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This is a journal of a mine superintendent who worked in the lead and zinc mines of Jasper County, Missouri, 1 January through 30 December 1901. The entries include comments on various mines, mining equipment, mechanical problems, and financial matters.

Frank Shaw worked in the lead and zinc fields near Carthage, Joplin, Neck City, Oronogo, and Webb City, Missouri. His employers are identified only as “Branch, Moreland, Ball, & Sample.” Robert N. and M. G. Branch, at least, were residents of Carthage, Missouri, but there is also mention of referring matters concerning capitalization “to the men east.” Shaw was most involved in the operation of the Little Em Mine near Webb City. He also mentions inspection, prospecting, or operation of the Big 4 Mine, Big Kate Mine, Clear Jack Mill, Close Call Mine, Horseshoe Comet Mine, Hubbard Mine, Kloff Mine, Laslie Mine, McCoy Mine, Meek Mine, and Rubberneck Mine.

Some of the mines were only prospecting shafts which Shaw inspected with a view toward operation. He was granted wider authority in the management of mining properties in November 1901.

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