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Los Angeles, Cal. October. 11th. 1911.

Mr. W. W. Charles,

Tonopah Mining Co., Tonopah, Nevada:-

Dear Mr. Charles:- Yours of the 9th. inst. is at hand. About 1200 ft. below the surface, about 300 ft. lower than at the new Belmont, will, in my geological judgment, be found the valuable vein structure at the West of the district. I note that you have passed my proposition to Mr. Blackburn, and it seemed to me that the Philadelphia people would be glad to know that such an acreage, patented, was now available. The Mizpah, Macdonald, and also the West End veins all strike towards and across the "Little Tonopah" ground.

I therefore await your further advices, or direct from Philadelphia. Somebody has the chance to develop a \$3,000,000-\$5,000,000. mine there by lease and bond available now from me.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. R. Fletcher.

(Copy)

Tonopah, Nevada, Oct. 11, 1911.

Mr. Charles R. Fletcher,

531 Stimson Bldg. Los Angeles, Cal:-

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of October 7th. 1911 with enclosures, to Mr. Charles, has been handed me for consideration.

The "Little Tonopah" property and your proposition in connection therewith do not appeal to me sufficiently to put it up to my Company for consideration.

Yours truly,

W. H. Blackburn, Superintendent.

(Copy)

Los Angeles, Cal. October. 14, 1911.

Mr. W. H. Blackburn, Supt.

Tonopah Mining Company, Tonopah, Nevada:-

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of 11th. inst. is received. Of course I am very much surprised that the Little Tonopah matter is not sent on, as the Philadelphia people may not look at the matter, now available, as your letter expresses your impression of the proposition.

Very truly yours,

Chas. R. Fletcher.

OFFICE OF
CHAS. R. FLETCHER
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LOS ANGELES, CAL., October 16th. 1914

Mr. J. S. Austin,

Tonopah Mining Company, Philadelphia, Pa:-

Dear Sir:-

It seems rather advisable to you and to me that I enclose copies of my correspondence regarding Little Tonopah proposition, as Mr. Blackburn takes such an indifferent stand. I never met him but once, and it is very likely from what I am told, that he knows almost nothing about structural geology but is a good, sober, industrious Supt., and therefore he very likely overlooks this apparently best chance in the entire Tonopah district, for a fine mining speculation. If Jos. Wharton of your city was alive I could refer to him, who was my client for many years, when I lived in Boston. My work in Butte, Montana, against great odds, for the Prest. of Union Pacific R.R Co., also in Sudbury, Canada, for Mr. Wharton, who made a great deal of money there out of my persistent and positive efforts in geol. study there, against the State Geologist Dr. Dawson, ought to be enough to invite attention to my judgment of Little Tonopah ground, towards and across which all of the great veins of Tonopah strike (the Mizpah, the Macdonald, and even the West End.)

I feel that at about 1200 ft. below the surface, will be found what the Belmont found over at the East, and which has put a value of now \$12,000-000. upon their property. If I was well nobody would get this Little Tonopah proposition, but I am not and have it for sale, under lease and bond, as stated. If your Company does not care for it somebody in the Company may care for the speculation, which I feel shall bring rewards.

Yours truly



(Copy)

Los Angeles, Cal. October 7th. 1911.

Mr. W. W. Charles,
Tonopah Mng. Co. ... Tonopah, Nevada:-

Dear Mr. Charles:- The enclosures explain the important matter. There is no reason, from a geological point of view why, at the West end as important developments shall be brought to light as at the East, as at the Belmont. I therefore send this all to your Company for early consideration. Your former Mr Frank Keith, I am told, wanted to be permitted to bring the Little Tonopah ground to John Hays Hammond last spring, but Mr. Hammond was then appointed Special Commissioner to London the Kings Coronation, and would not consider anything. So I have got it. Mr. Keith is quoted as saying that he had had his eye on this ground for a long time, and that he believed a few hundred ft. would show up a mine there. Please to ask your Company to use Night Letter telegrams as I cannot wait long, my business now is to get the matter under lease and bond at once, and I am determined to do so now that I have at last got it in hand.

It is quite well known that 1000 ft. or 2000 ft. (or even 4000 ft.) of shaft before actual mining begins, is now no unusual thing. In South Africa that have stations at 2000 ft. and then begin again, with hoisting. The Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet & Hecla Copper Co. in Michigan was sunk over 4000 ft. before reaching the vein and mining; it is a 4 compartment shaft, I was there when it was being finished, in 1889.

The geological structure of Tonopah is clear to me, from now on the deep seated vein structure at the East and at the West will be heard from and will surprise somebody. If I had not had the great surgical operation in 1906 I would tackle this Little Tonopah myself, form a big Company and prove my views, which can be all proven by only \$30,000. As it is I cannot run the risk at my age, as younger men can do there.

With cordial personal wishes, and for the prosperity of your Company,

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. R. Fletcher.....

(Copy)

Tonopah, Nevada, October 9, 1911.

Mr. Chas. R. Fletcher,
531 Stimson Bldg. Los Angeles, Cal:-

Dear Mr. Fletcher:- I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th. inst. together with enclosures in regard to the Little Tonopah mining property, which you are offering for lease and sale.

I am handing your letter, together with the enclosures, to our Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Blackburn, who looks after that part of the work, with the request that he take the matter up with you direct.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, believe me,

Yours very truly,

W. W. Charles, Comptroller.

(Copy)

531 Stimson Bldg. Los Angeles, California,

October, 1911.

For Sale::::

The "Little Tonopah" patented mining ground of about 400 acres,
directly Westerly from the Tonopah Mng. Company ground., at Tonopah, Nev.
(See blueprint map.)

Proposition:-

A lease can be given for eight months from Nov. 30th. 1911, under the escrow option to purchase at least 21 of the 23 patented U.S. mining claims, about 400 acres, at the sum of \$300,000. payable June next, 1912. During the lease, at least the sum of \$30,000. must be expended upon the "Little Tonopah" ground, in development work, under the usual lease requirements customary in such matters. A shaft was sunk on the property over 700 ft. deep; I feel that the valuable vein structure shall now be found within a few hundred ft. of sinking and less than 1000 ft. of drifting. Then the veins shall be the further guide in developments.

My authority to negotiate this important matter, as above, is in writing and in the bank here, following my recent visit and examination in August, of that unusual, important and productive district, Tonopah, Nevada... The price of this lease is 1 % of the bond price, viz. \$3,000.

Chas. R. Fletcher.

TONOPAH..NEVADA..

The six mines of Tonopah are turning out between 7000 and 8000 tons of ore per week, worth about \$25. per ton. For the last two weeks in August (when I was there) they produced 7302 tons worth \$182,550., and 7404 tons worth \$187,350. This small mining town, scarcely ten years old, produces about \$10,000,000. a year. The Tonopah Mining Co. pays \$400,000. dividends every three months, having paid nearly \$8,000,000. to date, and its last report shows current assets of \$1,044,300. The Tonopah-Belmont Co. pays \$375,000. every quarter and has cash surplus of \$1,185,000. The Montana-Tonopah Co. pays 12 % dividends with a surplus of \$240,000., and the Tonopah-Extension Co. netting about \$200,000. yearly is coming steadily to the front.

The geology of Tonopah is entirely volcanic, numerous vents are evident. The rocks are chiefly porphyry, tracyte and rhyolite; abundance of volcanic ash beds a few miles distant. The older flows have come upon the newer rocks. After the formation of the veins or mineral zones, there has been great disturbance, by which all kinds of faultings have taken place. The evidences of several movements are abundant and clear. The mines are located along certain well defined lines. The great "Mizpah" vein structure is marked and very productive; the "Montana" vein to the north and the "West End" to the south are of great importance and value. The "Mizpah" vein and the "Macdonald-Montana" veins strike W.N.W. directly toward the Little Tonopah patented ground, the Tonopah Mng. Co. ground ending on the west about where the "Little Tonopah" ground of about 440 acres begins on the east. Such an unusual vein formation as the original "Mizpah" must be felt for several miles in such an exceptional volcanic district as Tonopah. The successful finding and present development of the great "Mizpah" vein fully 1/2 mile on the east, by the sinking of a shaft by the Tonopah-Belmont Co. about 900 ft. from a barren surface illustrates the geological structure and successful venturing there.

In less than a week it seemed to me geologically reasonable in Tonopah to feel that deep seated in some of the mining ground shall be found rhyolite on top of other veins, in depressions in the older and metal-bearing formations. And a subsidence is as important as an elevation, sometimes more so. Mr. Spurr appears to entirely overlook certain possibilities, in his excellent U.S. and private reports, but such men are not so independently situated as some of us who feel that such geological conditions may be publicly expressed, and predicted. The plainly much disturbed conditions on and near the "Little Tonopah" ground lead me to believe in valuable mineral deposits there. The abundance of "birdseye" porphyry there is important, and not hitherto pointed out. Altered birds eye porphyry was the great reef to the north of the shaft, on "Little Tonopah" ground. I have noticed on several occasions that this odd silicious porphyry occurs very near to valuable ore deposits. The railroad passing through "Little Tonopah" ground makes it easily accessible, present and future. And the acreage, 440 acres, is the largest in the Tonopah district. The continued differences among the owners make this mining property available now. Either the origin or the culmination of the great "Mizpah" vein structure appears to be in "Little Tonopah" ground. There is no available ground in the Tonopah district so inviting to test and develop as this patented acreage known as the "Little Tonopah".

October, 1911. (See maps and proposition.)

Chas. R. Fletcher.....

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Tonopah-Belmont Development Company

Bullitt Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tonopah, Nevada, September, 12th. 1911.

Mr. Chas. R. Fletcher,
531 Stimson Building,
Los Angeles, California:-

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th. inst. and would state that you did correctly understand me as stating that the top or apex of our Belmont Vein was 800 to 900 feet under the surface. ##

Yours very truly,

F. Bradshaw
General Superintendent.....

(The new shaft was therefore sunk from a barren surface, to the depth of over 800 ft. and then the Belmont Vein was found. The 60 stamp new mill is under construction near the shaft. Recently another vein has been also found to the north, on the 1200 ft. level, as announced in the press, the shares of the Company rising rapidly to \$7.75. This all shows the correctness of my geological views of Tonopah, Nevada, viz. that it is ground likely to produce values for two generations at least.)
C.R. Fletcher.....