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From Water Canon.

Water Canon, Jan. 24, 1900.

Editor of Chieftain:

This district is covered with the heaviest snow fall since the great storm of 1888, which insures an abundance of water for next summer. The Timber Peak Mining Co. completed their assessment work on their Copper Creek properties last month. Their Sunrise shaft shows a fine body of gold ore. They also have a large body of silver-gold ore in the San Luis Potosi. The mill at Timber Peak is idle at present because of the rolls not being able to crush the company's porphyritic ores.

The Buckeye Company is developing the Buckeye. Present workings are one hundred feet below water level. That is the only working in the district below water level. There is a marked improvement in the grade of the ore below water level. The sulphides are constantly increasing as depth is attained. The property is equipped with two steam hoisting plants. One is a twenty-five horse power and the other a fifty horse power plant and a No. 3 March Sinking Pump. Every thing around the mine is arranged for comfort and convenience. The dressing room, store room, magazine, tool room and blacksmith shop are all located at convenient places near the main workings. The office and laboratory are within three hundred feet of the No. 2 shaft. The laboratory is one of the finest in the Territory. On account of delays from a flood, caused by tapping a large reservoir, in November, no shipments of ore have been made for two months. The Company expect to commence shipping next month.

READY TO TAKE ORE.

Some of Socorro County's Product to Be Treated at Cerrillos.

From special correspondence to the New Mexican it appears that the Cerrillos smelter has recently been purchased by Messrs. Thomas, Russell and others, and that the corporation will hereafter be known as the Magdalena Mining and Smelting Company.

Magdalena is one of Socorro county's good mining districts and is situated only twenty-five miles west of this city. In this district the company mentioned is said to own four silver-lead mines—the Hardscrabble, "out of which a miner named Nelson several years ago realized a profit of \$65,000 in a few months," the North Graphic, and two others.

The correspondent says that the Messrs. Thomas have been steadily and quietly developing their Magdalena mines for a year, that now that they have real producers they have bought the Cerrillos plant and will take their ore there for treatment and that the company will be ready to receive ores at the plant within the next ten days.

The letter continues as follows:

The charter for the Magdalena Mining and Smelting Company is now being drawn and will be placed on official record at the capital in a few days. General Manager R. B. Thomas is also busily engaged just now in selecting his assistants, and they will be A1 men, for in this matter he recognizes that mistakes are easily made, and in designating his staff he has wisely consulted with Mr. Austin, the well-known and successful smelter man,

OF HOME INTEREST

The work of cleaning out the Louis Lopez acequia is in progress.

A. C. Abeytia left for Santa Fe on Thursday morning's train.

Mayor J. E. Torres and wife went up to the capital city Monday.

Mrs. Jas. G. Fitch was quite sick but is now, happily, greatly improved.

Go see and buy some of that fresh home made taffy turned out by Katzenstein.

A. D. Coon went up to Albuquerque on a business trip Wednesday morning.

Clement Hightower went down to Las Cruces today, expecting to return Sunday.

Attorney Jas. G. Fitch went down to San Marcial Wednesday on personal business.

A. H. Hilton, postmaster and leading merchant of San Antonio, was in town Monday.

L. K. Terry has bought C. S. Bahney's residence on Park street, Consideration, \$375.

Dr. Kittrell returned home last Friday after an absence of several weeks in San Marcial.

It is reported that Henry Dreyfus and Miss Romona Torres will be married February fifth.

Joseph Price left for New York this morning to purchase a stock of goods for the spring trade.

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C. T. Brown completed the annual assessment work on the Queen group in Ellis Cañon last month.

Yours, C.

SCHOOL OF MINES NOTES.

Tarver Montgomery spent the week with relatives in Albuquerque.

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Presbyterian Church.

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S. Marcus returned Sunday from a business trip of several days in the eastern part of the county.

Joe Buchanan arrived in this city last Friday from Pittsburg, Pa., where he has been for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Baca were among the passengers from this city to Albuquerque Monday