

the Original mine because it was the first quartz lode to be found in the district. W.A. Clark bought the Original mine in 1873 and it was probably the first Butte mine to produce copper ore in commercial quantities. In those days, since no successful method of extracting copper from ore had been found in the United States, the copper ore was shipped all the way to Swansea, Wales, Great Britain, which at the time was the copper smelting capital of the world. (Marcosson, 1957, pp84, 140, 142; Weed, USGS Prof. Paper 74, p133; W.P.A., 1943, p195) 7 x 11. Cancelled hole punches. VF. Est. \$75-100

2063. Silver Bow. Butte. **Original Butte Mining Co.** Incorporated in New York, 1881. Issued to Chas. S. Miller for 10,000 shares, cert #42, in 1881. Signed by Charles S. Miller treasurer and Geo B. Child secretary and E. T. Childs president. No vignette. Fancy masthead with company name. Black border. Cancelled by blue rubber stamp and by hole punches below signatures. Printer - E. C. Philbrick, Boston. 7 x 10. Location of Mine: Butte, Montana printed on certificate. See lot above for the story. Very fine. Est. \$75-150



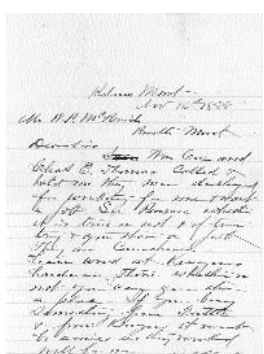
2064. No Lot.

Silver Bow. Butte. See also New Mexico, Grant County, for the **Longmaid Mining Archive.**



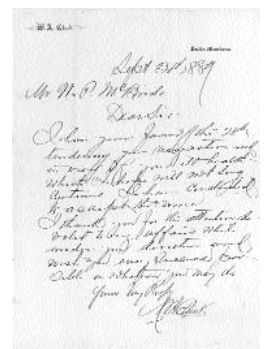
2065. Silver Bow. Butte. **St. Paul & Butte MC.** Inc. in MT. Cert #109, issued to J.M. Sullivan for 1000 shares in 1896. Signed by pres. W.W. Allen and sec. J.H. Morong. Very attractive certificate. Vignette at top of four miners working underground; at left, partially obscured by the seal, an unusual vignette of a cross-section of a shaft; at right, a small vignette of one miner pushing an ore car and the other wielding a pick. Black border and print with pale orange safety print. Gold seal. "Butte, Montana" printed underneath masthead. Dated Chicago, IL. Printer - Brown, Treacey & Co., St. Paul. 9 3/4 x 7 3/4. Two folds, uncanceled, very fine. Very fancy and attractive. Rare. Dead by 1896, according to Poole. When Sullivan bought this stock, he was fleeced. Est. \$100-200

2066. Silver Bow. Butte. **W. A. Clark Billhead Receipt, 1893.** W. A. Clark was also a banker in the Butte area. This is a receipt for a payment to the Bullion Exchange Bank in Carson City. Very fine. Est. \$25-50



2067. Silver Bow. Butte. **William A. Clark Signature on Letter, 1888.** The letter is written to W. P. McBride, Clark's mine superintendent at Butte, asking if he would find work for two men that wrote Clark. Clark states that they are Cornishmen and worked well for him. Clark was a key mine financier and worked closely with the trio of Hearst, Haggin and Tevis. Clark went on to be the Senator of Montana and was noted for feuding with fellow democrat Marcus Daly. Letters from Clark are very rare. The cover for this letter is included. Very fine. Est. \$200-400

2068. Silver Bow. Butte. **William A. Clark Signature on Letter, 1889.** The letter is written to W. P. McBride accepting his resignation as Superintendent. Clark wishes him "every success possible in whatever you may do". The letter is written on Clark's personal stationary with W. A. Clark at upper left in purple ink and Butte, Montana at right also in purple ink. See above lot for the story. Includes the cover for the letter. Very Rare. Very fine. Est. \$300-500



2069. Silver Bow. Butte. **Yegan Bros. Bankers/ pic bank/ Butte, Mont.** //We will accept this/ one deposit/ for 50 cents/ if you open a new/ savings account/ of \$5.00/ ...br, rd, 31mm, c 1910, vf. Est \$20-40



NEVADA

ESMERALDA. This county was left out of Auction 11, Part 1 for space consideration. See the Nevada section of Part 1 for lots from the other counties of Nevada.

2070. Esmeralada(?). Goldfield(?). **Conqueror Consolidated MC.** Inc. in SD in 1909. Cert#682, issued to Zadig & Co. for 250 shares in 1911. Signed by 2nd vp J.W. Prosser and sec. M.M. Moore. No vignette, fancy masthead, black border and print, embossed seal. Printer - Goes. Uncanceled. 11 x 8. Very fine. There is a Conqueror Mining Company listed in "The Geology and Ore Deposits of Goldfield, Nevada", 1909 (p238). It may have been a predecessor to Conqueror Consolidated. Est. \$25-50



2071. Esmeralda(?). **Esmeralda Victoria GMC.** Cert.#161. Incorporated in Arizona in 1912. Issued to A.H. March for 750 shares in 1913. Signed by J.D. Victor and secretary Chas. D. Ricker. Vignette of mine and mill in valley at river's edge. Black border, with orange underprint and seal. Printed by Hoskins, Philly. 8 3/4" x 11". Xf. Unknown. Apparently not Nevada or Arizona. I seem to remember finding this under Mexico, but cannot locate it currently anywhere - fh. Est. \$25-75



2072. Esmeralda. Blair. **Pittsburgh Silver Peak Gold Mining Co.** Incorporated in Delaware 1906. Issued to R. M. Brin for 100 shares, cert #10980, in 1912. Signed by Ralph E. Flinn president and F. J. Grant treasurer. Vignette at top center of a solo miner walking to a distant mill. Green border, underprint and background design. Uncancelled. Printer Republic Bank Note Co, Pittsburgh. 8 x 12. The company owned 2000 acres at Blair, Esmeralda County, that was considered one of the largest low grade producers in the state. By 1914, the property in Nevada had been exhausted and the company purchased the Rawhide mine at Sonora, Tuolumne County, Cal. In 1915, the company moved the 120 ton cyanide mill at Blair to the new property where progress was advancing. The company also owned 99.25% of the stock in the

Mohawk-Alpine Mining Co and all of the stock in the Silver Peak Railroad Co. By 1918, the company had paid out \$784,000 in dividends. (Mines Handbook, 1918, p.643). Two binder hole punches at left edge. Extremely fine. Est. \$50-100

2073. Esmeralda. Divide. **Alto Divide MC.** Cert.#1887. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Unissued, uncancelled. Green border, no vignette. Mysell Rollins Co., printers. 8 1/2" x 11 1/2". Xf. The company owned 3 claims on the eastern boundary of Tonopah Divide, Gold Zone and Gold Reef groups. The New Alto Divide MC was formed in 1921 to take over the Alto Divide, due to insufficient funds to back up issued shares. (Mines Handbook, 1920, p.1125). Est. \$20-40



2074. Esmeralda. Divide. **Ben Hur Divide MC.** Cert.#3797. Incorporated in Nevada in 1918. Issued to H.J. Amigo for 1000 shares in 1926. Signed by vice-president Albert Kelly and secretary R. Kelly. Vignette of underground mining scene. Green border and seal. Printed by Mysell Rollins Co. 8 3/4" x 11 1/4". Vf, tears at creases. The Nevada company acquired property in the Divide district, which in 1921 was added to by the acquisition of 3 claims adjoining the Golden State group at Klondyke. After 1921, ore in commercial amounts was not found, and the company transferred its activities to Grass Valley, where it was last reported discontinued because of lack of funds. However, previously, the company had purchased property in Nye County, so by the time of this certificate's issue, the company was probably still producing.

Lots 2074 & 2074.5 are the same style

(Weed, 1926, p.1128-29). Est. \$25-75

2074.5. Esmeralda. Divide. **Ben Hur Divide MC.** Inc. in NV, 1918. Cert. #5040, issued to G.F. Thompson for 1000 shares in 1929. Signed by vp Albert Kelly and sec. R. J. Kelly. Underground mining vignette. Green border, seal, safety print. "Principal Office, Tonopah, Nevada" printed on certificate. Printer - Mysell-Robbins. 11 3/4 x 9 1/4. Uncancelled. Folds, tears at folds, small chips, fine. Not listed in Weed 1919 list of active Divide companies. Est \$25-50

2075. Esmeralda. Divide. **Bevis Divide MC.** Cert.#1963. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Issued to A.E. Kane for 500 shares in 1924. Signed by president H.G. Humphrey and secretary H. Peters. Vignette of hydraulic mining, and four men in valley. Brown border with gilt seal. Printed by Goes. 5 1/2" x 10". Vf, some foxing at bottom edge. The company owned 2 claims on 40 acres in the Divide District, Adjoining Wonder Divide. But in late 1924, the control of the company was passed on into new hands, and was then associated with **Nevada Hills MC**, reorganized in oil. The two officers' signatures on this certificate were actually affiliated with Nevada Hills as president and secretary. This originally consisted of The **Fairview Eagle Mine** in the Fairview District in Churchill Co. In 1924 the company acquired oil property in Kern River and Midway fields, some of the most oil-fertile land in California. And by 1925 the Nevada Hills MC combined with Bevis Divide MC and launched the **Paramount Oil Co.** Although the Fairview Eagle Mine was predominantly an oil producing company, they were still awaiting a way to make profit in mining. (Ref; Neal, 1926, pp.1130, 1254-55). Est. \$25-50



2076. Esmeralda. Divide. **Big Divide MC.** Cert.#47. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Issued to H.A. Austin for 100 shares in 1919. Signed by president A.A. Codd and secretary R.H. Bates. Uncancelled. Vignette of a mill on hillside, and a small vignette of three men inspecting ore in lower right corner. Brown border with gilt seal. Printed by Goes. Vf, small tears where folded. 5 1/2" x 10". The company did not have any reported production in the *Mines Hdbk and Copper Hdbk* of 1920, but it worked 9 claims adjoining the Divide Extension north. (Ref: Weed, 1920, 1129). Est. \$25-50

2077. Esmeralda. Divide. **Divide Consol. MC.** 2 certificates. Issued to various, various amounts, both for 1000 shares in 1919. Vignette at top of mine and mill buildings with workers in foreground loading train cars with ore. Brown border and safety print with gilt seal. Principal Office in Tonopah. Printer – Goes. 5 x 10. Folds, wrinkles, some surface dirt, a few small tears – fine. Uncancelled. Listed in Weed, 1919 as active on the Divide. Est \$50-100



2078. Esmeralda. Divide. **Divide Extension Cons. MC.** Cert.#3464. Incorporated in Nevada in 1930. Issued to Katherine Kennedy for 1000 shares in 1933. Cancelled by hole punches. Brown border, no vignette. No printer noted. 9 3/4" x 11 1/2". Vf, adhesive residue at left margin. Weed listed this company as one of the active Divide companies in 1920, and it was still selling stock 13 years later, despite only producing about \$100,000 in gold and silver through the early 1920's. Est. \$25-50

2079. Esmeralda. Divide. **General Thomas MC.** Cert.#990. Incorporated in Nevada in 1925. Issued to Helen B.G. Bettle for 5 shares in 1927. Signed by president F.A. Burnham and secretary R.C. Moore. Three vignettes: two underground mining scenes flanking a central vignette of a mill on a river's edge. Black border and print on crème paper. Printed by Goes. 5 3/4" x 9 1/2". Vf, heavy creases where folded. In 1925, the company's stock was acquired by Gold Zone Divide MC, but remained under the same management. Ten claims with a silver-lead ore production. (Ref: Rand, Sturgis, 1931, p.1448). Est. \$25-50



2080. Esmeralda. Divide. **Goldsmith Divide MC.** Cert.#1368. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Issued to R.P. Donaldson for 500 shares in 1922. Signed by vice-president J.M. Fenwick and secretary R.N. Watkins. Gilt border and seal. Uncancelled. No printer noted. Xf. 5 1/2" x 10". The company owned the Gypsy claim located southeast of Gold Mountain. There was an older shaft on the property, but the company was said to be sinking a new one. (Mines Handbook, 1920, p.1141). Est. \$25-50

2081. Esmeralda. Divide. **Hasbrouck Divide MC.** Cert.#2499. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Issued to G.W. Summers for 100 shares in 1920. Uncancelled. Signed by president J.W. Dunfee and secretary J.C. Cannan. Central vignette of underground mining scene flanked by two smaller vignettes of panner and three men examining ore. Black border and gilt seal. Printed by Goes. 5 3/4" x 9 3/4". The company had 8 claims located one mile west of Tonopah Divide and adjoining the Tonopah Hasbrouck. There was a 100' shaft with several crosscuts. (Mines Handbooks, 1920, p. 1143). Vf, minor tear at bottom edge. Est. \$25-50



2082. Esmeralda. Divide. **Hecla Divide MC.** Cert.#4800. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Issued to John E. Allen & Co. for 100 shares in 1920. Signed by vice-president James Holland and treasurer E.R. Evans. Uncancelled. Brown border and underprint with no vignette. Printed by ABN. The Hecla Divide had property in both New Mexico and Nevada, the latter of which was idle in 1924. The Hecla also ran the Mexarco group near Silver City, New Mexico, which was a significant producer. It also owned a large portion of the Green Monster MC in Arizona. In 1916, Allen was under investigation for presumably deceitful business promotion, and was apparently convicted, but must have changed his ways because not three years later he was back in business, with the same company. (Ref: Weed, 1924, p.1368, 1565. 1916, p.1143).



Est. \$25-50

2083. Esmeralda. Divide. **Keystone Divide MC.** Cert.#4943. Incorporated in Nevada in 1919. Issued to R.L. Colburn for 1000 shares in 1927. Uncancelled. Signed by president Taylor and secretary M. Grotjohn. Vignette of a spread-winged bald eagle. Black border with gilt underprint and seal. The Keystone claims were in the Klondike section of the Divide District, and had a 435' deep shaft, but actual production remains unknown. We do know that it was acquired by Wingfield interests in 1926. (Ref: Weed 1924, p.1383. M. Handbook 1931, p.1490). xf. 5 1/2" x 10". Est. \$25-50



2084. Esmeralda. Divide. **Midway Divide MC.** Cert.#473. Incorporated in Nevada in 1914. Issued to V.L. Wise for 500 shares in 1919. Uncancelled. Signed by R.P. Burris as 2nd vice-president and J.F. Kunz as secretary. Central vignette of a spread-winged bald eagle. Two smaller vignettes of underground mining scenes. Green border. Printed by Mysell Rollins Co. vf, small piece missing from top left edge and 1/2" tear next to small tear at fold. Consisted of four claims adjoining the Dividend and Divide Consolidated. Had a 70" shaft in 1919. 8 1/2" x 11 1/2". (Ref: Weed, 1924, 1150). Est. \$25-50

