MINING NOTES OF INTEREST

Tonopah Mines to be Greater at More Depth

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The principal event of the week in the Bush street market for mining shares has been the rapid fluctuations in Goldfield Consolidated. Most brokers regard these apparent vagaries of the stock as preliminary to the final settling down of the shares to a regular investment basis following the starting of the big $1,000,000 mill in Goldfield, which is officially announced for the day after Christmas. Meantime the big New York interests are credited with one final whirl at the stock before the regular payment of dividends establishes it in the public mind as worth so much and no more as an investment.

Last week at this time Consolidated sold down to $8.15 bid. This morning the stock opened at nearly $1 higher, selling at the opening for 9.07½. The cause of the big drop last week has been generally credited to the operation of Hayes and Monnette of the famous lease on the Mohawk. These gentlemen have always been heavily interested in Goldfield Consolidated, and are reported to have gone long on the stock when it was selling for $6. As soon as this selling pressure was removed from the market there was a rapid rebound, and optimistic bulls are today predicting that by the first of the year the shares will have touched $12.

President A. B. Ruggles is very much on the bull side of the San Francisco Stock exchange board, over which he presides.

"You noticed that Tonopah of Nevada has declared a dividend of 25 cents per share," he observed this morning. "That means eventually that public interest will recover in the Tonopah securities. Next month we may look for a declaration of dividends in some of the big Goldfield companies, such as Consolidated and Florence, and that will mean a further stimulation of public interest. Money is becoming generally easier all over the country and there is in my opinion no doubt but that we will see a strong bull market in all the better class of industrials within a short time. These things will mean a better and broader market for mining shares.

"Regarding silver, I have no great hope of ever seeing it go very high. The tendency of all the world is to adopt the gold standard, and the purchase of silver for specie purposes is steadily dwindling. While I think it will be a long time before it drops to the price of copper, I have no doubt that it will enter more and more into use in the arts. The trouble with silver for use in making household articles such as dishes, candlesticks and for jewelry is that it tarnishes so easily. It is not really as good a metal for such purposes as copper, tin or aluminum are now used for. It is an excellent conductor of electricity and some day when it falls near the price of copper, it may be used for that purpose.

"While the fluctuations in silver may continue to affect the price of stocks in silver properties generally, I do not believe that it will have much effect on Tonopah shares, since the proportion of gold values extracted from most of these mines is greater than of silver. The Tonopah formation is strikingly like that of the Comstocks, and I believe when the deeper levels has been reached they will come into rich bodies of ore."

MONITOR WYOMING COMING DOWN COAST

MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD, Dec. 24.—The monitor Wyoming has left here for a cruise down the coast as far as San Diego. The voyage is for the purpose of testing oil burners. If the test is successful the vessel will be sent to Honolulu during January.

We deliver our goods, so send in your orders to H. J. Hall & Co., for wet goods. Phone 812. tf

A NEW STRIKE MADE AT RHYOLITE

RHYOLITE, Dec. 26.—One of the most important finds for Rhyolite ever made in the district occurred yesterday on ground belonging to the Shoshone National bank in the northern edge of the city.

While doing the annual work on one of their claims near the Shoshone wagon road, yesterday, a big body of talc was struck which everyone who has examined it, pronounces a continuation of the talc ledge found in the glory hole at the Shoshone.

The find is in a direct line southwest from the big glory hole, and should it prove to be a continuation of that found there the possibilities opened by the discovery are almost beyond computation. The shaft where the talc is found is thirty-five feet deep.

The Montgomery Mountain can open the same talc, which looks very much like putty, by sinking a shaft directly in front of their blacksmith shop, and should reach it at a depth of not over forty feet.

While the extent of the talc body is not yet known, it pans freely and has the same basalt ledge alongside as its big neighbor up the hill, and every indication points to a continuation of the big ore body which made the Bullfrog district famous.

MASONIC TURNING OUT THE BULLION

John M. Bryan of the Pittsburg-Liberty mine at Masonic arrived in Carson from that place Thursday, after nearly a month spent there. He brought with him a bar of bullion weighing 269.57 ounces with a valuation of over $5000. He states that owing to the winter weather prevailing there at this time that the mill has been shut down, but will be started again as soon as the danger of freezing pipes has past. There are twelve men at work in the mine at present and a shipment of high grade is being extracted. This will consist of about twenty tons, which will average about $600 per ton.

The main tunnel is now in a distance of 550 feet and the day before he left a ledge was tapped in the face that panned high in gold. A force will be kept at work all winter blocking out ore and doing a large amount of development work that will prove of great value when the mill is started again in the spring.

SOUSED AGAIN

This poem is very appropriate after the way all the boys—printers, painters, miners and last, but not least, the plumbers, celebrated the great X-mas in Tonopah. Who would not have been one of them?

A gilded mirror, a polished bar,
With myriads of glasses and straws in a jar,
A kind faced young man dressed in white
Was my recollections of last night.

The streets were narrow and far too long,
Gutters were slippery, policemen were strong;
The slamming of doors and a sea-going-hack
Was my recollection of getting back.

The steps were slippery and hard to climb,
I rested often, as I had nothing but time,
An awkward keyhole and a misplaced chair,
Informed the folks that I was there.

A heated interior and a revolving bed,
A sea-sick man with a "hell" of a head;
And whisky, beer and booze galore,
Were introduced into the bed room floor.

And in the morning, came bags of ice,
So necessary to the life of vice;
And when they had soothed my aching brain,
Did I swear off, No! I got soused again.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following is the report for the Tonopah weather station for the week ending December 25, 1908:

Highest barometer, Dec. 19	30.63
Lowest barometer, Dec. 22	30.09
Highest temperature, Dec. 25	51
Lowest temperature, Dec. 19	10
Mean temperature	30
Average dew point	18
Average humidity	61
Number clear days	4
Number partly cloudy days	2
Number cloudy days	1

J. C. PIERCY,
Official in charge.

WIND UP SALE.

For six days only the bankrupt stock in Miners' Exchange building will positively close January 2. No reasonable offer for goods will be refused during this sale. Don't overlook this opportunity. Cash register for sale cheap.

Christmas Bargains
WATCHES
WALTHAM, ELGIN OR HAMPDEN MOVEMENTS

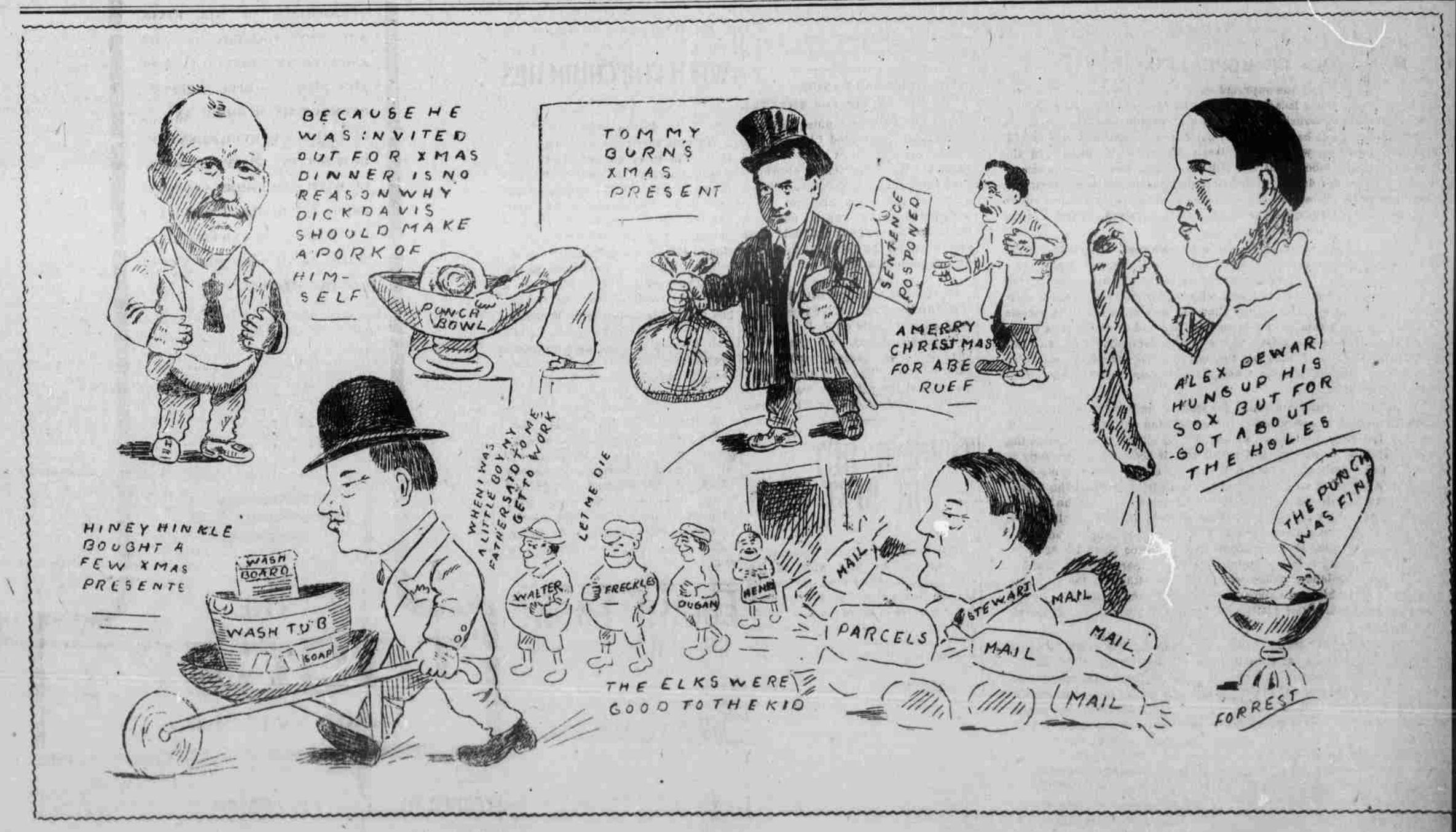
LADIES' Solid Gold 14K Plain or Hand Engraved	$20.00	12 Size, Gold Filled, Open Face	$12.00
Solid Gold, Perfect Diamond	30.00	12 Size, Hunting Case	14.00
Gold Fialled, 25-Year Guarantee	14.00	18 Size, Gold Filled, 17 Jewel Waltham	18.00
Gold Filled, with Diamond	22.50	18 Size, 17 Jewel, Nickel, Dust Proof	12.00
GENTS' 12 Size, Solid Gold 14K	30.00	18 Size, 17 Jewel, Nickel, Dust Proof	6.50

TONOPAH JEWELRY STORE
ERNEST DOBROWSKY, PROP.
122 Main St. - Tonopah Drug Co., Phone 1262

Pioneer Stables
SIX-HORSE STAGE DAILY
Leave Tonopah.....7:00 a. m. daily Leave Manhattan .....7:00 a. m. daily
SUMMERFIELD & JOHNSON, Props.

McLean and McSweeney
HAY, GRAIN AND FEED STUFFS
"GOLD MEDAL" AND BAKER'S XXX FLOUR, CEREALS, ETC.
"SONMAN'S LILLY" BLACKSMITH COAL, GUARANTEED.
SUGAR, SALT AND CANNED GOODS.
282 Lower Main St. Phone 85

WILKES WAREHOUSE COMPANY
COAL Phone 822 Rock Springs COAL
PROMPT DELIVERY

TOM G. MURPHY & CO
AGENTS
Helena Townsite
CLIFFORD MINING DISTRICT, NEV.
Mining & Leasing a Specialty.
HELENA, NEVADA.

WITTENBERG WAREHOUSE & TRANSFER CO.
COAL! COAL! COAL!
Building Paper Roofing Paper for your own price
PHONE 1062