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Colonel H. L. Pickett and Hon. M. M. Miller of this city, who have just returned from a visit to St. George and the "Dixie" country, in the southern portion of the state, brought back with them some very fine samples of copper ore from this region of wonderful mineral possibilities.

According to these gentlemen, a great deal of interest is being taken at the present time in the splendid copper deposits of this section, among the number being the Apex copper mine, twenty miles south of St. George, which is owned by Postmaster Pymm of that place and his associates, the property now being worked under lease by Samuel L. Adams and son, it being understood that these gentlemen will have a smelter in operation on the ground within two or three weeks. The mine is a shipper, and during the visit of Messrs. Pickett and Miller to that section a consignment of twenty tons of high-grade copper ore from this ground was forwarded to the Salt Lake market, mining men who have visited the mine being of the opinion that it is destined to open out into a big producer.

Another mine of promise in that southern country is the Grand Gulch, which is located eight miles south of St. George, and which is owned by Jennings and others, the intention being to inaugurate work at an early day in its operation, with shipments soon to follow.

Many years ago the Grand Gulch was owned and worked by Samuel L. Adams and his partners, and is now regarded as one of the coming big copper producers of the south.

Colonel Pickett and Mr. Miller, in relating their experiences during their southern trip, spoke in the highest terms of St. George, of its climate and of its hospitable and thrifty people. It was here that the first postoffice ever built in the State was erected, and favorable comment was made regarding the fact that it had been ably presided over for a period of thirty-five years by Mr. John Pymm, either as postmaster or deputy, who is now in his eighty-fourth year, but still hale and vigorous; and he points with commendable pride to the fact that no other man in Utah has served the government for so long a period.

St. George, ever thrifty and progressive, is rejoicing over the fact that at last, after a wait of over forty years, transportation facilities are being obtained, as the Utah & Pacific railroad, being headed for the coast, is now within sixty miles of that place, the construction of the road through that region being sure to result in increased activity in the various mining camps along its route.