

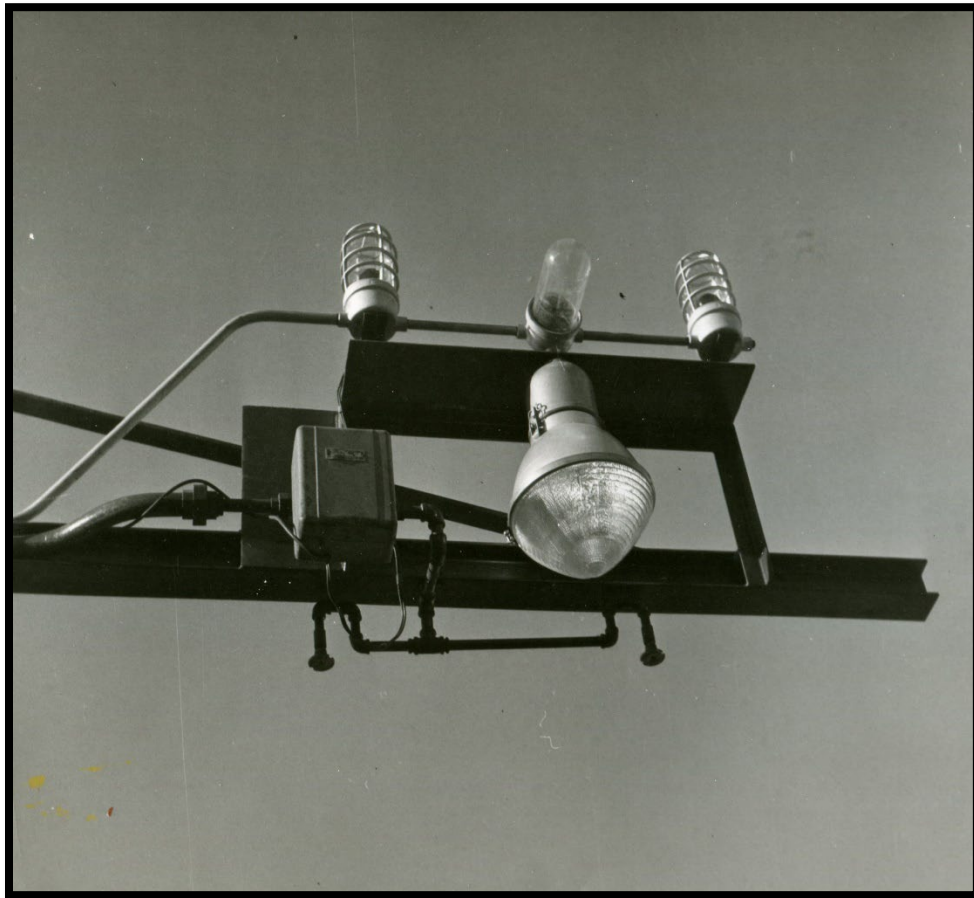
Newsletter164

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Salt Sprayer for Ore Cars

Last week's Newsletter163 had a photo of a unit above the ore train tracks at the mill and I asked if anyone knew what it was. So here is a closer look at it.



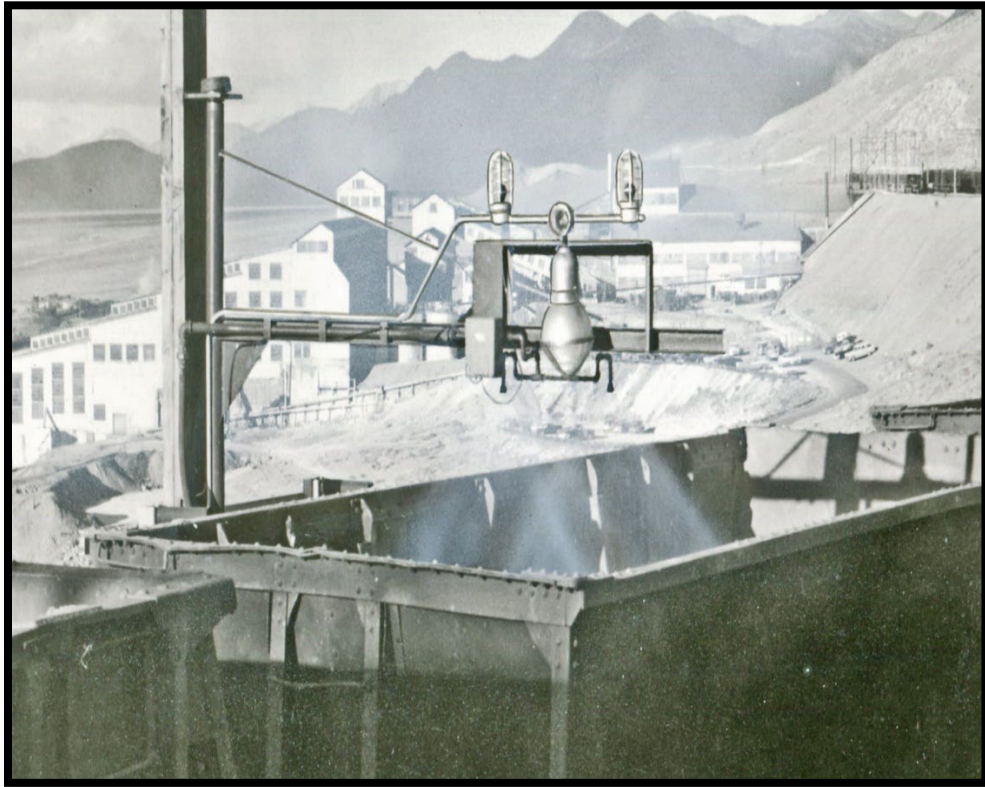
It is an automatic spraying unit that sprays a salt solution into each empty ore car as they leave the mill on their way back to Ruth.

The reason for the spray is to keep the wet ore from freezing and sticking to the sides of the ore cars during the winter months.

The ore would freeze to the sides of the ore cars and not come out as the car was being dumped into the big jaw crusher. For many years mill workers would use a large flame thrower to heat the sides of the cars before they went into the dumper. I did this several times and it was not fun. The heat from the flame thrower was very hot. You could actually get the sides of the cars to turn red if you held the flame in one spot too long. The front of you would be hot, but your backside would be frozen on very cold nights. It was a very boring job.

The salt sprayer really helped keep the ore from sticking to the cars.

Here is a photo of it in action.



McGill News

Yesterday,, June 27, the freezer repairman spent 5 hours fixing the ice cream freezer components. He got the temp down below zero and so I will put some ice cream bars and some drumsticks in the bins and find out if it will keep ice cream.

Sunday, June 26, Rebecca from the Nevada Art Council visited the Drugstore. She really liked the place. We then walked down to the Art Gallery of Tim and Micky and Rebecca was even more impressed. We have a lot of good stuff here in McGill.

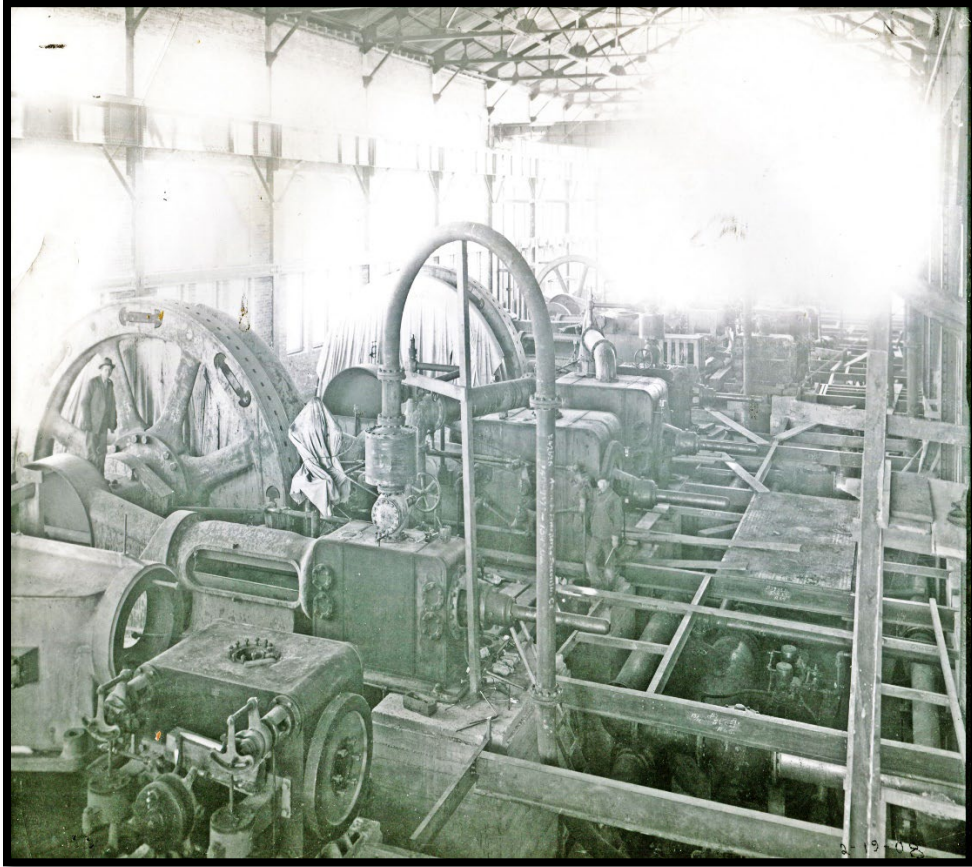
Mike Nass has opened up the bank building again for business. He deals in furniture, guns and runs the U-Haul. He is not doing a thrift store stuff.

Oldies

1923—August 2—Tom Kopas sold his Palace Meat Market to Gust Kipos and Manuel Giannopoulos.

1908—September 19—Elizabeth Walden moved her newsstand and cigar store to Smelter(McGill) from Ely.

Old Photo



Some more machinery being installed at the power house. Note the man standing at the left of the photo. One can only imagine how heavy those machines were. Photo was dated 2-18-1908.