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SYNOPSIS OF TONOPAH TRIP BY VICTOR E. KRAL July 25 to 30, 1949

Monday July 25 Leave Reno about 9 A. M.

Stopped Fallon and talked with Edward Phillips regarding Smuggler patent which adjoins Illinois and obtained information concerning a contract Burt let for the deepening of a 50 foot shaft to 100 feet.

Stopped Broken Hills and went with L. D. Lashley in his truck to Desert group SE of Quartz Mt. May be a small gold ore shipper in near future.

Stopped Gabbs to see what the general trend of activity appears to be. It is reported that Sierra Magnesite laid off most of their crew.

Went on to Mina where met Dr. S. W. Muller, his assistant, and several Stanford geology students. A Dr. Paige, not yet arrived, will have a geology group in the Candelaria area. Dr. Muller is catching up loose ends over this State in connection with his work on the Permian and Triassics.

Tuesday Left Mina early and arrived Tonopah 7:45A. M. Contacted Harry McNamara regarding Warrior mine. Worked in Recorder's Office all day.

Wednesday Recorders office all day.

Thursday Recorder's office all day and part of evening. In evening contacted L. Trainer, Deputy Mine Inspector regarding activity in Nye County.

Friday Recorder's office and Assessor's office to 2 P. M. Talked with Dan Johnson, Walter Bowler, Guy Burch, Hazel Friester, Burt Jurick, L. J. Larson, and Chas. O. Spencer regarding their various properties and others with which they are familiar.

Saturday Left Tonopah 6:30 A. M.

Stopped Mina to see W. D. Edds regarding talc property north of Illinois now being mined by Wright Huntley of Bishop. Also obtained information on other prospects in Nye County in which Edds is interested.

In Hawthorne talked with Catherine O'Brien regarding her claims in Gabbs area.

In Fallon talked with R. J. and C. B. Lofthouse and Ray Swindlehurst regarding their holdings in the Jackson district.

Arrived Reno 4 P. M.

SYNOPSIS OF TRIP BY VICTOR E. KRAL AUG. 29 to SEPT. 3. 1949
TO TONOPAH AND VICINITY

Monday Aug. 29 Left Reno about 10 A. M.

Stopped Fallon to talk with M. C. Stromer and Mrs. Noel Philips about activity in the Lodi Hills, particularly the sinking of a prospect shaft at the Illinois mine.

Drove to the Illinois from hiway near Gabbs by a recently improved road. Spent an hour or less looking over the new shaft and some lead ore they encountered. Not enough work done to see what they have.

Stopped at Gabbs and talked with R. A. McDonald about the Teichart property, Twin River District. Went on to Mina.

Tuesday Talked with W. D. Edds and others trying to find some locators who gave Mina as their addresses; no success. Went on to Tonopah and worked with Nye County records.

Wednesday Completed list of Nye County locators from Inten To Hold records. Talked with the following regarding their mining properties in Nye County: Frank Bell, Bill Thomas, Jack Clark; and in the evening with C. R. Terrel.

Thursday Talked with the following about their various claims and mining properties in Nye County: Ed Slavin, W. B. Naismith, Walter Bowler, Pete Fabbj, W. E. King, and in the evening with Harriet Stingley.

Friday Went to Manhattan, taking John Klaus of Tonopah along as he knows the district.

Stopped at a placer operation about 2 miles below Manhattan. A 250 yds. per 8 hr. day plant is being operated by C. M. Pittser, R. E. Johnson, and C. H. Fehn. They are working a high bar above and north of the dredge channel. Equipment consists of a TD18 cat., a 5/8 yd. gasoline shovel, a 6 yd. truck and the washing plant which is operated by a 40 KVA diesel generator. The gravel is washed by a 5/8" opening trommel and jigs are used to save the gold. Net value of the gravel is about 75 cents to \$2.40 per yd. On this particular day they were in a hot spot and the gravel was running about \$2.00 per yd. The gravel is being mined in an open cut about 20 to 30 feet wide with a 16 to 18 foot face; they are taking about one foot of bedrock. The truck haul is about 1500 feet. The operation requires four men altho six were on the job this day.

Went on to Manhattan and east to the Otero group and the Manhattan Gold mines property. R. W. Fletcher is leasing the Otero and has two men doing some underground exploration.

Looked over the area near Manhattan itself and talked to Arthur Hudson on the Jumping Jack Merger property. He is installing a small amalgamation mill.

A "sniper", George Ruby, from Johnnie is operating a power-driven dry wash with tailing stacker he cleverly made himself.

Looked over the Big 4 glory hole and the adjoining oversize waste dump. The mined ore was crushed and screened; the undersize milled and oversize went to waste. Returned to Tonopah 8 P.M.

Saturday Returned to Reno; stopping at Coaldale, Mina, Hawthorne, and Fallon and altho found the residence of several owners, nearly all of them were either working their properties or busy working at their regular jobs.