

Mr. C. W. Adams,
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946 Grandview Street,
Los Angeles, California,
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Dear Mr. Adams:

As suggested by you, I am giving you herewith a brief résumé of my interest in the mining property at Aurora, Nevada, which you are seeking to help me dispose of, also what information I have regarding the property.

I hold a lien on 28 patented claims in the Esmeralda Mining District, Aurora, Nevada, known by the following names:

Emmie	West Slope	Keystone Wedge	Good Hope
Lucky Sam	East Garibaldi	East St. Claire	Golden Age
Empire	Sitting Bull	Live Yankee	Chimpanzee
Thanksgiving	Capital	Texas	Kentucky
W. Y. O. D.	Sand Lot	Sovereign	War Eagle
Southern	Bell Weather	Provo	Mary
Ruth	Eleanor	South End	Rambler

I have been unofficially advised that four of these claims have been sold for taxes due on them but I do not know which claims were sold, nor have I investigated to learn whether or not I have any right of redemption.

Twenty-nine other claims in this same vicinity are owned by the Goldfield Consolidated Mining Company, which company in past years has spent considerable money on its property with the result, I am advised, of proving up a large vein system of low grade ore. No work has been done on this property during the past several years, to my knowledge. Probably you know that the man who heads this company was also the head of the chain of Nevada banks that closed during the bank holiday of about a year ago and did not reopen.

The following article appeared in the Los Angeles Times of January 1, 1934:

" MILL TAILINGS PLANT EXPANDS.
Goldfield (Nev.) Dec. 31. (Exclusive) - Bradshaw, Inc., engaged in retreatment of mill tailings at Goldfield, is increasing the capacity of its plant from 1000 to 1500 tons daily. Sufficient material is said to be available for four years of steady production, with the new gold price permitting treatment of large amounts of material formerly classed as waste.

Steady shipments are being made by leasers operating blocks of ground in the Goldfield Consolidated and Goldfield Deep Mines properties, with some excellent ore going out from the Florence area. Reports are persistent here that the Goldfield Consolidated is planning for resumption of work at its holdings here and in Aurora. "

Eleven other claims in the same vicinity are owned by a person known to Mr. Fred L. Wright, a mining man well known and well-thought-of by me, who has spent considerable time and thought on the proposition of getting options on all of the claims mentioned and consolidating them into one camp. Mr. Wright spent a number

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of days examining this property, taking assays, etc., and would be very glad to tell you all he knows about it.

At the time I became interested in the property, the owner had given a thirty-day option for the sale of it (together with the 29 claims on which he had an option, and the 11 claims which he partly owned at the time) for one million dollars. A person who claimed to be one of the buyers advised me in person that the sum of \$300,000 had already been o.k.'d for development work on the project. The deal fell through because the buyers finally decided they did not wish to go into the proposition on as large a scale as outlined but desired to buy only a certain number or group of the claims which the owner would not separate by sale from the rest of the property.

The property is described in a U.S. Government Report, a copy of which I have already handed you. I have a copy of the original report but at present it is in the office of Judge Levi McGee, my attorney. I can secure this for you or you can see it there, if you wish. The property was worked in the old "Gold Rush" days and produced in the neighborhood of forty million dollars, as near as I can find out, and was abandoned by the miners who rushed to Virginia City when a new and larger strike was made there. Aurora was once a town of about 10,000 people, all supported by minerals taken from this property, and a number of brick buildings still stand on the old town site.

There are seven tunnels on the property, one 3000 feet long, in good condition. At one time Mr. Wright spent five days going over the property and brought back pictures of ore bodies which he says are as wide as the office room ~~where~~ I work. Out of eighteen assays, seven averaged twenty-odd dollars in gold at the old price of \$20.67. There are 3000 or 4000 tons on a dump that averaged \$18.00 per ton at the old price. A power line runs directly through the property.

I have \$1500 invested in the property, in addition to which I have been to some small expense, and I think the delinquent taxes would run to about \$1200. I believe the title could be fixed up in good shape for a small amount of money and would be glad to have you talk this feature over with Judge McGee. I should be glad to have you handle the property in any kind of arrangement out of which I could get the amount of my original investment, and if a company were formed I should like to have a reasonable amount of stock to compensate me for my trouble and expense. I should also be very glad to give my services without remuneration for any record, clerical, or bookkeeping work that may be required in the formation of a company or organization, if one were formed, and until the work of such a company or organization would require a regularly employed clerk. If you handle this deal to a successful conclusion, you would also share in its benefits in a manner to be decided between us, and it is my wish to also protect Mr. Fred L. Wright for his small investment in the property if this be at all possible. Mr. Wright would be willing to lend his assistance in any way he possibly could.

At the time I became interested in this property, the owner of the 28 claims on which I hold the lien, had an option on the 29 claims mentioned for an outright purchase at \$15,000. It is likely they would cost more now than there

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is more activity in gold properties although I am inclined to believe that a reasonable cash offer would not be turned down. I do not know what the other 11 claims could be bought for but Mr. Wright has discussed this feature with the owners and could give you the information.

If it were possible to combine the three groups of claims mentioned, totaling 68 claims, approximately the entire camp of Aurora could be owned and operated in one gigantic undertaking. If, however, one did not acquire the other groups, the 28 claims (or 24, if 4 have been sold for taxes) would give an operator a splendid opportunity to establish an undertaking of considerable size.

The attractive feature of this deal is the small amount of money with which it could be acquired. It will be necessary for someone with capital to spend a few hundred dollars perfecting the title, but for several thousand dollars a property which is probably worth a hundred thousand could be acquired. On account of the delinquent tax feature prompt action will be required.

It is Mr. Wright's opinion, and that of others I have discussed the matter with, that this property has enormous possibilities, and I should be very glad if you would talk the matter over with him since he has been on the property several times.

If there is any further information you desire - and I can furnish - kindly call on me.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am,

Very truly yours,

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