

## BETTER SHOWING

Searchlight Did Not Have the Surface Values That Crescent Has.

KNOWS WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT

Samples of Ore All Show the Yellow Metal When They Are Panned.

## IT IS ANDESITE PORPHYRY AND GRANITE

By Frank Doherty.

The Crescent district or as it is more familiarly known in Las Vegas, Nippeno, from my observation of the district is destined to become another Searchlight. The character of the formation, the dips of the ledges; their size and apparent stability compare exactly with the general formation of Eldorado and Searchlight and when it is taken into consideration the as yet unexplored flat that lies between Searchlight and the Crescent range, about eighteen miles in width, there is every indication to believe that the mineral belt of the Crescent is a continuation of the wonderful belt that has made Searchlight famous.

There is no doubt that the Crescent district is not a poor man's country, but the surface shows up much richer than did the ore on the mines of its sister across the valley. The Quartzite shows assays of from eighty-five cents to one dollar and a quarter on the surface and it was not until the two hundred foot level was struck that pay dirt enough was encountered to warrant a mill. Today you couldn't buy that mine for \$10,000,000 and if there is a single share of its stock on the market it is a maverick and should be branded.

The reports in the metropolitan papers concerning the value of the strikes at Crescent were no pipedream and up to date not a wild-cat proposition has been exploited.

There are from two hundred to three hundred men in the camp and the most of these are prospectors who are actually developing their properties or doing location work.

The strike at the Lucky Dutchman is reality and while not much work has been done as yet the richness of its surface showing leads to believe that it will develop into a valuable mine. Among the other properties is the mine of C. H. Sheerer, who recently refused \$75,000 in cash for the property and in talking to the old gentleman concerning the offer he said: "Well, I can see that much in sight and if it is worth such to the parties, it is worth more to me". His is one of the best developed prospects in the district and orders on the new town.

The town itself is well equipped with everything necessary to supply the wants of the miners and town people; groceries, restaurants, lodging houses and lubricating establishments being plentiful.

The camp is about six miles eastward from the railroad station at Nippeno and about fourteen miles from Searchlight. Transportation service has been established between the two camps and this will eventually be the highway between the Salt Lake road for nearly all the freight and traffic into Searchlight.

The writer while in the camp saw a number of prospectors bringing in samples, panning them up and panning out almost every piece of rock showed colors of varying values. The gold is in coarse and of fine quality. There is also a quantity of steel galena carrying silver found in the district. To the south about ten miles from the camp is a ledge with sheets of sufficient size to render it marketable.

The formation of the Crescent range andesite porphyry and granite with the lime. The ledges mainly incline to the ledge in the adjoining districts from the surface look strong and in some places are found before a poor man's claim that will be taken from the grass by the wind is no grass.

these) but requires the manipulation of practical miners and capital. When capital is interested it will make a great camp. It looks good to me.

### Crescent Chit Chat.

Crescent has more of its share of twisters than Vegas can claim. The other day a twister came up the canon and the population ran to their tents to hold them in the trail; every tent stood the test with the exception of the Boyer Lodging house, adjoining the Crescent Assay office. The wind hoisted the big lodging tent high in the air and dropped it as neatly as could be imagined right over the assay office, hemming it in completely. This is not the only instance where the wind got in its work; the other evening while everybody was sleeping one of those things the people have learned to call a corkscrew, wrapped its coils about a large lodging house, the property of a widow. The lodging house was all of a hundred feet long and about that size in width, but the wind did its work in a second, for it was not longer than that time until there was a crowd trying to wrest it from the tentacles of the twister after this the wind on its trail through the town did the same trick with the Crescent Grocery store, but Mr. Knively, the proprietor stayed with the tent and held it, for by the time it had reached his place the wind had spent its force. It is no strange sight to see a half a dozen tents go sailing through space when one of those twisters in Crescent is on the turn.

The automobiles have ceased to do business either here or at Nippeno. A number of mining men of prominence are in the district. They are looking up available mining ground. They are favorably impressed with the strong showing of the district and in the near future will see some good mining carried on.

Stages have been re-established between Nippeno, Crescent and Searchlight since the automobiles have departed for other fields.

Everybody about town is busy panning dirt and exhibiting colors. No new strikes to chronicle; the rock is alike and all of it will pan; that is, any of the rock the boys are crushing and panning in town.

The townsite owners have been plattling same during the week. The ground is not patented but the promoters plat and lease the surface on a ninety-nine year term. By some it is said that this is but trifling with Uncle Sam, and that a title of that kind will not stand. So as to insure that the ground will not be vacant should that question arise, other locations have been placed so as to secure it, not for the promoters, but for others.

Everybody is his own assayer and the music of the mortar and pestle is heard in Crescent all of the live long day. The boys get some very flattering prospects which keeps up their spirits and maintains their confidence.

Jessie R. Ritter, is one of the boys who is out in the hills of Crescent nearly every day and when there is a capitalist anxious to do business for one of the good claims of the camp, he will have to do it with this mining expert.

S. W. Spence of the Phoenix, presides over one of the popular third parlors on the desert. Spence makes it one of his pleasures to be accommodating and obliging with everybody, which makes his place very popular.

Jeff Davis is one of the mine magnates he too is out on the hills both day and night and proposes to be counted as big a millionaire as any of them when the Crescent bonanza kings line up.

Robert Lavin, presides over his own assaying department and he dishes out advice to the boys with a vengeance when they come into town. "Bob", can and always does give the boys a tip where to go and locate a claim and the fact of the matter is they go and locate; talk about pointers, Bob has tipped more boys where to get good locations than any half dozen men in camp.

Archie Franklin, has a good thing somewhere out in the hills and he won't tell where his strike is located. No matter how rich he has it the boys know that he makes a clean up that all will be declared in.

What is needed is McKenna, of the Green Light, in the old town of Vegas to

make up the gang of mining experts here in Crescent. The boys that are here get excited and they need such a man as McKenna to keep them cool and collected.

George Forester, is a whirlwind with the pan and he can get more colors to a horsing from the same ore than any other man in this district. "Dinkey Davis" is no small pile of beans when it comes to sising up the quality of rock and all of the boys know it.

C. D. Brown and O. M. White have established a meat market in the Cleveland addition to the town of Crescent and they sell all of the meat they are able to get. Brown is a butcher with a reputation the equal of the best and he too hails from Vegas.

E. R. Haven of Vegas has blossomed out into a full bloom mining promoter. Paul Winterbottom and Haven located on part of the townsite of Crescent, a portion they found vacant, neither of the two are as slow as they look.

D. P. Phillips, the real estate man of Vegas, who sells the earth and sometimes locates it—has moved his family here for their health, for it can be truthfully said there is no more pleasant place to live on earth than right here in the loveliest spot in all Nevada.

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