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This booklet contains the annual report for the year ending 31 December 1944 for the Federal Mining and Smelting Company, which had mines in Idaho, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. There are production statistics and profit-and-loss statements for each property.

The Federal Mining and Smelting Company was a publicly-held Delaware corporation with corporate offices in New York, New York. Francis H. Brownell was Chairman and President, while H. A. Guess was Vice-President and Managing Director. H. G. Washburn was General Manager of the mines in Idaho, while L. G. Johnson was General Superintendent of the mines in the Tri-State District of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri.

The Federal Mining and Smelting Company was profitable in 1944, but only because of “premium payments” authorized by the Federal government to support wartime production of strategic minerals. According to the report, “none of the Company’s mines will be able to operate at a profit when the Government discontinues making premium payments.”

Mines operated by the company in Idaho included the Morning Mine at Mullan, the Page-Blackhawk Mine at Page, and the Frisco Mine at Gem. Corporate offices were in Wallace.

Mines operated in the Tri-State District included the Gordon, Lucky Syndicate, Lucky Bill, Quapaw-Davenport, and Howe in Oklahoma, the Muncie, Tar Creek, and Semple mines in Kansas, and the Granby-American, Granby-Davis, Granby-McColgin, and Duenweg mines in Missouri. Corporate offices were in Baxter Springs, Kansas. While all of the mines produced lead and zinc, the mines in Idaho also produced gold and silver.

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