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These are negative photocopies of the “mining pages” from the Sunday issues of the *Joplin Daily Globe* (later the *Joplin Globe*), 6 September 1896--15 February 1948. They contain news and production figures for the lead and zinc mining region in southwestern Missouri.

Karl Koelker was a consulting engineer for the Tri-State Zinc and Lead Ore Producers Association. His collection consists of copies of the mining pages from the *Joplin Globe*, which printed mining news weekly in its Sunday edition. The collection is nearly complete from 1896 to 1944, and contains some issues for 1944-1948.

The collection contains a wealth of information on the southwest Missouri lead-zinc mining region, which is part of the larger Tri-State Mining District. The Missouri mines were the first developed, and mining later spread to neighboring areas in Kansas and Oklahoma. By 1915, the focus of the mining area had shifted from Joplin, Missouri, to Miami and Picher, Oklahoma. Information regarding these new fields was reported in the mining pages of the *Globe*.

Weekly totals of lead and zinc tonnage and values were printed after 1904, as well as annual summaries. An eleven-year summary for the years 1894-1904 was printed in 1904. The mining pages for the *Globe* also included information on all aspects of mining, such as price fluctuations in the metal market, new mining techniques, and stories on accidents and safety.

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