many of them in Calico to be found. The chances are that if the system continues much longer a coat of tar and feathers may be applied to those two worthies and they may ride on a rail, out of camp and the country,

I remain yours,  
J. D. DUFFY.

Mr. Editor;\_\_\_

We the undersigned request J. D. Duffy to write the above article to show the case as it really is. By your publishing this, it may change the base and shameful treatment that we receive from our hard-hearted task masters.

JOHN KNOX,  
J. WILLIAMS  
E. GALLAGER  
HAMILTON,  
And a hundred others.

Sunday, February 22, 1885

Jos Le Cyr has removed his residence further back on the lot and is building an addition in front.

Wm. O'Brien, who waved examination on the charge of perjury before Justice Williams, of Calico, was taken to jail, Saturday morning, Deputy Sheriff Le Cyr gallantly escorting him to his quarters in the county hotel at San Bernardino he having been committed in default of \$500 bail.

## **TEAMING**

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Deputy Sheriff LeCyr returned from San Bernardino last Friday. He reports times lively in Cajon Pass where the work of building the railroad is progressing as fast as possible and that several surveying parties are in the field trying to find the most feasible route to continue with the A. & P. R. R.

## SODA LAKE MINES.

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SHENANDORA Camp,  
Soda Lake District,  
February 23, 1885.

Editor Print:--I have been prospecting in Soda Lake district for about a month and as I have not seen any accounts of the same in your valuable paper I thought I would send you the following items:

I would like to enlighten the numerous mining camps of the great Mojave desert in regard to the prospects of Soda Lake district, which possesses indications of immense hidden wealth unsurpassed in the history of mining. The old Government road passes through the district which lies about 60 miles east of Daggett. Miles and miles of mineralized rock can be seen on the earth's surface, a most interesting sight to the gold and silver seekers eye. At present there are only a few prospectors in this district. There are thousands of acres of good mineral land unexplored by man which afford good field for the energetic and properly equipped prospector. I have just returned from a miners' camp north of the lake where I saw what has the appearance ????????? one of the biggest discoveries on the continent. It is a 55 foot ledge ????????? 8 feet of vein matter, with two well defined walls. About twelve tons of ore of a brittle silver character that will mill up in the thousands per ton. Yesterday I visited a camp owned by Hart & Sullivan where a small amount of work has been done. A pay streak of 35 inches is uncovered in one of the claims, consisting of solid ore and containing lead, chlorides of silver, and a sprinkling of bismuth on the hanging wall. This property, by all means, should be persistently worked, for it bids fair to make the owners rich at no distant day. Another promising ledge, over 200 feet in width, is owned by C. J. Perkins, of Daggett, Sullivan, Robison & Co. The pay streaks in this ledge, which is called the "Bul-

lion King are too numerous to mention, which vary from 6 to 16 inches in width. A chimney or "blow-out" towers above the surface of the mine to a height of 40 feet, and at a glance has the appearance of a solid mass of ore. A magnificent prospect exists at this claim. Next is the Five Points so called from the location of the claim over five small ridges chained together, which contains massive bodies of mineral, that can be quarried out in the same manner as the ore is taken from the Bismark and Humbug mines of Calico. Copper ore predominates in this claim. Some Denver parties own a group of five claims on each of which the assessment work has been performed, showing most unmistakably the presence of large deposits of ore. The Highland Mary is owned by a couple of Frenchmen from Arizona and contains a 7 foot vein of pay ore in sight. The Sarah Belle mine is owned by J. B. Anderson of Socorro, N. M. and there is no doubt that it can be developed into a regular bonanza, judging from the great extent of the vein, which is 60 feet wide, between a porphyry and lime contact, and can be traced the entire length of the 1,500 feet, showing stratas of ore the whole distance. The Katie Fields mine, owned by Col. Alonzo W. S. Smith, I consider one of the wonders of the Mojave desert. It has one of the largest bodies of mineral croppings that I have ever seen in any mining country, and of a rich grade. A shaft has been started and is down 4 ½ feet, a body of hard carbonate ore having been struck, which can be extracted by two men at the rate of about ten tons per day. The Orie Orio, located at the north end of Soda Lake, is owned by Frank G. Thiase, of Daggett, and others, and is being worked by Grubers for the owners. It is a promising prospect and is most favorably located as regards, wood, and water, and its mineral ?????????? over looks a body of

???????????? long that is beautiful  
???????????? e abounds in fish  
???????? opportunities for duck hunt  
ing can not be surpassed elsewhere.  
The climate here is as clear, beautiful  
and healthful as can be found in the  
best ????????? health resorts of Cali-  
fornia. Leaving the north end of the  
lake we follow its shores south along  
its crystal banks to where it overlooks  
one of the prettiest sites to be seen  
in California the white sulphur and  
???????? streambed before one for  
???????? beautiful sight and  
???????? bright that ones eyes be-  
come ????? blind.” Proceeding on  
further south we came to a small  
butte, which has a “hog’s back” ex-  
tending out from the butte, where the  
Iron King Mine is located. It is own-  
ed by Wm. Robinson and others of  
Daggett. This claim is as interesting  
as a fine picture. The prospector on  
first beholding this fine looking prop-  
erty stands amazed and is moved to  
exclaim “Eureka! I have found a real  
bonanza.” The claim is 1,500 feet  
long by 600 feet in width and covered  
completely with magnetic iron. Some  
work has been done on this claim, but  
small when compared to the extent of  
the property. The ore in the bottom  
of the openings is of the nature of  
honey comb quartz, and similar to that  
extracted from the Bassick mine at  
Rozetta, Colorado, which is owned by  
Senator Thos. M. Bowen. The ore in  
the Iron King shows a fine gold pros-  
pect, and if it does not make the owners  
rich there is no use of anyone mining.  
On leaving the Iron King we contin-  
ued our way southward a short dis-  
tance and came in sight of Colonal  
Smith’s camp. I the distance can  
Be seen the extensive Soda Lake plac-  
er claims laid off, with stakes standing  
up like the stones in a graveyard.  
After passing round a point of the  
mountains we came to an habitation  
of ancient design, which might easily be  
imagined to be the one the famous Jack  
built. Knocking, the informal wel-

come, "come in," was heard within. Our friends, the Harts, were at home. Although friends on short acquaintance, we were made to feel entirely at home by them. Col. Smith and Mr. Anderson, with the hospitality for which Southern gentlemen are noted; and the repast spread before us would tempt the gods. After our appetites made keen by a long day's travel, were appeased, the evening was sociably spent in conversation, occasionally regaling ourselves with old Kentucky peach brandy, and smoking fragrant cigars, besides indulging in quaffs from the "water of life." You would not object to the celestial name given the liquid you should see the living spring of mineral water just outside the cabin door, that discharges about twenty miners inches of hot water per minute. It is health producing and life preserving to any person that partakes of it. A pool has been dug out large enough for five or six persons to bathe in, the water flowing in and out of the pool continually. About 10 O'clock we consigned ourselves to the Embraces of Morpheus with his phantastic dreams, and were awakened at early morn by the mellifluous quacking of the wild ducks and mud hens and the prolonged strains of the gay and festive burro. After breakfast we took a look at the Shenandoah mine, accompanied by Mr. Anderson, which is just south of the house and springs. It has a 12 foot drift in solid ore. We carefully examined the entire property. Unless a person is accustomed to seeing large bodies of ore he could scarcely comprehend the actual extent of this magnificent property. It looks as though it would "at the world" as a bullion producer. If it will mill one-sixteenth of what Col. Smith says it will, then he has enough ore in sight to pay off the national debt. The hot water referred to above flows from the main chimney of ore or pay streak.

I will close by stating that a town

Site has been staked off, for it is expected that a thriving mining camp will be established here in the near future. It is situated in the center of mineral bearing country fifty miles square. Now in order to inform your readers as to the best and shortest route to take in order to reach these hidden treasures of the desert, I will give a brief description of the same. Leaving Daggett go east to Hawley's station eight miles, thence eight miles to camp Cady, thence twelve miles to Bitter Springs and through the canyon, following the river all the way from Daggett to the mouth of the canyon. At Bitter Springs you will come out on a prairie country, where you will follow the main road, the only one, to a small sag or "hog's back. From this hill one can see the south end of Soda Lake. Follow the road down and near the lake. Near the roadside is a barrel sunk in the ground containing good water which rises to the surface. Continue northward and on the west side of the lake to Col. Smith's camp. Continuing northward twenty miles you will reach the mining country in the vicinity of Death Valley on the west and the timber lands below Rock Springs on the east, where the finest timber can be found. A good spring of water exists in this timber country. I heard of some coal properties near this section, but the Discoverers are not yet ready to make known its location.

After all our traveling around we are inclined to ask why this vast country has remained so long unexplored and its hidden treasures not brought to light by development, and have come to two conclusions as replies to the question: first, simply because it is called the Mojave desert, and the impression in general that nothing of value can be found in a desert and second, because this country is too near the noted Death Valley, where many imagine that thousands of people perished in early days, who could

have obtained water at a depth of a foot or two, or at the numerous springs through the mountains. Ignorance of the actual advantages and resources of the desert has always been the greatest drawback to its successful development. Moss Agate.

Sunday, March 15, 1885

## Providence Mines

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Providence, March 11, 1885.

Editor Print— I have not written for your journal for some weeks past, but as I have something to write about now I thought I would put in a few leisure moments to let your readers know the latest news from this camp.

THE BONANZA KING MINING CO. have shut down their mines and mill for the present. The reason given by the officers of the company is that bullion is so very low, that they would leave it in the mine for a time, when the silver would not depreciate in value. It is also rumored that the company has it in contemplation of making this a three dollar camp, besides making some alterations in the workings of the mine and mill. The mine is not shut down for the want of ore as the mill was kept steadily running (with less hands) to the closing of the mine. The ore bodies on the lower levels have never looked better. A strike of a rich body of ore was made yesterday on the 7<sup>th</sup> level.

THE BELLE MCGILLORY MINE is taking out some good ore and sacking it for the reduction works. They are down in one shaft about 65 feet, with a splendid looking lot of ore in the bottom of the shaft.

THE MOZART GROUP are working some five or six men on rich ore. Their last shipment to Kingman went first class \$428 per ton, and the second class \$135.

THE KERR MINE continues to strike fine ore at the depth of ninety feet, and they are now

cross cutting to connect with former shaft, which will give good air as well as giving a fine stope of rich ore.

Owing to the stoppage of the Bonanza works, the camp will be somewhat dull for a short time, but you may look for a regular boom the coming summer and fall.

More Anon.

### **New York District.**

Editor Print:--I send you the following brief items in regard to the work that is being done in this district. The tunnel on the Centennial is in 230 feet and connects with an 80 foot shaft. The tunnel gives plenty of ventilation. This mine has about 35 feet of stopeing ground now ready for stopeing. From this time on the work will progress in good ore. The ledge is 20 inches wide, and so far has held out in the drift that is run in the hill, and has the appearance of continuing further on. The ore is gray copper and grades up to about 200 ounces per ton. The present works are about 300 feet above the canyon. The timbers used in the mine are cut at the north end of the tunnel. There are four men stopeing out the ore, which is shipped to Pueblo, Colorado.

We have a good wagon road to Goff's station on the A. & P. R. R. 25 miles distant. About half way there is a good spring of water. S. L. Black has a six mule quartz team running on this road steadily, hauling ore to the station and returning with freight supplies for the mines.

This camp is looking up and ere long we hope to hear the sound of the stamps of a quartz mill, and an output of bullion that will demonstrate that this district contains the precious metals in large and paying quantities.

There are other mines in the camp concerning which I will take pleasure in furnishing you a better description.

J. Mc.

March 6, 1885

# Miners Wanted

-----At The-----

## BONANZA KING

CONSOLIDATED MINING CO'S

----Work's At-----

Providence.

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**20 SKILLED MINERS WANTED.**

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*WAGES \$3 PER DAY.*

**Board \$7 per Week.:**

**SAMUEL KELLEY,**

**General Manager.**

March 14, 1885.

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**THE PROVIDENCE MINES.**

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### **Bonanza King Started up.**

In my last I intimated that the Bonanza King Mine would likely start up soon again as a \$3 per diem camp. My predictions have been fully justified. The mine started up last Sunday with fifteen miners and at date of writing there are thirty working in the mine, miners are put on as fast as they arrive and it is likely the Bonanza King Co. alone will work 85 to 100 men. The mine is said to look better than ever before, at any rate your correspondent saw as good ore, piled up on the dumps today as it has had since the commencement of the working of the mine. The owners of the mine claim to have cut the miners wages with reluctance, but owing to the very low price of bullion they were compelled to do so. It is quite evident that it is their intention to

push the working of the mines more than ever before.

The mill will likely start up again whenever the mine will have sufficient ore ahead. The president and some of the principle owners have been here for the past week, and everything is being arranged for the more complete development of the Bonanza King Consolidated Mining Co's properties. You may confidently expect to see a large output of bullion than ever before.

The Kerr, Belle McGillroy and Mozart group of mines are all being worked and they are all showing good ore bodies.

It was stated on good authority to day, that the Belle McGillroy and Mozart group of mines have been bonded to a Pennsylvania Syndicate represented here by Mr. A. G. Hoyt a nephew of ex-governor Hoyt of that State.

Men are arriving daily by Young's daily, line of stages from Fenner to this place. Wells, Fargo & Co's Express will come in daily, and the mail three times a week.

Miners wages are \$3 per day, and Board \$7 per week.

More Anon.

Sunday, March 29, 1885

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**THE BONANZA KING MINE**

Have now 35 to 40 men at work at the mine again and expect to have 50 by the first of April. The present small force is piling up about 12 tons of ore a day on the dump. They have struck a large body of high grade ore on the 7<sup>th</sup> level. The mine never had more ore in sight than at the present time.

**THE KERR GROUP**

Are still at work. They expect to make their connections the coming week, when they will commence to stope on a large body of mineral.

**THE BELLE MCGILLROY GROUP** are also running a drift to connect their main tunnel with one of their shafts. When the connection is made it will open up a lot of virgin ground. The drift is in ore.

**THE MOZART GROUP**

The Mineral Point mine of this group is showing up some very rich ore. Yesterday I saw them make some assays which went \$474 53. Miners are coming in daily and are accepting the new order of wages. Good board can be had for \$7 per week.

More Anon.

Providence, Mar. 26, 1885.

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Providence

**STAGE LINE,**

Daily Line of Stages Between  
Fenner and Providence.

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Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

Deputy Sheriff LeCyr returned from San Bernardino and reports lively progress on the railroad through the Cajon Pass. Nearly all the Chinamen have been discharged and white men employed in their places.

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1885

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**PROVIDENCE MINING CAMP.**

**The Bonanza King Mill to Commence Work.**

It is now some weeks since I last wrote you. The Bonanza King Co. have been only working about 40 men since the change in price of wages and the mill shut down. The company has by this small force of men got their ore house and dumps full of ore and this without having done ant stopeing. The superintendent now claims that there is enough ore in sight and on the dumps to keep the mill running for 18 months; they certainly have some nice ore bodies exposed. This week they struck a five foot vein of ore on the sixth level which assayed over 400 oz.

A contract is being let to sink the main shaft 100 feet from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> level, and so far as you correspondent is able to judge the Bonanza King Co. have only commenced to prospect their properties.

THE MILL

will resume work as fast as they can put it in shape which will be in about 10 days, and you will see a constant output of bullion for years to come. There can now be no question as to the permanency of these mines, they having some of the finest ore ever taken out of the mine on the lowest (8<sup>th</sup>) level.

## THE BELLE MCGILLROY GROUP

is working a few men and have nearly made connection with a large fine body of ore. This claim never looked as well before.

## KERR GROUP

Connection has been made at the depth of about 100 feet showing a large body of rich mineral, some assays going up in the thousands.

## THE MOZART GROUP

Have about six men working on the Mineral Point mine of this group. This claim has very rich ore. They are sinking and running a tunnel on the ledge which will make a depth of about 200 feet when in another 50 feet. They struck in face of tunnel about 6 inches of very high grade ore with indications of widening. This group gives every indication of immense bodies of ore.

Wilson Waddingham, the president of the Bonanza King Co. is here and will leave for San Francisco to day.

W. A. McFarlane and S. A. Barrett of the Cambria mine of Mescal mining district, have leased the old Ivanpah Consolidated mill at Ivanpah and will start it up on Cambria ore at ounce. I understand that blocks of ground of the old McFarlane mines are to be let, and no doubt many old Ivanpah miners will avail themselves of the chance, as there is no doubt of their richness.

Bidwell mill of Ivanpah is about starting up on ore from the old Alps. Van is likely to go inside and get some green feed.

MORE ANON.

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Wilson Waddingham, a wealthy capitalist of New York, and one of the owners of the Bonanza King, of

Providence, passed through Daggett for San Francisco last Friday. He has been at Providence looking after his mining interests. He has taken a deep interest in mining matters on this coast and is ready to invest in properties having a good showing.

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**Bonanza King.**

According to the San Francisco News Letter, Colonel Ewing and A. K. Harmon have sold the Bonanza King to Messrs, Kelly & Warburton Arizona, who in turn have bounded the mine to G. de Bouglse, a French mining engineer for \$100,000. The intention is to dispose of the property in France.

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Sunday, May 31ST, 1885

The mines at Waterman, Alvord, Providence, Mescal, Ivanpah, Butte Valley, Kramer, Silver Lake and Soda Lake are in a most flourishing condition in proportion to the extent of developments, so that we can reasonably look forward to a considerable increase in the mining operations on the great Mojave desert within the next year.

**SILVER LAKE MINES.**

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**An Interesting Description of  
Mines North of Daggett.**

Daggett, Cal. May 27, 1885

ED. Calico Print:--Believing that what few items I may give you will prove of sufficient interest to merit a place in your columns, I for the first time drop you a few lines, descriptive of an immense field of mineral wealth recently discovered near "Silver Lake," in San Bernardino county, north easterly and distant from Daggett about 60 or 65 miles and situated in what is known as the Five Points Mountain. It was discovered and prospected in

the early part of last winter by myself and W. J. Sullivan, and, in a brief description of which I am unable to particularize any more than mention some of its most promising mining prospects, such as the Jas. G. Blaine mine, crossing the mountain diagonally lying in a contact of white spar and white lime on the west side of the vein, and porphyry on the east, showing a continuous vein, throughout the entire location of 1,5000 feet, averaging from 3 to 4 1/2 feet in width, containing ore, which by numerous assays we find show a yield of from 60 to 70 per cent lead and as high as \$230 per ton in silver. This mine is situated about 3 1/2 or 4 miles distant from a lake of water about 9 miles in length by about 2 1/2 miles in width, and can be developed to the depth of 250 feet by drifting a very short distance on the vein or to the depth of 100 feet by a cross cut 40 feet in length.

Another property known and recorded as the Five Points mine is the first extension north, lying between lime and porphyry, interspersed with streaks of white and black spar, and samples from which assayed by E. J. Murray, Superintendent of the Alhambra Mill, showed a yield 178 ozs. In silver per ton; also the Clifton mine, belonging to Messrs. L. P. Sweeney, Sullivan and others, is situated immediately south from Jas. Blaine mine, showing every indication of an immense deposit of excellent ore, with good tunneling privileges and bids fair to develop into an exceedingly valuable mining property.

The Bullion Chief is also an exceedingly promising milling prospect, situated immediately above the Blaine and Five Points in lime and porphyry bearing large bodies of ore, assaying very high in silver and from 60 to 70 per cent in lead.

In addition to the above mentioned claims, there are many other very promising prospects, such as the London, Vienna and Comstock mines, re-

cently located by Marcus Pluth and myself, being contact veins, averaging from 2 1/2 to 4 feet in width, assaying 219 ozs. in silver per ton, besides 73 to 78 per cent lead, possessed of good natural advantages, good tunnelling, privileges, etc. being conveniently situated to an abundance of water and judging from surface indications I firmly believe that this group of mines when properly worked will all develop into first class properties; also the Lucy, Rudolf and Homestake mines are handsome prospects, with an abundance of ore in sight, assaying 78 ounces in silver per ton.

All of the above mentioned properties are situated immediately south from Silver Lake, and on the north side are the Silver Chord, Red Cloud, Little World's Bonanza mines, recently discovered by myself and Sullivan, which, of course, are in an undeveloped condition, yet, judging from numerous assays made by Supt. Murray at the Alhambra mill, it is safe to conclude that the mines in this district will, when properly worked, not only be largely productive of the "coveted," but that our belief hitherto so frequently expressed in regard to the mining prospects in this particular locality, will prove to be correct, and to convince your readers that it is not my intention simply to create an excitement in regard to the recently discovered mineral belts. I have only made a plain and simple statement of facts, to verify which, there needs only to be made a careful and an impartial examination by competent judges.

In the immediate vicinity of Soda Lake I have been informed that Col. Alonza Smith has recently made some very valuable discoveries, in fact, he states himself to have found ore in his locations which assay as high as 371 ounces in silver per ton, besides from 40 to 60 per cent lead; however, judging from the rumors afloat in regard to the Col's brilliant prospects, I feel confident that in a very short time several

very lively mining camps will be opened up in that section and I hope furthermore that the time is not far distant, when the mountains and valleys of the Soda Lake country will be heard to resound with the din of civilization, and the shrill yell of steam will be heard, where now reigns solitude unbroken, and may its march be ever onward to that future which awaits it, when, with its mineral resources properly developed, it will loom up in the far west, with a brilliancy and splendor which will equal if not eclipse anything yet known in the annals of silver mining.

C. C. H.

Sunday June 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1885

### **Providence Mines.**

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**ORE HAULING COMMENCED.**

Since my last, Caldwell's big ore team is making its regular trips. Everything is being pushed about the mill to start up as soon as possible. Mr. Huhn has gone to San Francisco to get some necessary machinery and ere another week rolls by we will likely hear the glad sound of the stamps.

The Bonanza Company is taking out some very rich ore and the dumps are being filled up. Miners coming in get work at once, and everything is looking up again. The assays of the first class ore are as high a grade now as at any time since the mine commenced work. Several contracts on the lower levels were let this last week and preparations are being made to put in new hoisting works with cages.

### **THE KERR MINE.**

Messrs Kerr and Patton have struck some very rich ore on their lower workings and are putting some very high grade ore on the dumps. They now have an assayer on the ground and are working their mine intelligently as they know how ore goes by sampling daily.

THE BELLE MCGILROY GROUP  
of mines are still working. The connection they have made shows a stope of ore for 125 feet; good looking ore all the way. They can now turn out large quantities of ore very fast.

THE MOZART GROUP  
I understand are letting a contract to make a wagon road to their mines. This will be of great advantage as they can haul their ore for less than one third the price of packing. It is rumored that there is going to be a large force put on these claims shortly.

THE MESCAL MINING CAMP  
has commenced to boom. About 20 pack animals of John Domingo are making daily trips from the Cambria mines to the mill at Ivanpah. I understand that the mill will start up under Barrett & McFarlane in about a week's time. Some old miners have taken leases on the old Ivanpah mines and that section of the country is looking up again.

Wilson Waddingham, the president of the Bonanza King Co., is expected here in a few days.

I notice a miner has given me a rub in your last issue. My writing is to give information about the mines. The miners are intelligent enough to look out for their own interests.

There are 3 boarding houses here now, Board \$7 per week. Good miners can get work. MORE ANON.

Sunday, June 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1885

## **Miners Wanted**

-----At The-----

**BONANZA KING**

**CONSOLIDATED MINING CO'S**

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35 SKILLED MINERS WANTED.

*WAGES \$3 PER DAY.*

**Board \$7 per Week.:**

**SAMUEL KELLEY,**

**General Manager.**

June 14, 1885.

PROVIDENCE MINES.

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THE BONANZA KING IN FULL BLAST.

The bonanza mill started up in full  
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Bidwell's mill at Ivanpah has just  
made a run on ores from the Alps and  
Lizzie Bullock.

McFarlane & Barrett started up the Ivanpah Consolidated mill on their Cambria ore from Mescal, on Wednesday morning. They have a fine body of ore in sight in their mine and are now working 7 or 8 men.

I. P. Van Winkle and Wm. L. Miller of the Alps mine are doing our Camp. MORE ANON.

Sunday, July 19<sup>TH</sup>, 1885

### **Providence Mines.**

#### **KERR MINE SOLD OR BONDED.**

Kerr & Patton's mines have been sold or bonded through a Mr. Spencer, some say to a Los Angeles company, others a syndicate of Australians, at any rate the representatives have already on the ground derricks for sinking for water to pump up a mill. I understand they will put a force of men on at once and commence the better development of the mine. Kerr lately shipped some ore to Kingman going over 200 ounces.

#### **MOZART GROUP MINES**

Contracts have been let for building a road to the mines and also a main shaft. The contractors went to work to day. It is said that they intend putting on more men to take out ore on this group. The Mineral Point tunnel is in ore of good quality.

#### **BELLE MCGILLROY GROUP**

continues to take out ore for shipping and milling. They have a nice pile of good ore on their dumps.

#### **BONANZA KING**

is running through some 24 ton daily; there have already been 24 bars of bullion shipped that speaks for itself.

#### **MESCAL CAMP—STRUCK IT RICH.**

W. A. McFarlane and Sime Barrett the owners of the Cambria mine have struck it very rich. They are running the old Consolidated Mill of Ivanpah on ore from that claim for the past month and four men have taken out ore enough to keep the mill pounding away every day. It is their intention to run night and day as soon as they can get supplies. The first two bars of bullion (\$2,720) was shipped by Wells, Fargo & Co. to day. More on the way and lots of it in sight. Luck be with them, they deserve it. Sime writes Cambria stock is on the market.

MORE ANON.

Sunday, January 31, 1886

### **ARROW GOLD DISTRICT.**

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#### **Other Mining News.**

Since writing you last week Arrow Mining District has had a visit from some mining experts. They came back to Providence apparently well pleased with their visit. As yet little work has been done, but what has been shows up well. The Mexicans are down about 40 feet on their mine, showing rich ore as on the surface and much more of it. The Golden Queen is also showing up well, and several other prospects are looking very nice.

The owners of the Mountain Pass on the main ledge will commence work this week. The Red Cloud now shows a body of ore 12 feet wide and 150 feet in length, this claim assays very high and has a large quantity of ore in sight. A number of prospectors in this district are fetching in good gold rock every day. There is now no question but Arrow District will make a large camp.

#### **Mescal Mines.**

Mr. W. A. Roberts has returned to this camp after examining Mr. Oam's mines, he speaks well of that country. He has left for Los Angeles and will return to Mescal in a few days to see to the working of bond on the Cambria Mine. Mr. Sim Barrett has not

returned yet from the green fields of San Bernardino, the pasture must be good in there.

#### IVANPAH MINES.

Messrs. Miller and Van Winkle had a crushing from the Alps mine. The boys have met with deserved success. Some of their ore pulped over one thousand dollars a ton. Van says that the green fields have no attraction compared with the glittering silver coin.

Messrs. McFarlane & Barrett have been running during the week and turned out some nice silver bars.

Two miners are working on a lease on the old Consolidated mines.

Winters an old time Ivanpaher, has bought the Eugene mine and is meeting with success, having struck some rich ore. here are several other chloriders working at various mines, some doing well others making a stand off.

Mr. W. I Miller is paying Providence a visit, but he is strictly on business, can't well help it.

More Anon.

Providence, Jany, 28, 1886.