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A Newcomer Sees Great Chances for Investment Here and Tells About Them.

[GEO. D. JAMES, C. E., E. M.]

From the observations which I have been fortunate to make during a short stay in the section surrounding Yerington and the Walker River Indian Reservation, I have noticed the opportunities awaiting the investment of capital for various enterprises. The fact that a large copper and iron belt exists to the west of Yerington and vicinity, according to the data furnished on plats from the Surveyor General's office, embracing a length of at least 14 miles, from discoveries actually made while surveys were being prosecuted officially, the distance west of Yerington, wherein these copper belts exist, being from 6 to 16 miles; also, that to the east of the same center, are shown copper and gold belts, though more in the nature of gold formations. Continuing this series, on the confines of the Walker River Indian Reservation, say 20 miles east and 30 to 40 miles southeast, are to be found high values in gold, copper and various metals, all of which admit active exploitation. Further, that sites for towns are available; that water sufficient for hydraulic and electric power and lighting to the towns and mines, which will of necessity be required, in order to vie with districts of other now celebrated mining sections is at hand, and can be developed from the streams flowing along the canyons east and west. In addition, the fact that representatives of Eastern capital have been, and are on the ground for the purpose of securing lands and rights of various kinds available, in order that returns for their investments may be secured, and in several cases options and purchases have been made. Anticipating the near future, it will, of necessity, appeal to the interested owners of property in the vicinity mentioned, to do all in their power to advance from a mining, agricultural, industrial and commercial point of view, all which may apply to the circumstances presenting themselves.

The town of Yerington is situated in Mason Valley, fertility surrounding. The Walker River lies to the west about one mile, running north and south, and being

about 80 feet wide at the bridge, which is crossed in order to travel along the main road to Wabuska, northward, 14 miles distant, at which point the Southern Pacific railroad is reached. The valley is of various widths, but in the Yerington vicinity it is about 10 miles across. Opportunities are many for improvements of all kinds in this valley. The Bluestone, Ludwig, Douglas, McConnell, Dyer, Minnesota and other mines are within close proximity after leaving the foothills westward, and the results of operations of these mentioned have been satisfactory, they being in the copper belt. As the Walker River runs between Yerington and the mines mentioned, northerly and southerly, this section will doubtless be the scene for active operations.

Aside, however, from what has been stated, it is necessary that an up-to-date system of sewerage, drainage, electric lighting and power, as well as pure water, be inaugurated in the Mason Valley. This applies to the town of Yerington and others which will inevitably come into existence at an early date. Facilities and possibilities are at hand from an engineering point of view. Investigations, surveys and plans should be made to determine the extent of said facilities, and I see no reason why success should not be attained, if the owners of property in the vicinity referred to will consider the matter and combine to realize what is awaiting them in the future from a financial standpoint.

It is further suggested that the owners of property meet at some suitable time and consider and form plans for the improvement of the section mentioned—both in Yerington as well as the outlying districts. That a subscription be made for the purpose of defraying the expenses of investigation as to incorporation of the town of Yerington and other places in which those who reside in other districts may be interested. This includes expenses for improvements of all kinds from a modern point of view—such as electric lighting and power, sewerage, drainage, grading and generally bringing the facilities from the railroad to this section.

Tells About Mason Valley Mines.

The Salt Lake Tribune of a few days ago says that within the next few days Capt. Tibbitts, who has been successful in connection with other Salt Lakers in securing one of the biggest Nevada copper propositions in the Mason Valley country, at Yerington, will leave for that State. In speaking about Nevada generally, Capt. Tibbitts stated that there are two enormous copper belts extending through Nevada.

ELY IS MOST PROMINENT.

Of the eastern belt, Ely, at the present time, is the most prominent and well known. Of the western belt, Yerington at this time is the leading district, and those who have visited both camps and investigated the conditions existing in both districts have no

hesitancy in declaring that the Yerington region will soon be giving Ely a run for the greatest amount of public approval.

DEPOSITS OF LOW GRADE ORE.

The Captain stated that it was not the very rich ore that the Yerington district has shipped, and can continue to ship, that makes of any district a permanent and capital-inducing region, but it is the incalculably enormous deposits of low grade ore that generations of the most active and exhaustive operators cannot fully exhaust that will make of Yerington one of the greatest copper camps.

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