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Item 16

SYNOPSIS OF TRIP TO NORTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NYE COUNTY BY VICTOR E. KRAL

November 7 to 19 incl., 1949

Nov. 7 Mon. Left Sparks 8 A. M. Stopped in Fallon for supplies. Went to Tonopah by way of Gabbs, stopping to talk with Noel Phillips regarding his progress at the Illinois. His results are slow and not encouraging. Very heavy rain fell most of the day.

Nov. 8 Tues. Talked to Mrs. Dahlstrom about her Ellendale mine. Met C. C. Boak; talked with him about some clay deposits. Headed east, then north from near Warm Springs to Rattlesnake Canyon (north of Tybo) where I met Worth Wiswall and obtained information on his Rattlesnake mine. Then continued northwest up the canyon several miles to a sandstone quarry from which V. J. Barndt and a Mr. Crouse are mining flagstone and building stone for a Los Angeles market. The stone is banded with white, grey, and pink. Barndt asked for no publicity of his activity at this time.

Nov. 9, Wed. Stopped at Hot Creek Ranch and talked with Mr. Williams about the mining activity in this area. Went on to the Morey district where Maddison Locke and Jim Lied are "chloriding" some silver ore from the old workings. Looked over the several properties in the district with Locke. Left here after dark and headed for area northwest of Warm Springs.

Nov. 10 Thurs. Intermittant rain at dawn which turned to hail and then snow, blanketing the area with about 2 inches of hail and snow. As I knew nothing about the roads in this area and could see very little with a solid blanket of snow on the ground, I headed for the southern part of the County.

Nov. 11 Fri. Looked over the Labbe mine in the Johnnie district and made a loop ~~thru the southern part~~ thru the southeastern part of the county. Talked to a rancher in Pahrump about the roads and mining activity in the area.

Nov. 12 Sat. Tried unsuccessfully to contact Chas. Labbe in Las Vegas. Looked over a lead property and the Matt Kusich placer in the Johnnie district. Talked with two young prospectors, Ed Kudla and Julius Zukowski, and Matt Kusich who is 86 years of age.

Nov. 13 Sun. Looked over the Congress Mine, Overfield Mine, Johnnie Mine, and a new placer operation at the Johnnie Mine. Vincent and F. W. Berry and Kenneth Baldwin are attempting to recover gold from the tailings and placer directly below the Johnnie. The material is washed thru several screens and the fines are put over a concentrating table. Headed for Ash Meadows noting properties in the Lathrop Wells area that have had recent work. At Ash Meadows darkness overtook me but I ~~in~~ talked with Mr. Ramsden who is in charge of the operation for the L. A. Chemical Co. A power line is being built to the property but will not be completed for about a year. There is much activity in this immediate area.

As the weather was excellent, I headed north again to take advantage of this.

Nov. 14 Mon. Talked with Mr. and Mrs. Peterson at the M and M Quick about their various properties and the district in general. Made a Bruhton map for them of an area in which they are connecting two workings. Obtained much information from these folks as they are very familiar with the area. Hurriedly looked over both the M and M and the A and B Quick mines. Incidentally these folks are actually retorting a little ore. One twin pipe retort was going while I was there. Went on to the Longstreet Mine, looked it over, and camped near the mouth of the canyon.

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Nov. 15 Tues. Headed north to the King Solomon antimony mine northwest of the Willow Creek ranch. Before the War the Petersons did much prospecting here and took out some ore which they unsuccessfully attempted to convert to Sb_2O_3 in a homemade furnace. Headed east into Little Fish Lake Valley over a little used pass to the Danville district. Met Ralph Davis and Jack Ekstrom who have shipped about 60 tons recently from Ekstroms property. Looked over about 1/2 of his claims before darkness, which was sufficient for my purposes. Danville is an old ~~mine~~ silver camp.

Nov. 16 Wed. Headed northwest to Potts and then down Monitor Valley to the Northumberland mine. As I was looking over the ground, Jim Perkins luckily arrived and explained the work that had been done. Headed for Tonopah stopping in Belmont to talk with Ed Hughes and make arrangements to have him show me part of the area. Visited W. A. Flowers in the evening and obtained information on his claims in Meadow Canyon.

Nov. 17 Thurs. Spent most of the morning with Jim Perkins. Went out to Belmont and looked over the Monarch "copper" area and part of the wolframite. Returned to Tonopah that night.

Nov. 18 Fri. Took excerpts from Jim Perkins' report on the Northumberland and obtained information on other properties he has worked or sampled.

Went to Royston and looked over the turquoise and silver properties. some activity in the turquoise but the men have apparently been gone for a few days. Went on to Mina making a short side trip to the Grizaba just before dark. That evening talked with Gene Perry about the Royston diggings. Talked with Walt Lee about his silver-lead claims in Jet Canyon.

Nov. 19 Sat. Went out to the Lotti Mine southwest of Luning. Property is about 11 miles from Luning one half of this distance being on a well maintained dirt road climbing about 1000 feet, the latter portion being "Bumma road" type. Met Forrest Williams, looked over part of the surface and most of the underground where he is working. Mapped the 100 foot level on which he is now working. He has a very bad faulted area which I believe has left a gap in his vein. As he can not afford to do much more strictly exploratory work I suggested he either chloride areas that have a little ore left or drift on a parallel vein hoping to find an ore shoot such as was mined above on this same vein.

Arrived Sparks 7:30 P. M.

This trip has cleaned up most of the north-central part of Nye County.