

# FILTRATION AS A MEANS OF SAVING VALUES

Former Governor  McConnell  
Works Out a  Which He  
Believes Will Prove of Value.

Former Governor W. J. McConnell, who recently returned from an extended eastern trip, devoted his attention while away to looking up a new idea he has respecting the saving of values from ores which so often are carried off in slimes or in suspension in the water. His idea is to apply the principle of the filter for recovering such values. He made extensive investigations of filtration while absent and is satisfied that values can be saved in that manner which escape all other processes.

The governor proposes to put in a filtration plant on the property he is operating 18 miles from Arco. The ores carry lead, silver and zinc. He will arrange large filter beds and expects to recover all the values which would otherwise be lost. The values, he says, will be practically all on top and can be scraped off the sand bed.

While in the east, the governor heard of John Porter, who was a partner with him in this country in 1863. Porter creek was named after him. The two took out water at Horseshoe Bend for irrigation purposes and raised the first crop in that section. Mr. McConnell heard of him by chance and went to visit him at Hamilton, Canada, spending several days with him.