

"Borax Company to Ship via Bakersfield," Randsburg Miner, June 17, 1913, p. 1:1:

"Within a few weeks now the National Borax Company, which is extensively developing its property near Lebec, will begin shipping its product, and expects eventually to have ten or twelve motor trucks running into Bakersfield. From eighty to a hundred tons of borax will be shipped daily and a warehouse is to be constructed at some point on one of the two railroad rights of way.

"M. P. Fries, president and general manager of the company, reports that the capacity of the mine has been increased greatly by the sinking of a 300-foot shaft. A four hundred horsepower electric plant has been installed and a gas main to connect with that of the Midway Gas Company is being built over a distance of eleven miles.

"The company now has thirty men employed and this number will be increased to seventy-five within a short time. A concentrating plant has been erected and in all a half million dollars have been expended in the development of the property."

"Havilah Is Scene of Renewed Activity," Randsburg Miner,
Aug. 9, 1913, p. 1:

"Havilah, the old rich gold camp, [__] miles northeast of Randsburg, has just started up new and all signs point to a larger output than in former times.

"The King Solomon has been leased and the[y] are running five stamps and shipping a brick every two weeks. The new leaser expects to clear eleven to twelve thousand dollars every three months. He has sold the tailings to a cyanide man and will clean up about four dollars a ton from the tailings.

"R[?]. A. Brown has started up his mine[?] and has fifteen men in his employ. He has a large ledge of rich ore and a heavy S[F/]airbanks Morse mill equipped up to date[,] running[?] day and night. He will make a clean-up in the near future.

"It is reported that Nelson has just struck a good ledge that runs ~~fourteen~~ fourteen dollars at his mine near Havilah.

"Two auto loads of men and women came in from Los Angeles Saturday to see the mines and returned Monday afternoon well pleased with them."

"Desert Land for Homesteads," Randsburg Miner, Jan. 17, 1914,
p. 1:1:

"About 146,000 acres of desert country near Bramwell [Barnwell] is to be thrown open for homesteads this year. This will add considerable to the colonization of the northeastern part of San Bernardino [County], which is being rapidly settled. According to dispatches from Washington, Secretary of the Interior Lane has recommended the land for application under the enlarged homestead act, to President Wilson."

"Desert Man Passes Away," Randsburg Miner, March 7, 1914,
p. 1:1:

"Mr. Hart, famous as the founder of the Hart mining camp east[?] of San Bernardino county, died recently in San Francisco. He prospected[?] and [_____] the[?] big dyke where the Goldfield Consolidated is now being worked. It was high grade on top and he did not [_____] enough[?] to find[?] the hidden treasure."

"Exposed Treasure Mine Resumes Operation," Randsburg Miner, June 14, 1913, p. 1:

"The Exposed Treasure mine, situated three and a half miles south of Mojave, which suspended operations nearly nine years ago and the underground workings of which have filled up with water since then, has been reopened by a stock corporation which has also taken over the Desert Queen and the Yellow Rover and many other adjoining claims which comprise practically the whole hill on which the Exposed Treasure mine [___] is situated. The group is known as the Mojave Consolidated Gold Mines.

"Preliminary sampling and prospecting on the group was begun last November, but the active work of opening the mines was commenced on the first of May. So far but little mining has been done. Engineers, carpenters, blacksmiths, etc., have been putting the mine and reduction plants in order. Now the water is being pumped out of the Exposed Treasure mine and within ten days the mine will be in good shape for underground work.

"The 25-stamp mill is being repair^{ed}. Ten stamps will be used at first, but the other 15 stamps will not be used for some time to come. This mine is also equipped with concentrators and a cyanide plant. About 35 men are employed at present. An ore road has been constructed from the Desert Queen around the hill to the Exposed Treasure mine and mill.

"There is a rumor that the Queen Esther mine, two miles south of the Exposed Treasure property, will also resume operations in the near future. This property has been shut down for three years."

"Exposed Treasure Mill Running Again," Randsburg Miner,
July 12, 1913, p. 1:

Deck: "Underground Workings Are/Being Rapidly Unwatered--/
Motor Truck Installed"

"The 25-stamp mill of the Exposed Treasure mine, 8[?] miles northeast of Mojave, has been completely overhauled and was started last week. About 100 tons of ore is in the bins. The water in the underground workings of the Exposed Treasure mine has not been quite pumped out yet, as some unusually large stopes were encountered on the sixth level. The pump is below this level now and as there are extensive workings at greater depth this mine will be unwatered in a short time.

"The number of miners employed at the Desert Queen, an adjoining property which has been taken over by the Exposed Treasure Mining Company, was increased last week with the arrival of miners from nearby camps. Some difficulty was experienced at first with the 5-ton motor truck used to haul ore from the Desert Queen to the mill owing to the condition of the new road, but with the new set of traction tires just received this trouble will be eliminated. The company owns an 18 mile pipe line to the mountains west of the mine and has an abundance of water."

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"Serious Accidents Delay Work at Exposed Treasure," Randsburg Miner, Aug. 9, 1913, p. 1:

"Work at the Exposed Treasure mine near Mojave has been hampered through a series of accidents. Master Mechanic G. Meyer had his arm severely injured when a pump hit him which the belt had torn loose from the foundation.

"Mechanic Morse, while trying to do some repair work on the upper rim of a twenty-foot steel slime tank in the mill, lost his footing and fell to the bottom[,] landing on a pile of old iron pipes. He suffered deep cuts on the back of his head and a gash over his left eye, besides internal injuries.

"A miner by the name of Rabi[?] was coming up the shaft of the Desert Queen when he fell. He was terribly cut and bruised and immediately taken to Mojave.

"The management of the Exposed Treasure mine has been having considerable difficulty with the pump which has not been working for a week. When stopped for repairs[,] in some manner it got off its rails and, before it could be raised, the incoming water had covered it. It is now tightly wedged in the shaft about eight feet under water. A new electric pump is being installed with which it is hoped enough water will be taken out to uncover the other.

"The force of men employed at the Exposed Treasure mine is steadily increasing, about fifty men being on the pay roll now. Many miners have been taken on in place of the mechanics and carpenters whose particular work is done."

"Exposed Treasure Mine Makes Bullion Shipments,"
Randsburg Miner, Sept. 13, 1913, p. 1:2:

"The Exposed Treasure and Desert Queen mines, 6[?] miles northeast of Mojave, operated by the Mojave Consolidated Gold Mines Company[,] recently made its second clean-up of the batteries of the stamp-mill and of the cyanide plant operated in connection with the mill.

"At a recent meeting of the company the following officers were elected: George Sharpe[?], president, E. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, and Percy Sharpe, superintendent. The mines are in an excellent state of development now for a continuous gold output and the owners are highly pleased with the work thus far accomplished and believe that these properties will soon bea [be] classed among the best producers in the State."

"Arondo Mine Ceases Operation," Randsburg Miner, July 27, 1912, p. 1:

"The last miner working under ground at the Arondo was paid off this week and the mine was closed down indefinitely.

"This property, located in the Argus mountains fifty miles north of Randsburg, in May, 1911, was leased under bond by the Golden Star Mines Co., a syndicate headed by A. B. Rodgers of Los Angeles and Arizona. Charles B. Anderson, who had been in charge of the company's Mines at Polaris, Arizona, was appointed manager of the Aronda at that time.

"The equipment of the Arondo mine consists of Blake crushers, a Cornish Roller mill and a cyanide plant. It was rumored for some time that the operators of this property were losing money and the entire cessation of activity at this mine for this reason was not unexpected."

"Mining Interested in Graham & Jones Property,"
Randsburg Miner, March 22, 1913, p. 1:

"The operators of the Cerro Gordo mine have become interested in the recent developments at the Graham & Jones mines, 48 miles north of Randsburg. The 50-ft. ore body encountered on the 200-ft. level of the Graham & Jones has all indications of permanency.

"Average samples across the face of the ore brought returns of \$16. Improved milling facilities will have to be installed, however, before this ore can be handled to the best advantage. The mill now used for the crushing of the ore has proved inadequate and new machinery and an addition to the cyanide plant have become necessary."

"Auto Stage Line," Randsburg Miner, April 25, 1912, p. 1:

"The firm of Wilkins & Hoffman have started an auto service between Johannesburg, Skidoo and way points. They will maintain a schedule of three round trips a week for passengers, baggage and light freight. Their initial trips have been quick and satisfactory. It is the intention to put ~~on~~ a heavy Packard truck about June 1st to handle freight. Mr. Wilkins is very sanguine over the venture, although some bad roads and heavy grades will have to be overcome. A considerable portion of the road is fairly good and admits of a 10-hour run into Skidoo.

"Al Myers, the well-known mining man, went up by auto yesterday to his property in the Panamints."

"Skidoo Mines Company Repairing Pipe Line,"
Randsburg Miner, April 5, 1913, p. 1:

"The 29 mile pipe line of the Skidoo Mining & Milling Company, with properties situated 125[?] miles north of Randsburg, is being repaired at present. The extremely cold weather early in January damaged the pipe line to a considerable extent and the 20[?] stamp mill has been closed down ever since. Several wagon loads of pipes and material have been hauled to Skidoo recently and the repair work will be rushed to completion.

"The water from Jail Canyon, at the foot of Telescope Peak, was piped to Skidoo across the desert under high pressure in 1907[,] when \$240,000 were expended to equip the Skidoo mines, before a pound of ore was extracted. Afterward this property became[?] a phenomenal producer. With the repairs to the pipe line finished, regular shipment[s] of bullion will again be made."

"Skidoo Notes," Randsburg Miner, May 10, 1913, p. 1:

"Assistant postmaster Austin Young has just completed weighing the mails[?] on the star route between Skidoo and Ballarat for the months of March and April and made the following report to the Post Office Department: First class mail, 45 pounds; second class mail, 530[?] pounds; third class, 85[?] pounds; fourth class mail, 427 pounds; equipment (pouches), 530 pounds; total for two months, 1617 pounds. The contractor on this star route receives 94.75[?] per month and as he makes three round trips per week he carries on an average of 31 pounds each way and receives about $11\frac{1}{4}$ [?] cents per pound.

"F. C. Kennedy of Wild Rose, a well-known mining man[?] of the desert, came into town last Thursday. He brought George Volmer of Tuber canyon with him. Volmer is looking after a mining claim he has near the Skidoo Mines company's property with a view of doing some work as soon as he can [get] away from Tuber canyon where he has extensive interests that are at present occupying all of his attention.

"Dusty Rhodes, a celebrated desert prospector, passed this way a few days ago. 'Dusty' says he has a sure tip for the B[_____] mine this time and expects to find it soon.

"Dan Driscoll is camped at Emigrant Springs. He is recently from Rhyolite and brings word that Rhyolite [Rhyolite] is looking up in a mining way. He says the Tramp mine is getting good[?] [_____] values at the eleven hundred foot level.

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(article of May 10, 1913, continued:)

"Rinaldi & Clark's big team, W. L. Wilson driver, made a trip to the head of Wild Rose canyon last [week?] for a load of pipe for the Skidoo Mines company [to be delivered?] [__ __] flat where the pipe will be [used?] for repairs [to the?] pipe line.

"Mining is not the only industry in the vicinity of Skidoo[?]. E. W. Riv[era?] has a flock of some 1600[?] high-grade angora goats that he grazes in the immediate neighborhood. He just recently finished shearing and will ship by Rinaldi & Clark's big team this coming week about a ton[?] of mohair which will go direct to Boston via Galveston, where it will bring fro^v 36[?] to 40c a pound. This is as good as a gold mine. Rivers[?] furnishes[?] goat meat to the mines during the sumer^v months when it is too warm to procure beef from Randsburg.

"S. E. Ba[_] is tool dresser for S. K. Adams and on the side procured [procures?] wood and water for the bachelors of Skidoo.

"Dave Garrett has started[?] his boardinghouse in a small way. His cook has not arrived yet but is expected any day.

"[_] K. Adams and J. [_] King left this morning for the new strike near Kearsarge."

"Skidoo Notes," Randsburg Miner, May 24, 1913, p. 1:

"During five days of last week the gang of men repairing the Skidoo Mines pipe line were unable to work owing to the breaking of the threading machine. Even with this delay the fore^{man}an, H. R. arail[?], says, water will be running through to Skidoo on May 27th. The repair camp moved to Goat Camp Saturday[,] their last place before coming to Skidoo.

"Stanley J. Willis, an expert for an English company, arrived last Tuesday and was at once taken out by F. C. Kennedy and F. C. Thisse[?] to their potash-nitre claims in the north end of Death Valley. Kennedy and Thisse have a large number of claims that have excellent surface showings. Willis came back well pleased with his first visit and, if the samples taken show what they should, he will return to make a more careful examination.

"Frank Solomon, an English chap, who recently took a job of cooking for the pipe line boys, is making heavy purchases of baskets from the Indians of this region. It now develops that Solomon is an English expert on Indian baskets and that he is only cooking as a passtime [pastime] and to get among the Indians where he can secure some of their best work~~ed~~ at reasonable rates. The British Museum of London, England, takes all of his choicest selections."

"Fire Wrecks Mill of Skidoo Mines," Randsburg Miner,
June 17, 1913, p. 1:

Deck: Ten Stamps Destroyed, Five^v/Stamps Saved--Loss Is/
\$50,000"

"Fire of unknown origin almost entirely wrecked the 15-stamp mill of the Skidoo Mines company, 125 miles north of Randsburg, last Monday. The loss to the Skidoo Mines company is \$5,000. A battery of 5 stamps was saved from destruction.

"This mill was completed in May, 1908, at a cost of \$5,000[?] a stamp, and has been in continuous operation until January of this year, when the 21-mile pipe line from Jail canyon, at the foot of Telescope Peak, to Skidoo, which supplies the camp with water, was damaged by the unexpected cold spell to such an extent that the mill had to shut down.

"The repair work on the pipe line had just been finished and the mill was practically ready for operation when the fire broke out. Several hundred tons of high-grade ore has been extracted by the leasers and the workings of the Skidoo mine have been put in shape[?] for a large production. The Skidoo mines have produced \$[],000,000 since discovery and the Skidoo Mines company has paid \$325,000. []ts stockholders, the total of the six dividends declared since 1908. The mill is equipped with a cyanide plant and will be rebuilt as soon as the machinery and supplies can be secured."

"Skidoo Mill Will Soon Be Finished/Leasers Have Large Tonnage of High-Grade Ready for Reduction," Randsburg Miner, August 16, 1913, p. 1:5:

"The new 10-stamp mill of the Skidoo Mines Co., that is being built to replace the 15 stamps destroyed by fire on June 1st, is nearing completion. It was expected to have the mill running on ore by the 15th of this month, but many delays in the delivery of material, on account of the long distance to freight, has put off the date of starting at least ten or twelve days.

"While much of the heavy machinery of the old [^]↓ has been utilized in the new, yet so much new material has been used[,?] that it will be practically a new mill throughout and up-to-date in every particular for the extraction of gold. P. R. Turner, superintendent of construction, and J. H. Thomas, master mechanic, ably assisted by a corps of practical mechanics, are making this a model reduction works and one that will do the work at the very lowest possible cost[,] considering the long distance from a railroad.

WHAT THE LEASERS ARE DOING

"The leasers are continuously piling up a good class of ore and lots of it. J. B. Hargrove has 125 tons ready for the mill and has left for his summer vacation[,] expecting to return as soon as the mill starts.

"The Neneny[?] Bracco lease is down 75 feet and the leasers are now stoping a good grade of ore. They will have at least 300[?] tons on the dump ready for the mill when the mill is completed.

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"Skidoo Will Soon Ship Gold Bricks/New Stamp Mill Will Start Running on Company Ore Next Monday," Randsburg Miner, Aug. 30, 1913, p. 1:5:

"The Skidoo Mines Company's new ten-stamp mill will commence grinding ore on September 1st. The mill will be run on the company's store for the first month after which all the ten stamps will be put on leasers' ore till the ore belonging to the leasers is all cleaned up. E. A. (Bob) Montgomery, president of the Skidoo Mines Company, will be present at the starting of the mill.

"F. C. Kennedy and F. G. Thisse[?] have returned from Independence last week where they had gone to arrange for the sale of their potash and niter prospects[,] located some 25 miles northwest of Skidoo both[?] in Death Valley and the mountains on the west. An option was given on[?] all their holdings for \$200,000[?] to an English syndicate, for 90 days, work to comence in October.

"A rich strike was made a few days ago on the Cashier Gold Mining Co.'s property at Harrisburg by Supt. L. [__] Davis. This discovery means a renewal[?] of operations on this property on a much larger scale.

"[__] A. Aguerbery returned from Darwin [and?] has resumed work on his property[,] which adjoins the mine of the Cashier Gold Mining Company. He has plenty of high-grade ore in sight.

"A. L.[?] Davis, general manager of the Skidoo [Mines?] Company, returned from his new [____] in Monrovia, August 15th much [refreshed?] after a three months' sojourn [____] the southern metropolis. He immediately resumed his regular duties.

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"Skidoo Mines Co.," Randsburg Miner, Oct. 2, 1915, p. 1:

"SKIDOO, Sept. 30[?]---The Skidoo Mines Co. is planning the installation of a 40-h.p.[?] gas engine to increase the power efficiency at its mill. Considerable difficulty has been experienced of late in keeping[?] 15 stamps dropping because[?] of pipe line troubles. The excessively[?] hot weather developed several[?] weaknesses[?], and as the pipe line supplies both water and power, considerable time was lost. In the mine conditions continue pleasing. Approximately 25 tons of antimony ore are shipped daily from the mine at Wild Rose. The ore is high grade, occurs in the form of stibnite, and is widely scattered over the group of eight claims[?]. Five motor trucks and a Renault[?] truck of English [_____] haul the ore to Trona."

"With Broken Arm 48 Hours in a Mining Shaft,"
Randsburg Miner, Feb. 3, 1912, p. 1:

"[His?] arm being broken in an effort to escape from the bottom of a 75 foot shaft in the Ellen mine in the Avawatz mountains, Walter Crawford, a miner 60 years old, was held a prisoner for 48 hours[,] until he was rescued today by Burt Lawrence and Chris Holman. The attention of the rescuers was called to Crawford's plight by the sight of a hat near the opening^{to} the shaft. They investigated and soon brought the aged miner, who was unconscious, to the surface. When revived, he explained that he had attempted to descend in the shaft by means of a rope which broke and precipitated him to the bottom. He tried to climb out but fell backwards, breaking his arm."