

Goldfield and the Goldfield District of Nevada

Since Discovery of Goldfield Approximately 50 Per Cent. of the State's Output of Gold Has Come from This Camp; Dividends Paid, \$12,000,000

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During recent years mining developments in Nevada have attracted widespread attention. The State has once more been through a boom and this time has weathered the storm. In the late spring of 1903 Goldfield was discovered, and by the end of that year had already begun to produce precious metals. Since 1904 this one camp has far outdistanced all the remainder of the State as a producer of gold.

The accompanying tables show, for the years 1902-1908, inclusive, the commercial value of the gold, silver, and total gold-silver production of Nevada, and of Goldfield alone; also the percentage that Goldfield has contributed to the total output of the State. It may be noted that Goldfield has produced \$27,000,000 in the last five years (1904-1908), or 48 per cent. of Nevada's total gold yield for that period. As

tain order. The dispute was at last satisfactorily arranged for both sides.

Visitors to southern Nevada formerly came away with the impression that Goldfield was merely a temporary camp. Comparison was often made with Tonopah, bringing out the permanent and solid appearance of the older camps as compared with the makeshift conditions found in Goldfield. This was true at first, when most of the properties were being worked on leases, but it does not apply at present.

The present population of Goldfield is estimated at 6000 and is of a much more permanent character than it was during the rush days when it was supposed to amount to about 10,000. The completion of the proposed railroad to connect Goldfield with Ely, will, no doubt, add materially to Goldfield's prosperity.

the only satisfactory one, of a mining camp's permanency, is its record as a dividend payer. Already this year one company, the Goldfield Consolidated, has paid a dividend of \$1,063,803.90, and has declared another of equal amount (3 per cent.), payable July 31. The dividends paid by Goldfield companies in 1908, a year in which many companies all over the world discontinued dividends, totaled \$1,578,500, made up as follows: Florence Goldfield, \$420,000; Engineer's Lease, \$570,000; Rogers' Syndicate, \$300,000; Mohawk Jumbo, \$78,000; Frances Mohawk, \$45,500; Florence Annex, \$50,000; Red Top Consolidated, \$20,000; Little Florence, \$30,000; Mohawk Combination, \$65,000. Other dividends, of which I have no record, may have been paid. This is a splendid record when it is considered that the two largest properties in the

GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION OF NEVADA AND GOLDFIELD COMPARED.

Year.	GOLD.		Percentage from Goldfield.	SILVER.		Percentage from Goldfield.	TOTAL VALUE.		Percentage from Goldfield.
	Nevada. (a)	Goldfield.		Nevada. (a)	Goldfield.		Nevada.	Goldfield.	
1902.....	\$2,895,300	.....	.....	\$1,085,486	.....	.....	\$4,880,786	.....	..
1903.....	3,070,350	\$70,670	2	2,098,912	\$155	0.007	5,169,262	.....	.....
1904.....	5,000,404	2,341,970	46	2,432,830	11,374	0.47	7,493,324	2,353,353	40
1905.....	5,269,819	1,882,951	36	3,015,177	5,188	0.18	9,184,996	1,888,139	21
1906.....	10,470,704	7,026,154	62	4,530,310	10,484	0.23	15,007,014	7,036,638	55
1907.....	15,411,000	8,408,398	54	5,405,100	47,329	0.86	20,876,100	8,455,725	40
1908(e)....	15,500,000	7,458,000	48	4,500,000	42,000	0.93	20,000,000	7,500,000	40
Totals(c)...	\$51,712,017	\$27,117,480	(b)48	\$20,849,417	\$116,375	(b)0.52	\$72,561,434	\$27,233,855	(b)39

(a) Figures used represent mine reports as agreed upon by Director of the Mint and the U. S. Geological Survey. (b) Average percentage for last five years. (c) Only years 1904-1908 inclusive are included in totals.

a producer of silver, it is seen that Goldfield is inconsequential, contributing only 0.52 per cent. of the total output of the State.

The growth of the mines of Goldfield has been vigorous and constant. Only in 1905 and again in 1908 did the production fail to increase over that of former years. However, the cause for this is plainly apparent. In 1905, the year after the first wild rush into the district, people began to put in permanent equipment and to develop their properties; leasing was also less active, and companies began to store low-grade ore to await completion of reduction works on the ground. In 1908 the setback was due to the financial depression. At the same time when we consider that the year's production from Goldfield represented only nine months' work, it is evident that even in hard times the camp continued to grow. During the first three months of 1908, Goldfield suffered from a bitter labor controversy, and it was at this time that General Kimpton took the regulars into Goldfield in order to main-

The Goldfield mills, when those under construction are completed, will be capable of treating 1000 tons of ore per day. The Nevada Reduction has a capacity of 100 tons; the Combination, 80 tons; the new Goldfield Consolidated, 500 tons; and the Florence, 200 tons. The new Goldfield Consolidated and Florence mills are of the latest type; they have been described in the JOURNAL.¹ The accompanying map and index sheet show the location of the greater part of the mining claims in the Goldfield district. The area included in the map is about $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{4}$ miles, and 437 claims are shown. On the index sheet several of the companies have no number in the column designating the claims on the map. This is accounted for by the fact that the claims are not located within the area shown by the map, or else the company has been merged into some other one, under the name of which it is to be found.

The best indication, and to the public

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camp, the Goldfield Consolidated and the Florence companies, were building new mills and did not pay dividends.

The dividends declared in 1907 amounted to nearly \$1,500,000. Previous to 1908 almost \$8,000,000 had been paid to the investing public by Goldfield companies. Thus, to date the mines have paid dividends amounting to approximately \$12,000,000.

It is early to form an idea of what the 1909 production of Goldfield will be; judging from the returns to date, however, this year will be a record breaker. The output for four weeks selected at random is as follows: Week ending March 13, \$220,000; March 20, \$332,000; April 13, \$507,850; April 27, \$609,650. These figures, which are possibly a little high, show a steadily increasing output; even taking \$300,000 as an average week's production, the year's total will amount to \$15,600,000, or over 200 per cent. of the total for 1908. At present the Goldfield Consolidated and Florence are the largest producers in the camp.

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Index to Map of Goldfield	Goldfield	Big Bonanza M. & Co.	Goldfield	Santa Anna M. & Co.
Acord M. Co.	218	" Big Chief M. Co. .436-277	" Sassy Sal M. Co. .205	McMahon Gold M. Co. .112-113
Adams Goldfield M. Co.	78	" Black Cut M. Co. .56	" Secoya M. Co. .	Milltown M. Co. .331
Ajax Group	379	" Black Hills M. Co. .434	" Shepherd M. Co. .82	Milltown Frac. M. Co. .
Albermarle M. & M. Co.	269	" Black Mt. M. Co. .413	" Sierra M. Co. .429-267-28	Milwaukee Goldfield M. Co. .34
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Alexandre M. Co.	142	" Bonanza M. & M. Co.302	" Simmerone M. Co. .192	Mohawk Ext. M. Co. .288-219
Alpine Group	114	" Brooklyn M. Co. .116	" Shoshone M. Co. .192	Mohawk Frac. M. Co. .231
Andesite Group	7	" Bullock M. Co. .285	" Skylark M. Co. .95	Montevideo Gold M. Co. .199
Apache Diamondfield M. Co.	21	" Bull Dog M. Co. .100	" Sovereign M. Co. .	Moose Goldfield M. Co. .367-1
Associated M. & Del. Co.	361	" Burlington M. Co. .438	" 283-273-87-68	Moss, J. J. Group .388
Atlanta Mines Co.	822	" Burnt Hills M. Co. .330	" Souvenir M. Co. .183	Mt. Whoop Group .345
Band Gold M. Co.	280	" Calico M. Co. .129	" Starlight M. Co. .375	Myla M. Co. .365
Banner M. Co.	289	" Calumet M. Co. .55	" Summit M. Co. .481	Nancy Donaldson M. Co. .46
Barsness Bon. M. & Expl. Co.	876	" Canadian M. Co. .2	" Sundown M. Co. .481	Nell Ore M. Co. .208
Baltimore Goldfield M. Co.	74	" Cape Nome M. Co. .	" Sunrise Gold M. Co.247	Nelson Gold M. Co. .428
Big Jim Group	441	" Central M. Co. .164-146	" Superior M. Co. .406	Nevada Amalgamated M. M. & L. Co. .303
Big Ledge Group	144	" Century M. Co. .403	" Syndicate M. Co. .	Nevada Eagle M. Co. .
Black Ants M. Co.	174-27	" Chedd M. Co. .290	" Third Chance M. Co.163	Nevada Goldfields M. Co. .
Black Bird M. Co.	48-85	" Christmas M. Co. .172	" Tom Boy M. Co. .160	Nevada Goldfield Red. Co. .225
Black Butte Ext. M. Co.	189	" Circle M. Co. .203	" Tonopah M. Co. .71	Nevada King M. Co. .
Black Eagle Group	47	" Cleary M. Co. .89	" Treasure M. Co. .	Nevada Pearl M. & L. Co. .386
Black Rock Goldf'd M. & M. Co.	76	" Clover Leaf M. Co. .404	19-184-242	Nevada Queen M. Co. .412-409
Blizzard M. Co.	419	" C. O. D. M. Co. .326	" Twin M. Co. .287	Nevada Victor M. Co. .
Blue Bull M. Co.	334	" Columbia Gold M. Co.272	" United Mines Co. .262	Nevada Western M. Co. .300
Blue Quartz G. M. Co.	151	" Columbia M. Co. .229	" Utica M. Co. .14	New Diamondfield M. Co. .29
Booth Gold M. Co.	240	" Combination M. Co. .323	" Venture M. Co. .182	New Jersey Goldfield M. Co. .43
Buena Vista Gold M. Co.	341-133	" Coming Nation M. Co. .	" Verde M. Co. .196	New Mohawk M. Co. .69
Butte Goldfield M. Co.	430	" Commonwealth M. Co.336	" Victoria Mines Co. .279	Norcross M. Co. .244
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City of Goldfield M. Co.	310	" Daisy M. Syndicate .91	" White Rock M. Co. .312	Original Velvet L. & M. Co. .423
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