NOTES ON THE IDEAL MINE.

The Ideal mining property is located about 21.5 miles easterly from Mina, Nevada, at an elevation of about 6000 feet. The property is reached from Mina or from Sodaville - distant 24 miles - by a passably fair desert road, with some long and steep grades.

were located in 1912 by R. L. and J. C. Morris and the locations were recorded in Mineral County. The claims have since been held by annual assessment work and no survey for patent (or for other purpose) has been made. Messrs. J. A. Harvey and A. G. Taylor acquired a one-half interest in the property and also an option on the remaining half interest from the Morris Bros. Harvey and Taylor sunk an inclined shaft on the vein to a depth of 110 feet and from the shaft drifted on the vein both ways, also connecting the drift to surface by a tunnel. They put in a small cyanide plant with which they have treated about 300-350 tons by simple leaching, the ore treated having shown recovered values of about \$8.00 per ton.

The vein outcrops on the south face of a low hill of some little areal extent. Adjacent to this hill are other low rounded hills, some of which are of different rock formation, one small hill immediately to the south being of a tuff. The vein, as shown by an appended sketch, strikes N.20° W. and dips flatly (25° to 28°) into the hill to the eastward.

Both walls of the vein are andesite, as, so far as can be observed, is the whole formation of the hill. The vein, as exposed, varies in width from 3.0 feet to 6.0 feet, with an average of about 4.25 feet. The vein filling is of crushed "sugar" quartz with no visible sulphide and the gold is probably mostly "free" and in part amalgamable. The values in gold frun from \$2.00 to \$12.00, the probable average of the ore so far extracted being about \$9.00.

Crossing the vein at a small angle, as shown on the appended sketch, is a wide (20 to 30-foot) vein of white to black calcite, this vein carrying only very low gold values. The calcite vein dips steeply (600 to 700) to the northeast. A fault, more or less parallel to the quartz vein and dipping 750 to the northeast, has crossed the calcite vein at a small angle, the displacement of the calcite vein by the fault being slightly to the south. The calcite vein is evidently later than the quartz vein and has had nothing to do with the ore deposition. The shaft passed through the calcite vein, as illustrated, and was extended into the quartz vein for a few feet and stopped.

Some 300 feet westerly from the shaft is an open cut in which a vein of quartz, underlying a steeply dipping mass of calcite, is exposed. The calcite in this open cut may be identical with the calcite vein in the shaft but the quartz, though of similar character, is probably distinct from the quartz vein in the workings.

After erecting the small cyanide plant, Harvey and

Taylor stopped sinking and devoted their attention to drifting and stoping. No sinking has been done since the writer saw the property in July 1913.

The ore, though more costly to mine by reason of the flat dip of the vein, is so crushed and soft as to be very easily milled and a miner with a single jack in a stope can break a large tonnage. The ore seems very amenable to cyanide. The owners have arranged grizzlies with 1-inch spaces over the chutes and have broken the ore down into these. About 70% of the ore broken passes the grizzlies as fines. The fines are then charged into the tanks and leached for 18 hours with one solution, about 75% or 80% of the values being recovered, with a loss of cyanide of a little over 1 pound to the ton.

With a not unusual lack of foresight, the owners erected and started the cyanide plant without have enough ore developed even for their small operation. Water for the mill was hauled 12 miles from a spring at a cost of nearly 1 cent per gallon. Maturally they ran behind. At present they are in debt for wages, materials and supplies to the extent of about \$1700.00 and they cannot turn over the property without getting a payment that would enable them to pay their debts.

The vein appears wider and stronger in the north face and the property warrants further development by sinking on the vein and by drifting to the north. Because of conditions a very low grade ore could be made profitable and lateral and deep development might open an ore shoot of higher grade.

The fact that the owners want to retain at least a 25% interest in the property, that their debt must be settled immediately by anyone taking over the property and the lack of development make the terms at which the property could be gotten unattractive at present.

Mr. Bert Taylor, c/o Luning Supply Co., Laning, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the letter of introduction which you gave to Mr. J. P. Buwalda, who presented this to me today, and I also note your postscript regarding your property.

I note that you have put in a 30-ton cyanide plant and that you have developed some sizeable ore bodies of from \$6.00 to \$16.00 per

If you are in position to actually talk price and terms, I would be pleased to go out and see your property but before doing so I would like some further information as to what work has been done. If you care to send me this, I should like to know what work you have done in extending the shaft which I saw, also whether you have drifted from it and to what lengths and on what levels. If you care to advise me regarding this, and could give me some idea of the price and terms at hich the property could be taken over, I will, if the proposition ooks reasonable, get out there as soon as possible.

With best regards, I am,

Yours truly,

General Superintendent

June 24th, 1014.

Mr. Frederick Bradshaw,

Genl. Mgr. Beltmont Mine, Tonopah, Nev.

Dear Sir:-

This letter will serve to introduce to you Mr. J. P. Buwalda. Mr. Buwalda is studying the porphyries of the Tonopah quadrangle with the idea of determining their relative age with the other porphyries of the state. This work is being done as a part of California.

Any consideration shown Mr. Buwalda will be appreciated.

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