

**COPPER, TIN, AND DIAMONDS.
HOWELL, Wednesday.**

At the Conrad mine the water jacket has been working half-time, on account of a shortness of flux. Quite a stack of silver, lead, and tin bullion is now on hand, and separation is

to be started in a short time. Regular consignments of matte leave, as usual, and work in all parts of the mine is being carried on as usual.

At the Coronopus, they have been driving principally along the formation westward. They are now starting to crosscut to pick up the footwall. Better results are being obtained in this direction, and heavier deposits should be obtained as the footwall is approached. The width of the level is about 4ft, all ore-bearing.

Goodyer and Allwell, the adjoining claim on the east, have started to sink in a new place more towards the centre of their ground. They have a well-defined formation, about 2ft wide, consisting of decomposed felspar, iron-stained felspar crystals, and iron oxide. It washes a fair prospect of tin, but this is very fine, and looks more like the sediment overlying the formation. On the surface the tin is much coarser, wherever prospects are tried.

Green and party, on the west, are down about 15ft on a similar formation, but the metallic prospects washed are much coarser. They have the same iron-stained felspar crystals, and iron also, but their formation is more solid.

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