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SYNOPSIS OF TRIP TO BEATTY AREA BY VICTOR E. KRAL 1/23 to 2/4/50 Then 20 1/23 Mon. Travel from Reno to Beatty 1/24 Tues. Talked with C. B. Ramsden, superintendent of the L. A. Chemical Company operation at Ash Meadows. Looked over the plant and pits. Crossed the valley to east and looked at a small clay pit that may have had 500 to 1,000 tons total production. 1/25 Wed. Looked at several travertine deposits few miles east of Lathrop Wells. Looked over the recent copper activity northeast of Lathrop Wells where I met James R. Wilson of Anaconda. Appears that everyone working at the copper property (Lucky group) are working on a share basis. Tom Beard in charge but in Las Vegas this day. Met and talked with Claude Looney the locator of the copper as well as part of the travertine. The Lucky group is now loading the third car and returns have not yet been received on the first car. 1/26 Thur. Went out to the CindRlite mining operation, just off the hiway between Beatty and Lathrop Wells. No activity here for several weeks; understand the mining is usually intermittant. This is a large cinder cone over 400' high. The volcanic cinder is being mined by bulldozer and slusher off a large frat deposit at the base of the cone. The cinder is used for the manufacture of concrete light agregate blocks at Las Vegas. Examined and took a few samples of the large sand dune near Leeland. Took a few samples of an amorphous silica on the north side of the hiway between Beatty and Lathrop Wells. Looked over the property of R. B. Cothern northeast of Carrara. This is a gold and tungsten property and much work has been done over the last 20 years or more.

1/27 Fri. Made a trip thru the Rhyolite-Bullfrog area stopping at the Homestake, the old Bullfrog, the Montgomery-Shoshone, and the Senator Stewartmines. Talked with P. M. Rising at the Bullfrog and with two "leasers" at the Senator Stewart. Homer Weeks has the Senator Stewart leased and is subleasing to these men.

Weeks is also working with two other miners.

In evening talked with Louis Hinds about the Tramps Consolidated and the Ploaris. Talked with H. B. Kleinstick about his claims in the Tolicha Wash area.

As I had an invitation from James Wilson of the Anaconda to go thru the Shoshone mine (Noonday) out of Shoshone on Saturday morning I went on to Shoshone to meet Wilson. Met and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baby (formerly at the West Coast mine out of Winnemucca) now manager of the Shoshone project.

1/28 Sat. Went thru the War Eagle section of the mine and looked over the maps. Appears to be an excellent high grade lead property severely complicated by faulting. Although the property extends over about 3 miles it would be classed as a small mines Met the following personnel:

Edward H. Eakland geologist Salt Lake City
Robert Seklemian
Robert Thomas
James Watson
sampler resident

Charles Joy the resident geologist was out of camp this day.

In afternoon picked up loose ends between Death Valley Jct. and Beatty. Obtained additional information from Ramsden at L. A. Chemical plant. Happened to pass the cinder cone while D. G. Loranzi, president of CindRlite was there. Talked to him about their reserves and future plans. Apparently this cinder cone has much more cinder than one would expect. They had a trench of 35' depth in the present ore body and filled it when it appeared that they may lose their scraper. Mining is done with bulldozer and slusher.

1/29 Sun. Covered the upper part of Tolicha wash and the Tolicha district.

Looked at 3 properties in the Tolicha district, none of which have been operated for several years; all appear to have had appreciable production.

1/29 Sun. Cont'd. The Tolicha Wash area has large pearlite reserves, however, their inaccessibility make them unimportant todayl Believe most of the claims in the Tolicha district are owned by the Grimes Divide Mng. Co.

1/30 Mon. Looked at properties near the lower end (west) of Tolicha Wash, The Clarkdale area, Wyoming group, and Carr's Yellow Gold group. Only the Clarkdale property has produced. Met H. B. Kleinstick in the area. Went on to Bonnie Claire and talked with W. E. Patten. No mining in this area in Nye County.

1/31 Tues. Made a trip east out of Beatty to the old Diamond Queen and returned by way of a new road connecting the cinder cone and pumice area (east of Beatty) with Beatty. Between the Harvey and Thompson mercury properties looked at a clay deposit that appears to contain some makkyayskke halloysite. Talked with Homer Weeks about the Bullfrog district. In evening talked with John Konzos, Elbert Whitney, and William A.Martin about various properties in the vicinity of Beatty.

2/1 Wed. Took a little time to look at the Harvey and the Thompson mercury properties east of Beatty.

Looked at a kaolin property south of Beatty operated intermittantly by the Silicates Corp.

Examined the Mexican group and the Gold Ace (Bull Moose) both in the Carrara dist. In Beatty talked to Frank J. Klopping who is operating a small pilot amalgamation mill using some special chemical process to increase the recovery.

Went into the Pioneer district where a little work has been done recently at both the Mayfrower and the Pioneer, No one in camp this day.

Talked to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Juhl in Beatty. She is the widow of John Sutton who worked the Gold Ace for many years.

In evening visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Irving Crowell and obtained some information about the recent work at the fluorspar mine.

2/2 Thurs. Visited the Arista mine which adjoins the Gold Ace to talk to will wilfred H. Callicott about the district. Visited the Crowell fluorspar mine and went thru the lower workings with Crowell. In Beatty talked with Jack Millett and Lowis Hinds about the old silica mine which produced extensively in 1918-22. Headed north and talked with R. J. Kells at Springdate about mining properties in the northern part of the county as well as those in the Bioneer and Tolicha districts.

Continued north and looked a properties in the uprite district which to be in Esmeralda County.

Goldfield

2/3 Fri. Talked with Ed Giles at Compan about Pioneer and Stonewall districts.

Tried to find Pius Kaelin and altho I found his mill at Stonewall Spring, was not able to find him and the mine.

Returned to Goldfield and talked with Mrs. Bob Crandall of the News (Mr. Crandall

was ill).

Continued to Tonopah spending a few hours obtaining the names of Patented claim owners. Talked to Klaus at the new assay office (old West End, now named Tonopah Assay Office) about the latest developments around Tonopah.

Continued north and in evening contacted Forrest Williams regarding his efforts at

the Lotti mine, near Luning.

8/4 Sat. Spent all morning at the Lotti and mapped their recent work. Advised 11 Williams on work to pick up his ore structure.

Returned Reno 6:50 PM.