

BULKELEY WELLS, A. B.

Mining constituted the first potent force in Colorado's wonderful development and has remained a strong element in the growth and progress of the state through all the intervening years. With the passing of time splendid organization has been introduced into the development of the rich mineral resources of the state and controlling these interests are men of master minds and executive force whose labors have been most resultant. To this class belongs Bulkeley Wells, who is connected with many important mining companies of the west. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 10, 1872, a son of Samuel Edgar and Mary Agnes (Bulkeley) Wells. After pursuing a course in the Roxbury Latin school he attended Harvard University and won his A. B. degree upon graduation with the class of 1894. The following year was spent as a machinist with the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company of Manchester, New Hampshire, and in 1895 he entered the employ of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company of Boston, continuing in that connection until 1896. Since the latter year he has been interested in metal mining and during the intervening years has operated extensively over the United States and Mexico in connection with the construction and operation of hydro-electric power plants at various points in the west. Something of the extent and value of his services in the material development of the state and the utilization of its natural resources and his force as a factor in the upbuilding of various districts in the west is indicated in the fact that he is now the president of the Western Colorado Power Company, president of the First National Bank of Telluride and president and managing director of sixteen metal mining properties, operating from Alaska to Oklahoma, while the Utah Power & Light Company and the Denver Rock Drill Manufacturing Company number him as a representative of their directorates. Thus from point to point he has extended his efforts and investments, his business connections constantly broadening in scope and importance until his work is of the utmost value to the state and to the west at large.

On the 16th of October, 1895, Mr. Wells was married to Miss Grace Daniels Livermore, a daughter of Colonel Thomas L. Livermore, of Boston, and they are now parents of two sons and two daughters: Bulkeley L., born July 15, 1896, now an ensign in the United States navy; Barbara, born April 10, 1898; Dorothy L., January 15, 1900; and Thomas L., August 14, 1902.

Mr. Wells' military record covers service as captain of Troop A of the First Squadron of the Colorado National Guard from February, 1904, until 1905; as adjutant general from April, 1905, until 1907; as colonel on the governor's staff from 1907 until 1909; as colonel of the First Cavalry Regiment of the National Guard of Colorado from June, 1917, until August 4, 1917, at which time he was placed on the retired list with the rank of brigadier general. He has served on the Colorado board of corrections but resigned in 1918. He is well known, too, in club circles from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having membership in the Alta Club of Salt Lake City; in the Sutter of Sacramento; the Pacific Union Club of San Francisco; the El Paso and Cheyenne Mountain Country Clubs of Colorado Springs; the Denver and the Denver Country Clubs of Denver; the Knickerbocker Club of New York; the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York; the Rocky Mountain Club of New York; and the Harvard Clubs of New York, Boston and Colorado.

His record is the embodiment of those characteristics which in this country constitute what we call a square man. In a word, there has been nothing sinister and nothing to conceal in all of his career. Placing a correct valuation upon his talents, he has so directed his efforts that the utilization of opportunities has brought him to the fore, making him a dynamic force in mining circles and an influencing factor in relation to many important problems and conditions which have to do with the welfare and upbuilding of city and state. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine and is also a member of the Benevolent Protective



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Order of Elks. Moreover, he has membership relations with the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Colorado Scientific Society, the Navy League of the United States, the American Mining Congress, the Colorado Metal Mining Association, the United States Cavalry Association, the United States Infantry Association and the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America. He finds recreation in polo, tennis, hunting and shooting. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Colorado has been particularly fortunate in having among its great mine owners men to whom law and order in every nook and corner of the state is an essential to prosperity. Bulkeley Wells is possessed of rare courage, which, added to a keen sense of justice, is largely responsible for his success in dealing with great bodies of men.
