

THE WILSON-GOLD REEF DISCOVERY

George R. Duncan and associates left yesterday for the new camp of Wilson, which is situated about southeast of Tonopah, and three miles to the east of the center of the Gold Reef district—it being a continuation of the Gold Reef district, and made a thorough inspection of the old district which has for so long been overlooked and which is now the center of the latest genuine rush in southern Nevada. The gentleman reports that there were many auto loads of mining men and people interested in mines arriving in the district during the day, as well as others who came in by team, and that the hills were dotted with men, singly and in groups, who were studying the formations and looking for an opportunity to find leasing ground upon some promising looking spot. It looked like one of the old time rushes to prospectors who have followed the rushes to the new camps in Nevada for many years.

Mr. Duncan thoroughly examined the Nevada Belle property, upon which Mr. Wilson made the original find, and his reports confirm the previous reports from this property. The shaft is down some sixteen feet, in an oxidized and crystalline porphyry formation, the rock shot with quartz stringers carrying soft and beautiful pink and purple stains. Claude Inman, of Goldfield, who has leased the Nevada Belle from Mr. Wilson and his associates in Tonopah, has received assays from rock taken from the shaft, giving returns of 420 ounces in silver and 24 ounces in gold. Six other leases have been let to Goldfield parties. Groce, Payne and Stocking have a lease on the extension, to the south of the main strike, and will at once commence active work. These gentlemen, with any Butler, have an option on four for townsite purposes.

of the main features of the moving of a house from Reef townsite to Wilson, where will be used as an assay office for the benefit of the leasers. The Inman lease has already commenced to sack ore, and will soon be shipping. The leasing company which has taken over the Nevada Belle property has been incorporated under the name of the Paradox Mining company, with F. T. Armistead president, and J. A. Wilson superintendent.

To the north of this property is the Kris Kringle mine, with a shaft down forty-six feet, and ore which is giving assays of \$300 per ton.

Some four miles across to the northwest—at the northwest corner of the Gold Reef district—is the rich Toggery lease of the Grimes boys, where phenomenal values in gold are being secured from a shaft, now 150 feet in depth, the ledge slowly in-

creasing in width, having well defined walls, and being joined at intervals by stringers which indicate that at depth there is a great ore body. This is a fissure vein, with exceptionally well defined walls for the Nevada districts. The Nevada Belle property is just outside the eastern limit of the Gold Reef district, and at a point about midway between the northeast and southeast corners, and at the foot of a low range of jagged hills which extend from a mile to the west of the Toggery lease on far past the Nevada Belle. A study of the topography of the country there, of the outcroppings and the general formation gives good foundation to the belief that the highly mineralized ledge runs along the southern side of this rock range from the Toggery lease, directly across the length of the Gold Reef district and on the east side of the Nevada Belle mine, which is now the central part of what is now called the Wilson district.

It is in the draws running down from this range of hills that Jim Butler and Senator Bell took out quite a quantity of placer gold a year or two before Butler made his first strike on the side of one of the hills where Tonopah now stands, and it was here that a number of Chinese, taking advantage of the trickles of water in the early springtime, in years gone by, made good wages by crudely washing the surface sands. The casual prospector, tramping across these hills, has frequently picked up a mat of wire gold an inch or more across, the meshes of the mass filled with sand or disintegrated quartz. Yet the source of this rich float had never been discovered—mainly because the district has never been prospected with the same minuteness of detail as has the country immediately within the great camps of southern Nevada. It is now evident that mining men are nearing, or have found the source, at last, and more than probable that another Tonopah or Goldfield or Rawhide is destined to grow there. Nevada's mineral lands have not been scratched as yet.

TOO MUCH NOTORIETY.

It is reported in mining circles in Reno that the Nat. C. Goodwin company, now having offices there and in New York, as a result of the suits filed against the company and of the decline in Coalition stock, will close up its offices in Reno on January 1. It is claimed that the company has made arrangements to give up its leased wire and that no brokerage business will be conducted in that city by the company after the first of the year.

SOME RICH ORE IN HAWTHORNE DISTRICT MINES

The richest silver-lead ore that has been seen in southern Nevada for a year is on exhibition at the First National bank at Goldfield. The ore was received a few days ago from a new strike on the Alamo lease on the Lucky Boy group of claims, located some six miles north of Hawthorne, on the Bodie road. In a tunnel driven on the lead a winze has been sunk to a shallow depth, where seven feet of ore running at the rate of 45 per cent lead and 700 ounces in silver was opened.

Picked pieces of the silver ore, when broken off the quartz, appear to be almost solid metal. A new plant of machinery is being installed and a new working shaft will be sunk. The mine has been making regular shipments for nearly a year from Thorne to the Western Ore Purchasing company's sampler at Hazen. Those who have inspected the mine say that it will prove a bonanza, and that a daily output of \$2000 worth of ore can be maintained, beginning with the first of the year.

Adams and Miller, of Hawthorne and Mina, own the Lucky Boy group, and J. T. Hubbard of Boston owns the lease, with probably an option on the

Mr. Hubbard was one of the owners of the famous Combination mine, which was purchased by the Consolidated, and he is still a director of the big merger. Nearly a year ago he came west looking for a mine, and traveled over this section of the state and portions of California adjacent to Nevada. He finally decided that the Lucky Boy was what he wanted at a valuation of \$350,000, of which sum \$80,000 was paid in cash. He failed to meet his second payment at maturity, and Miller and Adams resumed possession of the ground. A compromise was entered into and the Boston man secured a lease on portions of the estate where there was the best showing. He has been working a large force.

The discovery of the Lucky Boy is one of those finds that happen in any mining country. For forty years the stage line from Hawthorne to Bodie and Aurora passed over the outcropping ledge, and it was known that there was plenty of lead in the quartz. Two years ago the ground, was located by a couple of prospectors, and right from the surface ore that paid was mined and hauled in a few ton lots to the depot. Miller and Adams secured the mine from the locators on payment of \$30,000.

BELIEVE THAT PRIEST RAN AWAY WITH GIRL
WINNIPEG (Map.), Dec. 30.—Miss Seraphin Bronislowne Izponder, daughter of I. Izponder, of South Omaha, Nebraska, disappeared suddenly Sunday night after acting as bridesmaid at the marriage of her sister here. It is believed that she has eloped with or was kidnapped by a Polish priest, formerly of Winnipeg. He is known to have been enamored of Miss Izponder. The police have traced the couple to the southern part of the province.

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