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This pamphlet concerning the zinc and lead industries and mineral production in the Joplin District of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Included are production figures for mines and mining companies in the Joplin District, and statistics on the international production, pricing, and consumption of zinc and lead.

The Joplin District as described in the handbook consisted of Jasper, Lawrence, and Newton counties in Missouri, Cherokee County, Kansas, and Ottawa County, Oklahoma. Joplin was the hub of the district, although mining development in 1916 was greatest around Webb City, Missouri.

The zinc and lead handbook for 1916 was the second annual edition published by the Joplin News Herald. Sold at a nominal cost of twenty-five cents per copy, sales revenues were augmented by advertising subscriptions. The handbook contains statistical information through 1915 on many aspects of the lead and zinc industries. Much of the information is presented in tabular form for easy comparisons of local, regional, and international trends. Twenty-four mining camps in the Tri-State region are noted. A separate index to advertisers in the handbook is also included.

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