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# TONOPAH, MOTHER OF SOUTHWESTERN NEVADA.

PAH, the mother camp of southwestern Nevada goldfields, is yet unsurpassed by any of her numerous and precocious magnitude and richness of This may appear a dareven untenable assertion, in he present excitement at Gold-er the eyes of the mining being dazzled by the glare ectacular production of the Mohawk.

Mohawk. be remembered that Gold-aloyed advantages of which a the nature of things, has ecd-advantages which have iven a remarkable impetus dopment of her mines, but an unprecedented degree

place, Goldfield was dis-Tonopah prospectors, who in the school of Tonopah best to overcome adions. She also had the ad-superior equipment in the dine holsts, gallows frames, had been brought to To-e most expensive means of 185 after months of delay, red miles of desert, for Mizpah leases and in de-e mines of Tonopah, and then ready to hand to be mediately and at compara-expense to Goldfield.

TONOPAHANS MADE GOLDFIELD.

ond place, at the time Goldcond place, at the time Gold-iscovered, the mining world, a marvelous production of the leases and the promulga-e truth relating thereto by r newspapers of the camp, egun to realize that here, on of southwestern Nevada, had a margine of the greatest 1 up some of the greatest discovered in the world. As this attractive fact and its and truthful promulgation, ed into Goldfield during the ampede of three years ago f the most energetic, unanisive, persistent and brilliant that ever invaded a mining excepting that remarkable comoters which a decade or od mother loves her children

id of them-if they, too, are every mother of high birth breeding is proudest of her



SAM C. DUNHAM. Editor of the Tonopan Miner, Whose Faith in Nevada is Shown by Word And Deed.

had the equipment which was used at Goldfield, reinforced by the skill and experience which Goldfield inher-ited from Tonopah, the production here during the leasing period, instead of being only \$4,500,000. This statement is concurred in by Henry C. Cutting, Frank Golden and other Tonopah leas-eva. Zeb Kendall, who operated a lease in Tonopah and who was also one of the owners of the great January brase in Goldfield, declares that Sena-tor Oddle's estimate is too conserva-tive-that the production of Tonopah at Goldfield would bave been fully \$29,-006,000. 000,000

During the year which succeeded the During the year which succeeded the expiration of her original leases Gold-field passed through a period of de-pression which ended only with the re-cent sensational discoveries in the leases on the Mohawk. For the past three or four months, owing to the marvelous output of the Hayes-Mon-nette, Frances-Mohawk and neighbor-ing leases, and the multiplic which have ing leases, and the publicity which have been given to their unprecedented pro-

been given to their unprecedented pro-duction, has enjoyed a boom without a parallel in a quartz mining camp. It is safe to say that the Mohawk leases are now producing at the rate of \$3,-000,000 a month, which places Goldfield at the head of the gold-producing camps of America. So much for Tono-pah's great daughter! Since the Tonopah leases expired, five years ago the 31st of this month, the principal companies have energetical-ly and systematically developed their properties, and it is safe to say that there is now blocked out in the mines of Tonopah a tonnage of high-grade ore which would enable the camp to produce \$40,000,000 a year, if it were not for the fact that the silicified character of the ore renders it impossible for the of the ore renders it impossible for the smelters to handle more than about 3,000 tons a week. The principal com-panies, notably the Tonopah company, the Belmont and the Montana-Tonopah, have provided or are providing means to reduce their own ores on the ground, and as soon as their mills are in com-mission. Tononah will take her proper place among the great bullion-producng camps of the world.

TONOPAH'S BIG MILL.

The Tonopah company has just com-pleted a 100-stamp mill at Miller's Sid-



ing, 13 miles from Tonopah, and 40 stamps are now dropping on ore from the mine. Within a very short time. Discoverer of the Famous Mizpah and "Father of the New Nevada."

the mill will be running up to its full capacity. This company also has a 20-stamp mill in operation at Tonopah. When both mills get into full swing, it is calculated that the Tonopah company, which is now paying dividends at the rate of \$1,500,000 a year, will increase its distribution of profits to

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Increase its distribution of profits to \$5,000,000 a year. The Belmont, which is paying \$800,000 a year in dividends from its small ship-ments to the smelters, is creeting a 60-stamp mill within a stone's throw of the Tomopah company's big mill at Miller's Siding, and when this is in operation, the company can be depend-ed upon to increase its annual divi-dends to \$2,000,000, and possibly \$3,-000,000. 000,000.

#### MONTANA'S NEW PLANT.

The Montana-Tonopah is erecting a 40-stamp mill at the mine, and when this is completed, some time next spring, the Montana ought to re-enter spring, the Montaha ought to re-enter the dividend-paying class with a quar-terly distribution of at least \$200,000, The Midway, which has one of the biggest and richest ledges in the camp ments, will soon erect a mill, which will put that mine in the \$1,600,000-a-year class. year class.

year class. The Tonopah Extension company has also announced its intention of erect-ing a 100-stamp mill in the near future, and since this mine has one of the largest bodies of high-grade ore ever opened up in the world, it ought to pay at least \$2,500,000 a year in divi-dends dends.

The Jim Butler is another great mine, and that company will soon erect a mill and enter the dividend-paying class

#### DUNHAM AS A PROPHET.

In conclusion, the writer feels justi-fied in making the prediction, based on the most careful personal investigation and observation for a period of more than four years, backed by the opin-ions of the best-informed and most conservative mining men in Tonopah. conservative mining men in Tonopan, that when the mills now in course of construction and contemplated are in operation, the mines of Tonopah will produce at least \$30,000,000 a year and distribute fully one-third of this im-mense sum in dividends, and that the ore reserves now practically blocked out in the mines will enable them to maintain this splendid production for a long term of years. a long torm of years, SAM C. DUNHAM.

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THE LATEST BIRDSEYE OF TONOPAH FROM A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN SPECIALLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS NEWS.

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That is why Tonopah is so which is fairly comp Goldfield. Sometimes a bril- pah's leasing period. attractive daughter-a debu- peoplection in which is fairly comparable with Tor

PRODUCTION IN COMPARISON. us call her-through some Now, as to the production: It is claimed by the Goldfield newspapers that the total production of that camp al success or under the in-flattery, becomes imbued idea that she is somewhat liant and attractive than her At such times the mother, if during the first leasing period was \$3,-600,000, and it is conceded that this estimate is approximately correct. Tono-pah, during a period of about a month shorter, produced \$4,500,000, as shown by the smelter returns, or \$900,000 more than Goldfield. past her prime and hence praise, is apt to resent the usurpation of her social pre-In such a spirit Tonopah, , addresses Goidfield, her In At this point it will be interesting and instructive to compare the meth-

BUTLER'S LEASES.

ods by which these results were se made his geat discovery cured. May, 1900. He adopted ystem in December of were used, and the longest time either system altogether let 112 leases was in service was about five months was in service was about five months. The O'Meara-Lynch company had a 12 h. p. gasoline hoist, and Brougher Bros, used a donkey steam engine of about the same power. Four leases used whims, viz.; The leases of Cutting & Brown, Golden & Sinclair, the Tus-carora boys, and the Nevada City boys. All the other leasers used the ordinary windlase zpah, Burro and Valley View few of the leasers went to desultory way in January done by Cutting & Brown, n operations in March. The of the leasers, however, on the lack of supplies, did not which time the O'Meara-apany, who owned the most lease of all began to prowindlass. operated by old Tonopah leasers, whose experience enabled them to take advantage of conditions and avoid the errors which had rendered their first

The leases terminated at 1901. So that the od in Tonopah was practic-

GOLDFIELD'S DISCOVERY.

efforts at Tonopah ineffectual. More-over, they had supplies practically at had, so that they got to work with-cut delay, and, most important factor of all, before midsummer six of the was discovered in Februwas discovered in Febru-but it was nearly a year be-shipping grade was devel-tantity. The first important on the January claim--was leases were being operated with ma-chine hoists, the smallest of which was of greater power than the largest that was used at Tonopah. 5, 1904, and began at once igh grade ore, and the othe leases began work in ay or June. The original with one or two exdown at midnight, Dec. g been in operation pracperiod

WHAT SENATOR ODDIE SAYS. Senator Oddie, who had supervision of the Tonopah leases, and who is thoroughly familiar with conditions at Goldfield, from the fact that he has operated leases there from the first, asserts that if the Tonopah leases had

At Tonopah only two machine hoists

At Goldfield, most of the leases were

## Fairview, a Prominent Newcomer Mostly Owned by Salt Lakers.

DERHAPS for its age and sudof its growth no camp in Nevada has ever equalled Fairview is situated in Churchill iles across the desert south the line of the Southern Pacific hen speaking of Fairview aturally thinks of the Nevada which for its age is a recwhich is of especial it is owned mostly by It belongs to W. V. Rice, , John T. Hodson, W. H. Webber and the "wizard" James R. Davis.

peak has been on the map han 40 years and is in plain the old overland stage road Twain crossed the ent to Carson, which y years ago. No one of camped at Sand at this late day of the greatest the outcropping Nest. Like in one da at the Eagle's Nest. ek, Fairview district used en rumored that "float" nd, but it was not until

month a prospector

so and finding values made, some locations, but not the principal—that luck fell to Perley Langdell, an old time Colorado prospector, who located the Eagle's Nest last January and sold it to the lucky Salt Lakers above men-

Work actually began in March and the credit of finding the lead belongs to "lucky" John Holson. Pay ore was shipped right from the surface and it has continued ever since. The ore chute has been opened up in five places for 2,000 feet and also by tunnels which have demonstrated the continuity of have demonstrated the continuity of the ore- and values with depth. The writer knows it to be a fact that this wonderful property produced \$70,000 in the month of September, and that the total production to date has not been far from half a million dollars. If this isn't a record breaker, where is it to be found? found? A dividend of \$100,000 has just been declared by the management, who are so well known and who stand so well in Salt Lake that no further en-

well in Sult Lake that no further en-conlum is necessary. There are other good properties in this district but want of space forbids their mention. Frank Virtue, Ben Luce, Mr. Fawcett. Mr. McCarrick, Scott Groo and a dozen other Salt Lakers are making good in this district. The townsite of Fairview grew up as it were in a night. Fairview district is a marvel and if the writer is any judge of mining camps it will certainly prove

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