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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN OF GOLDFIELD WHERE MANY UTAH MEN ARE SEEKING WEALTH.

O new mining district, with the

camps. Less than six months ago this region was a barren' waste forming a part of that great desert area which covers the whole southwestern part of Nevada. Recent estimates place the present population at 2,000, counting the several camps of the new district, which covers territory of from 12 to 15 square miles.

As was the case when Tonopah was discovered. Utah mining men were not slow in getting itno the "band wagon" and there are good reasons to believe that some of them, at least, are going to make their stakes in this most recent found Eldorado. One of the first from this state to become enthused over the

exception of Tonopah, has at-tracted such wide attention as has Goldfield, and the surrounding ps. Less than six months ago this in was a barren' waste forming a and associates, W.P. and M.J. O'Meara; Prof. W. H. Tibbals, through Mr. Col-born, secured interests in the camp and was the first to organize a company comprised of Salt Lake men. This was the Goldfield-Vindicator Mining company and among its officers are ex-Congressman William H. King, L. H. Farnsworth and John Montgomery. Vivian P. Strange and E. J. Waugh recently left this city to take up their permanent abode in the camp and a number of others are soon to follow. Information comes from the west that Thomas Kearns and David Keith, who made their start in mining out of the Silver King mine at Park City, have acquired a foothold and will spend some map zhows that some of the principal

dall, at one time a resident of Ameri- | Goldfield, but did not become interest- | ed, they returned, however, very well pleased with the country and speak hopefully of a bright future. The first discovery which attracted attention to the new camp was made in January of this year and the claim up-

on which the rich find was made was named the January. The ore carried values of several hundred dollars to the ton and wilthin a very short time af-terwards the Combination and Florence were discovered with ore equally as rich. These disclosures electrified the itizens of Tonopah, which camp is only about 25 miles to the northward, and the rush began, and it was not long until the news was sent broadcast over the country. The leasing system has been in vogue since the camp was first opened and constant shipments of ore are being made to the Salt Lake and

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The Goldfield district is situated in the southwestern part of Nevada, in the county of Esmer-alda. To reach this new mining district the traveler from Salt Lake must journey by rail a dis-tance of about 800 miles. From Ogden the route is over the Southern Pacific to Reno, thence by way of the Virginia & Truckee to Moundhouse; thence over the narrow guage line of the Carson & Colorado, now op-erated by the Southern Pacific company, to Sodaville or Caned in the southwestern part of 1 company, to Sodaville or Can-

the case may An un usually large dike of alaskit cuts the Columbia mountain and Sandstorm veins at a sharp angle, and has probably exerted a profound influ er.ce upon those veins. Similar instances in other parts of the camp have been noted.

As a rule all the veins so far dis-covered have prominent outcrops. Some, however, resemble a quartzfelsite rather than a true quartz. In some in-stances the alteration products of the lavas, such as chlorite, have combined with red oxide of iron to produce streaks of rich coloring materials which have been located as veins. Some of the veins contain lines of shearing which have considerably broken and fractured the vein filling and the quartz. Along those lines the circulating mediums hav deposited their films or coatings of exceptionally rich ore, as a secondary enrichment. Nevertheless the body or mass of the quartz connot more than \$1,000 per mile for grad-ing. tains a fair percentage of the values, sufficient in most instances to indi-

with little or no silver. One exoption only may be noted, namely the bre of the Vernal group, in the ex-terme northeast corner of the camp, where a telliurium is found. A noteworthy characteristic of the

vein outcrops of Goldfield is that it is almost impossible to get surface values greater than \$2 or \$3. The extremely hard capping and casing must be pene-trated before merchantable values are cund.

Excellent springs with a half mile of the town furnish an abundance of domestic water; while within 15 miles a liberal supply for milling purposes can be delivered to the mines. By June the railroad will be within 22 miles of the camp, while by the end of the year, it is safe to forecast, should the camp continue improving as it has in the past three months, the road will build in this new field. Less than a 2 per cent grade can be got at a cost of

than 1,000 people, and its well arranged streets are lined with substantially built tent and frame houses. Almost every line of business is represented, and within a few weeks it will possess an up-to-date weekly newspaper. The Deseret News is indebted to Prof. W. H. Tibbals for the accompanying i-

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