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#### FOREWARD

Geologists concerned with the petroleum possibilities of the Great Basin have been sorely in need of detailed studies of key areas. In the following pages Dr. tehi F. Hintze has given the results of one such study. A companion investigation to that here reported will appear in a later bulletin of this series under the authorship of Gregory W. Webb, on The Ordovician Quartzites of West Central Utah. These belong to a series of detailed studies undertaken by Ph D. candidates at Columbia University under the sponsorship of the Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey, while the Survey was still a branch of the Raw Materials Division of the Utah state Department of Publicity and Industrial Development.

At that time, the survey was gathering data for the symposium volume later published (1949) on the Oil and Gas Possibilities of Utah. The dearth of basic geologic information on the Basin Range province was at once apparent. To supply such data the Survey entered into contracts by which it sponsored respective projects on specific areas by candidates for advanced degrees from several universities both within and without the state.

The first contract entered into was with Richard W. Rush for a study of the Burbank Hills of Western Millard County. Part of the data gathered by Rush has been published as Bulletin 38 of the Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey. A special supplementary study by Rush of the Silurian Rocks of the Basin Range province will be published in a subsequent bulletin.

Not only is "The Lower Ordovician Detailed Stratigraphic Sections for Western Utah," detailed; it is comprehensive. Dr. Hintze has amassed a wealth of information the full significance of which will be apparent only with the pUblication of his monograph (also to appear as a bulletin of the Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey) on the Ordovician Trilobites of Utah. This will contain approximately 30 beautiful plates each showing 30 specimens (900 figures in all). Many species and several genera are new to science. The author, Dr. Lehi F. Hintze, now Professor of Geology, Oregon state College, is a native Utahn, the youngest son of the Professor Emeritus of Paleontology, University of Utah, Dr. F. F. Hintze who himself is an authority on the Paleozoic stratigraphy of Utah. Dr. F. F. Hintze is the proud father of two other sons who have also followed the profession of his choice and each of whom has made significant contributions to the science of geology.

> Arthur L. Crawford, Director Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey

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#### ABSTRACT

Stratigraphy of the Ordovician Pogonip - Eureka sequence is traced from the Ibex area, west central Utah, eastward to central Utah and northward to the nearly equivalent Garden City - Swan Peak sequence of northeastern Utah. Pogonip limestone thins by convergence from about 3000 feet at Ibex to about 1700 feet near Scipio, central Utah, near the eastern margin of the Ordovician miogeosyncline. Thinning, partly by convergence and partly by pre-Upper Ordovician erosion is indicated along the miogeosynclinal margin in north central Utah. Middle Ordovician shallow seas persisted slightly later in west central Utah than in marginal areas to the east and north.

Six new lithologic units and fifteen faunal zones are recognized within the Pogonip group of western Utah: the Canadian House (new), Fillmore (new), ani Wahwah (new}limestones; and the Chazyan Juab (new) limestone, Kanosh (new) shale and Lehman (new) formation. Two Middle Ordovician quartzites overlie the Pogonip group in western Utah. In this sequence the lower (Swan Peak) quartzite, 390 feet in central Utah, thins in western utah to disappear in eastern Nevada, grading into successively younger Pogonip zones westward; the upper (Eureka) quartzite persists to the west, halfway across Nevada. Quartzite deposition in medial Ordovician time culminated in widespread erosion prior to the deposition of Upper Ordovician dolomites as a sheet over the area.

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Fig. 1.- Index Map of Utah showing Ordovician localities.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Since the summer of 1947 the writer has been making a study of the Pogonip limestones of Ordovician age in western Utah and Nevada in order to gain'a detailed- understanding of the miogeosynclinal deposition there during the early Paleozoic. In the course of the investigation many stratigraphic sections have been examined in the fault block ranges of the Great Basin and much new data gathered. In order to clarify the stratigraphic relations within the thick series of Pogonip limestones it appeared desirable to subdivide these rocks on lit hologic and faunal bases. The Ibex area of southwestern Millard County, Utah (see Fig. 1) was found to have the best exposed and most continously fossiliferous Ordovician section in western Utah and was selected as the type area for the establishment of six new formations within the Pogonip group. In establishment of six new formations within the Pogonip group. this paper these new fonnations are defined for the first time and their exposures in the Ibex type area described in detail. In addition, Ordovician sections from several other localities are presented herein. Some of these localities lie between the Pogonip exposures in the Ibex area and the lower Ordovocian Garden City formation exposures in northeastern Utah and may serve as connecting links between these two areas.

Fifteen faunal zones are recognized within the Pogonip of western Utah. Faunal lists for these zones accompany the formation descriptions. For the most part these zones correspond with those in the Garden City and Swan Peak formations of northeastern Utah as recognized by Ross (1949, 1951) 'but the uppermost Pogonip zones are younger than any faunas reported from the Swan Peak formation of northeastern Utah and thus marine deposition appears to have persisted later in the Ibex area than in the northeastern corner of the state. A complete discussion of these Pogonip faunal zones in western Utah will accompany the description of the new trilobite genera and species found there (designated in this report by  $n_1$ . sp. a" etc.) to be published in a forthcoming bulletin of the Utah Geologica]. and Mineralogical Survey. Another paper will trace the Ordovician stratigraphy from central Utah into central Nevada (abstract, Hintze and Webb, 1949).

Although the primary purpose of this report is to present detailed stratigraphic notes in the belief that they will be of value to other workers, a secondary accomplishment of this study is a contribution to the knowledge of the areal geology of Utah. For example, the existence of Ordovician rocks in central Utah as far east as the edge of the high plateaus near Scipio and Kanosh

is newly recogpized. Most of the sections are entirely new to geo· logic literature, and the others considerably amplify existing information. The sections have been located as specifically as possible with the existing maps. Pertinent structural data as to dip. of beds and local faults are given wi thin the section descript ions. The recently published geologic map of Utah (Andrews, 1948) and the index to geologic mapping of Utah (Boardman, 1948) show the sparsity of published information in western Utah except for mining localities. Earlier reconnaissance geologic mapping of portions of Utah (Butler, 1920; Wheeler, 1876; King, 1876) is inadequate and in many places inaccurate, for it represents geology sketched in from long range observations from a limited series of traverses. An obstacle to the areal mapping of western Utah and eastern Nevada is the lack of suitable, or in most instances any, topographic maps. Nor are aerial photographs available for some of the region, although Jack Ammann Company in 1949 photographed much of western utah. There remain then Forest Service maps, where available, and township and section plats which are useful if any of the mapped roads or section corners can be located. Grazing Service range maps compiled from land plats show the location of modern graded Grazing Service roads. Standard highway maps show the gross relations but the positions of desert roads and ranges on them are unreliable. Fortunately, the desert area between ranges is covered with an extensive network of passable roads and trails so that access to any part is fairly easy. Most of the area could be mapped readily, ware there a suitable topographic base, as bedrock exposures are not masked by vegetation and block faulting has revealed the entire stratigraphic column.

Tracing of stratigraphic horizons is important in mining districts because of the localization af ores in certain strata. As a result of a regional stratigraphic study such as this one it becomes possible to recognize zones within mining districts in their true stratigraphic position and to make interpretations regarding apparent excess thicknesses caused by faulting, or the disappearance of beds by faulting or erosion. Such interpretations are impossible or can be made only with difficulty from such data as can be secured from disturbed strata within the limited area of the mining district itself. The present zonation of the Pogonip has clarified the status of the Opohonga limestone of the Tintic district, Utah, the Tank Hill and Yellow Hill formations in the Pioche district, Nevada, and the Morehouse quartzite of the San Francisco district, Utah.



FIG. 2. LOCALITY MAP OF IBEX AREA, MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH.

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### Pogonip Group

nPogonip limestone" is a name that. has had several usages. It was defined originally to include all limestones between the Cambrian Dunderberg shale and the Ordovician Eureka quartzite in the White Pine mining district of eastern Nevada. Use of the name, subsequently, spread throughout Nevada and parts of California and utah as a general term applied to carbonate rocks beneath the Eureka quartzite. Usage tended, however, to restrict Pogonip to the Ordovician (see Sharp{ 1942, p. 657 for a resume and bibliography of use of the term). Parts of the Pogonip limestone have been found within other mining areas and in a few instances have been given names. It is not thought advisable to use these formational names outside each local district as their limits are based not on stratigraphic considerations but rather on local exposure and structural conditions.

Both Cambrian and Ordovician rocks were included originally within the Pogonip limestone because in this region there is no obvious break between the Upper Cambrian and the Lower Ordovician. Although detailed stuqy now enables recognition and several lithologic units within the Pogonip, the lithologic changes between these subdivisions are not as striking as the early recognized contrast between the Pogonip limestone and the Eureka quartzite or the Dunderberg shale. The entire sequence from Upper Cambrian through Lower Ordovician is apparently conformable in most localities. Thus determination of which part is Cambrian and which Ordovician is solely a faunal problem. As yet paleontologists have not agreed upon the exact position of the Cambrian - Ordovician boundary in the Great Basin. Upper Cambrian rocks especially have received little attention, possibly because they are not so conspicuously fossiliferous as the formations above and below them. More extensive collecting is necessary before the Upper Cambrian history of the Basin and Range province can be well known and its upper boundary definitely set.

For the purposes of this report, however, it was necessary to define a boundary at or near the base of the Ordovician which could be recognized from place to place. The most natural lower limit and one which approximates the Cambrian - Ordovician boundary, is the lithologic change below the Symphysurina faunal zone. This was defined as the lower limit of the House limestone (new) and used as the lower boundary of the rocks studied. Lithologies below this are quite distinct from those above. In western Utah the underlying strata form massive cliffs (Notch Peak formation, restricted) of unfossiliferous limestone, but in central Utah and several Nevada localities underlying rocks are dolomitic. lower limit of the House limestone is, as far as can be determined, the same as the lower limit of the Garden City formation of northeastern Utah. The lowermost faunas are equivalent, and the Garden City formation also rests on a dolomite, the uppermost beds of the Cambrian St. Charles formation.

The Pogonip group in western Utah and eastern Nevada comprises the House limestone (new), the Fillmore limestone (new), the Wahwah

limestone (new), the Juab limestone (new), the Kanosh shale (new), and the Lehman formation (new). In central Nevada Merriam (unpublished manuscript) has subdivided the Pogonip group into three formations.

Two broad faunal zones have long been recognized by paleontologists in the Ordovician Pogonip. Both are of early Ordovician age; the lower has been compared with the Beekmantownian and the higher with the Chazyan of the eastern United states. In western Nevada the Ordovician is represented by a thick series of little studied argillites. This western shaly facies is correlated with the Pogonip. Graptolite faunas found in these shales and slates are compared to those of the Deepskill and the Normanskill of the eastern United states. Graptolites occur rarely in the Pogonip group but are more common in interbedded shales in the Garden City formation of northeastern Utah.

#### House Limestone

This name is proposed for the lowest formation within the Pogonip group as restricted. Ibex section A at the south end of the House Range (see Fig. 2 for location) is designated the type locality for the House limestone. There the entire formation is ex-<br>posed above the more massive Notch Peak limestone. Southward from posed above the more massive Notch Peak limestone. its type section the House limestone disappears below overlying strata in the Yersin Ridge syncline; the upper beds reappear on the south limb in Ibex section B. At the type locality the House limestone consists of 475 feet of typically medium gray, medium to thin bedded, cherty, silty calcilutite. Included within the limestone is much more fine quartz detritus than one would suspect from examination of fresh or weathered samples. In fact, the fine sand and silt content of some samples is enough to make the digestion of the carbonate cement by hydrochloric acid an extremely slow process, more than half of the rock consisting of fine detrital particles, principally quartz. Chert nodules and stringers are most common in the middle third of the formation, becoming less prominent upwards.

In the Ibex area two faunal zones are present in the House limestone, the lower zone extending through over 300 feet of beds from about 100 feet above the base of the formation upwards. This lower zone corresponds to Ross'  $(1949, 1951)$  zone B and at Ibex contains the following fauna:

Bellefontia n. sp. a Bellefontia cf. B. chamberlaini Clark Clelandia utahensis Ross Hystricurus genalatus Ross Hystricurus paragenalatus Ross Hystricurus politus Ross Hystricurus n. sp. a Bellefontia-like n. gen. n. sp. a Pseudokainella ? sp. A Remopleuridiella caudalimbata Ross Symphysurina cf. §. elegans Poulsen Symphysurina n. sp. a and n. sp. b Xenostegium franklinense Ross Xenostegium sp. A

Apheoorthis cf. A. melita (Hall and Whitfield) Lingulella cf. L. pogonipensis Walcott Ophileta sp.

The upper zone corresponding to Ross' zone C, consists of a few thin layers of silty limestone crowded with the remains of unsilicified brachiopods of the genus Syntrophina and partially silicified trilobites of the genus Paraplethopeltis. This zone is found within ten to twenty feet of the top of the House limestone in the Ibex area and bears the following fossils:

> Hystricurus cf. H. genalatus Ross Hystricurus cf. H. politus Ross Hystricurus n. sp. b Paraplethopeltis n. sp. a and n. sp. b Pseudokainella ? n. sp. b Symphysurina n. sp. c

> Syntrophina cf. §. campbelli (Walcott)

# Fillmore Limestone

Intraformational conglomerate beds are found almost throughout the Pogonip group in western Utah but they are especially abundant in the Fillmore limestone, which is named for the town of Fillmore, Utah. This formation is characteristically a comples of thin bedded interbeds of intraformational conglomerate, limy siltstone, muddy limestone, and limy shales, with occasional thin layers of calcilutite. Attempts to trace even the most resistantappearing beds from one locality to another have met with failure as the individual beds thin and lens out, or grade into other beds, within short distances.

The shallow water clastic origin of the Fillmore limestone is attested not only by the intraformational conglomerate itself, but also by occasional ripple-marks and cross-laminations, and by the abundance of beds of size-sorted silicified trilobite "hash" mostly water-worn beyond even generic recognition. Much quartz silt and fine sand is included in the limestone. This predominatly intraformationally conglomeratic character of the beds just above the base of the Lower Ordovician of Utah has been noted also in the Garden City formation of northeastern Utah, and in the Opohonga limestone of the Tintic district, utah.

Although individual beds are not recognizable from one locality to the next, certain lithologic sequences can be recognized within the Fillmore limestone of the Ibex area. This is fortunate as the entire thickness of the Fillmore limestone is not exposed in any one section. The lowest part is represented only in Yersin Ridge (Ibex section C and D) anq in the Willden Hills (Ibex section E); the middle and upper parts appear in the southern end of the Heckethorn Hills (Ibex section G and H). The Yersin Ridge and the Heckethorn Hills sections overlap considerably. Sequences of lithologies and faunal zones can be traced from one section to the other, and a composite section constructed, the

thickness of which is more than 1500 feet. The formation is defined to comprise all beds between the top of the House limestone and the base of the Wahwah limestone; Ibex sections D, G, and H are designated as the type localities for the various portions as listed in the section descriptions.

The Fillmore limestone thins eastward and at Scipio, Utah, is about half as thick as at Ibex. Westward fran Ibex in Nevada the thickness changes little but the lithology changes considerably.<br>Intraformational conglomerates become less prominent westward, and quartz detritus is less conspicuous in the limestone. Chert becomes more prominent and several thick bedded, resistant beds appear.

Seven faunal zones are recognized in the Fillmore limestone at Ibex, Utah, corresponding approximately to Ross<sup> $(1949, 1951)$ </sup> faunal zones D, E, F, G-l, G-2, H, and I. The faunules from western Utah for these zones are as follows:

- D. This lowest zone occurs within 50 feet of the base of the Fillmore limestone intraformational conglomerate and contains a few rather poorly preserved trilobites of which only Kainella has been positively identified. Kainella is not reported by Ross from the Leiostegium manitouensis bearing zone D in northeastern Utah but inasmuch as the writer has found Leiostegium manitouensis and Kainella associated together 'at Sunnyside, Nevada the Kainella bearing zone D of Ibex is believed to correspond with the Leiostegium bearing zone D of northeastern Utah.
- $E_{\bullet}$  This zone of western Utah differs from Ross' zone E in relative abundance of certain forms (Ross personal communication) and in the fact that some trilobite genera such as Hyperbolochilus, reported by Ross only from zone F, are found in western Utah in this lower zone as well. In the Ibex area this zone extends through about 75 feet of beds and contains the following fo rms :

Amblycranium variabile Ross Hyperbolochilus sp. Hystricurus sp. C Ross 1951 pl. 10 Hystricurus cf. H. oculilunatus Ross Leiostegium n. sp. a Pseudoclelandia cf. P. lenisora Ross Pseudohystricurus sp: Tesselecauda cf. T. depressa Ross Pilekia ? sp. Ross 1951 pl. 35

Syntrophina ? sp.

F. About one-third of the species listed by Ross for this zone in northeastern utah have been found in the Fillmore limestone and in addition a new species of Parahystricurus. In the Ibex area the zone occurs through about \$0 feet of intraformational conglomerate beds in which most of the trilobite remains have been

broken beyond recognition during deposition. The following forms have been recovered:

> Amblycranium cornutum Ross Goniophrys prima Ross Hyperbolochilus cf. H. marginauctum Ross Hystricurus contractus Ross Hystricurus oculilunatus Ross Licnocephala sp. Parahystricurus cf. P. fraudator Ross Parahystricurus n. sp.a Protopliomerops superciliosa Ross

 $G-I.$  - This zone is about 240 feet thick in the Ibex area and the most abundant fossil is a new species of the genus Megalaspidiella.

> Jeffersonia ? sp. Megalaspidiella n. sp. a Asaphellus ? eudocia (Walcott) Menoparia genalunata Ross Parahystricurus sp. Nileus-like sp. A Protopliomerops celsaora Ross Protopliomerops n. sp. a and n. sp. b Psalikilus n. sp. a

Dictyonema sp.

Hormotoma-like gastropod impressions.

 $G-2$ . - As in the preceding zone a representative of the genus Megalaspidiella is the most abundant fossil in this zone' in western Utah where the zone extends through over 400 feet of beds in the middle part of the fillmore limestone intraformational conglomerates.

> Carolinites sp. A Jeffersonia ? sp. A Kirkella n. sp. f. Licnocephala bicornuta Ross Megalaspidiella n. sp. b Menoparia genalunata Ross Niobe? n. sp.a Protopliomerops cf. P. celsaora Ross Protopliomerops contracta Ross Protopliomerops n. sp. c Psalikilus typicum Ross Psalikilus n. sp. a Nileus-like n. gen. n. SPa a Rananasus sp.

Nanorthis ? sp. Syntrophina ? sp.

Endoceras sp.

Dictyonema sp. Didymograptus ? sp. H. - This zone is characterized by its most abundant trilobite, Trigonocerca, a prominent guide fossil found in . almost every section examined in Utah and eastern Nevada. This zone extends through over 225 feet of beds in the Ibex area where it also contains the many other fossils listed below in addition to Trigonocerca.

> Carolinites cf. *Q.* genacinaca Ross Dimeropygiella n. sp. a and n. sp. b Goniotelus sp. Jeffersonia ? sp. Kirkella n. sp. a Nileus-like n. gen. n. SPa b Psalikilus sp. A Pseudocybele n. sp. a and n. sp. b ProtopIiomerops n. sp. c Trigonocerca typica Ross

Diparalasma sp. Hesperonomia ? sp. Trematorthis sp.

Bellerophon-like steinkerns Euomphalus ? sp.

Catoraphiceras sp. Eridoceras sp.

sponge ? elongate hollow form

 $I. -$  This uppermost zone of the Fillmore limestone is best exposed in section H at Ibex, Utah where it is at least 135 feet thick. This zone occupies the same stratigraphic position as Ross' zone I in northeastern Utah but they have only Hesperonomia sp. and Goniotelus sp. in common. A list of the ibex faunule from this zone follows:

> Bathyurellus ? sp. Carolinites genacinaca Ross Goniotelus ? sp. Isoteloides n. sp.a. Kirkella n. sp. a and n. sp. b Nileus-like n. gen. n. sp. c Pseudocybele n. sp. a and n. sp. b

Hesperonomia sp. Syntrophina ? sp.

Bellerophon-like steinkerns

Endoceras sp.

Phyllograptus sp.

#### Wahwah Limestone

The Wahwah limestone, named from the Wahwah valley (see Fig. 2), is a ledge-forming quartz silty calcisiltite that contrasts top· ographically with the underlying slope-forming Fillmore limestone. Wahwah ledges are especially apparent in the type section, Ibex

section H, as the lowest four of the five prominent ledges traceable northward to Ibex section J. The formation is resistant because of its high content of silty and fine sandy detritus so that its more massive beds stand as ledges or hogbacks wherever exposed from central Utah into east central Nevada, but in central Nevada equivalent beds are more shaly and less resistant. The Wahwah limestone is 227 feet thick in the type section at Ibex, Utah.

The Wahwah limestone is proliferously fossiliferous in the lower half, bearing perhaps the most widely reported Candadian fauna in the Great Basin, that designated by Ross (1949, 1951) as zone J. The following is a list of the fauna from this zone in western Utah:

"Barrandia ? sp." Walcott Carolinites genacinaca Ross Cybelopsis cf. C. speciosa Poulsen Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross Goniotelus, sp. A, sp. B, sp. C, sp. D Isoteloides cf. I. polaris Poulsen Isoteloides ? n. sp. b Kawina sexapugia Ross Kawina n. sp. a Kirkella declivita Ross Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross Nileus-like n. gen. n. sp. d Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen Pseudocybele nasuta Ross Illaenus~like n. gen. n. sp. a Trigonocerca ? n. sp. a Diparalasma sp. Hesperonomia cf. H. dinorthoides Ulrich and Cooper Tritoechia cf. T. sinuata Ulrich and Cooper Lesuerilla ? sp. Raphistomina sp. Bellerophon-like sp. Gampbelloceras ? sp. Catoraphiceras sp.

Zittelella cf. Z. clarae Howell sponge ? bryozoan ? impressions cystid plates

Near the top of the Wahwah limestone in the Ibex area a onefoot bed, crowded with valves of the brachiopod Hesperonomiella minor (Walcott), serves as a useful marker horizon. The only other fossils common in this bed are gastropod steinkerns of Lophospiralike and Lytospira-like aspect. This bed has yielded none of the forms noted by Ross (1949, 1951) from his faunal zone K but it occupies a similar stratigraphic position and is probably nearly equivalent.

#### Juab Limestone

This name, from Juab County, Utah, is proposed for the fine sandy calcisiltite lithologically distinctive from the Wahwah

limestone below and the Kanosh shale above by its lack of shaly detritus and its characteristic medium gray, slabby appearance. Nodules of limonite pseudomorphs up to 1-1/2 inches in diameter weather from the Juab limestone. The thickness of the Juab in its type locality, Ibex section J, is 139 feet.

Fossils are not abundant and are but poorly preserved in the Juab in contrast to the formations above and below. The brachiopod genus Orthis makes its first appearance in the species O. subalata Ulrich and Cooper and suggests assignment of this unit to the Chazy-<br>an. Thus the Canadian - Chazyan time boundry is probably near the Thus the Canadian - Chazyan time boundry is probably near the Wahwah - Juab contact. Other fossils tentatively indentified from the poorly preserved material of the Juab include the trilobites Pliomerops, Eleutherocentrus, and Parapilekia. This Juab limestone fauna correlates with Ross' (1949, 1951) faunal zone L of the uppermost Garden City formation of northeastern Utah.

#### Kanosh Shale

The Kanosh shale, named for a village in central Utah near which there is an exposure of the formation, appears abruptly above the Juab limestone. Though predominantly a yellowish-brown, olive, gray, or pink fissile shale, intercalated throughout are many thin~ bedded limestone beds; in the upper part several thin bedded, orange weathering siltstone and fine sandstone also occur. The formation is very fossiliferous. Certain of the interbedded limestones are comprised largely of the valves of the brachiopods Orthis michaelis Clark and Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper, and others of the ostracods Macronotella sp. and Leperditia sp., the last-named, however, is even more abundant in the overlying Lehman formation. Trilobites, gastropods, orthocones, receptaculites, bryozoans, and cystid fragments are common in the formation; fossils are well preserved but rarely silicified. Lower beds of the Kanosh shales are exposed at Ibex section J; the entire formation is exposed at the type locality, Ibex section K, on the flank of Fossil Mountain; the upper beds are well exposed in Smooth Canyon, at Ibex section L. and at Crystal Peak, Utah.

In the Ibex area the Kanosh shale measures about 500 feet but estward from there it thins markedly. At the Scipio, Utah, section little of the formation is actually exposed but it is not more than 370 feet thick. It is even thinner in the Kanosh section some 35 miles southwestward from Scipio, although the exact thickness there is unknown because of structural complications. Tha Kanosh shale is found to the west as far as the Snake Range in eastern Nevada where limited exposures north of Big Spring reveal its typical lithology. Fifty miles farther westward, at Sunnyside, Nevada, equivalent beds lack the fissile shales and are predominantly limestone and limy siltstone.

Two faunal zones are recognized in the Kanosh shale. The lower zone, corresponding to Ross<sup>1</sup> (1949, 1951) highest zone, M, from the Swan Peak formation of northeastern utah, occurs from the base of the Kanosh shale upwards through about 300 feet of beds in the Ibex area and contains the following fossils:

Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) Carolinites cf. *Q.* killaryensis (Stubblefield)  $Cy$ belopsis sp.  $(Targe)$ Eleutherocentrus cf. E. petersoni Clark. Pliomerops n. sp. a Pliomerops n. sp. b (large) n. gen. P, n. sp. a and n. sp. b Leperditia sp. Macronotella ? sp. Acrotreta ? sp. (large) Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper Lingula sp Orthis michaelis Clark Bellerophon-like sp. n. gen. gastropod near Maclurites Endoceras large and small species Receptaculites mammillaris Walcott bryozoa, spherical and branching cystid plates and calcite balls

The upper zone, here given a letter designation, N, is found in the upper part of the Kanosh shale and in the overlying Lehman formation and contains the following:

> Barrandia ? sp. Cybelopsis sp. (large) Illaenus n. sp. a Nieszkowskia ? n. sp. a Pseudosphaeroexochus sp. n. gen. P, n. sp. c Anomalorthis sp. Lingula sp. Orthis ? sp. Kirkina millardensis Salmon

MOdiolopsis ? sp.

Hormotoma-like sp. Lecanospira-like sp. Maclurites sp. Raphistoma sp.

Endoceras sp. Trocholites ? sp.

bryozoans, spherical and branching

## Lehman Formation

As typical of the Ordovician of western Utah and eastern Nevada as the quartzite below which it occurs is the thin to thick bedded, fossiliferous, blue gray calcilutite here given the name Lehman formation, after exposures in the Snake Range near the Lehman Caves, Nevada. A few beds of sandstone and quartzite alternate with the calcilutite. In the Ibex area the base of the Lehman formation is the base·of the lowest interbedded sandstone ledge, and the upper limit of the formation is the top of the highest calcilutite

beneath the Swan Peak? quartzite ledges. The most abundant fossil is Leperditia cf. **1.** bivia White, which occurs also in the Kanosh shale. The Lehman formation of western Utah carries the same fauna as the uppermost Kanosh shale. Uppermost Lehman beds to the west in Nevada carry a younger fauna than any recognized in the Lehman formation in Utah, the Eofletcheria zone fauna. In its type locality, Ibex section L, the Lehman formation is almost 200 feet thick.

Eastward from Ibex the Lehman thins to dissappearance. It was not recognized at Scipio, Utah, and at Kanosh, Utah only a few feet of limestone above the Kanosh shale have been tentatively assigned to the Lehman formation. Westward from Ibex the Lehman more than doubles in thickness by the overlying Swan Peak? quartzite grading into the Lehman lithology westward.

#### Garden City Formation

The Garden City formation of northeastern Utah and its trilobite faunas has recently been the subject of an excellent study by Reuben J. Ross (1949, 1951) and the reader is referred to Ross<sup>1</sup> papers for a discussion of that formation and the Swan Peak formation in their type localities. However, comparison of Garden City and Pogonip lithologies and an explanation of the usage of the Garden City as a formational name in the present report would seem to be in order here.

Lithologies of the lower Garden City formation of northeastern Utah and the lower Pogonip group of the Ibex area are similar; the lower 300 feet or so of Garden City contains a scattering of light colored chert' stringers similar to those in the House limestone; also, the lower two-thirds of the Garden City formation is of predominantly intraformational limestone conglomerate as is the thickest Pogonip unit, the Fillmore limestone, the conditions of deposition of which are believed to be substantially the same as described by Ross (1951, p. 33) for this lithology. However, the upper parts of the Pogonip and Garden City differ; lithologically the cherty upper member of the Garden City formation is very different from the approximately equivalent Wahwah and Juab limestones; furthermore, higher faunal zones (M and.N) are found in the Pogonip group than are present in the Garden City formation. Inasmuch as the Garden City formation represents only a part of the Pogonip group it was felt desirable to use the Garden City as a formational name only in the northern Utah sections in this report (Stansbury, Lakeside, Promontory Point) where the lithologies and faunas in the upper third of the formation more closely agree with the Garden City than with the Pogonip group of western Utah. The Utah Pogonip lithologies and faunas can be traced westward, through some transitions, to the limestones first designated as Pogonip some seventy years ago by Hague and. King after Pogonip Mountain in the White Pine mining district of east central Nevada.

# Swan Peak ? Quartzite

As defined in northeastern Utah (see Ross, 1949, p. 478) the Swan Peak formation comprises all beds above the typical Garden City limestone and below the Upper Ordovician dolomite and consists of two main lithologies, the lower half a shaly fossiliferous sequence, the upper a vitreous quartzite member. This same relation obtains

in central Utah where the Kanosh shale appears to be almost identical in fauna as well as in lithology with the lower Swan Peak of northeastern utah. The Swan Peak ? quartzite of central Utah is also almost identical lithologically with the upper quartzite member of the Swan Peak formation of northeastern Utah. However, the intervening Lehman formation of central Utah has no counterpart, either in lithology or fauna, in the northeastern Utah sections. It is impossible to trace the upper quartzite member of the Swan Peak formation southward from the type area as it thins to disappear, probably by erosion, in the central Wasatch, Lakeside, Stansbury, and Tintic ranges, although the lower shaly member persists at Lakeside and Stansbury. Two alternatives are considered; first, that the Lehman formation of central Utah is equivalent to the upper quartzite member of the Swan Peak formation of northeastern utah, in which case the Swan Peak ? quartzite of central Utah would have no counterpart in northeastern Utah and should have a new name; and second, that the Lehman formation is represented within the Swan Peak formation of northeastern Utah, albeit unrecognizable, and that the Swan Peak ? quartzite of central Utah is equivalent to the upper quartzite member of the Swan Peak formation of northeastern Utah. The latter view has been taken by Webb (1949) in his study of the Ordovician quartzites. At Ibex the Swan Peak ? quartzite consists of about 250 feet of quartzites and sandstones at Ibex section L. It is overlain by the Middle Ordovician Delomite mem-. ber. Webb has shown that both the Swan Peak ? quartzite of central utah and the Swan Peak formation of northeastern Utah are older than the Eureka quartzite of Nevada. The Swan Peak ? quartzite is regressive, according to Webb, thinning in western Utah to disappear in eastern Nevada, grading into successively younger Pogonip zones westward.

#### Dolomite Member

The Dolomite member, 85 feet thick and as yet unnamed, occurs between the Swan Peak? and Eureka quartzites in the Ibex area. This dolomite, heretofore undifferentiated from the Poponip limestones, also underlies the Eureka quartzite in eastern Nevada. Webb (1949) has correlated the Dolomite member with an as yet unnamed calcareous shale, which bears a late Chazyan to medial Trentonian fauna, and underlies the Eureka quartzite in central Nevada. Limestone lenses within the Dolomite have yielded some brachiopods which are under study by Webb, but the most'conspicuous fossil in the member is the coral Eofletcheria which forms biostrome in western Utah about three feet thick. This Eofletcheria-bearing horizon is here designated as faunal zone O.

Twenhofel (1932, p. 350) states, "..that most, if not all, dolomites were formed in shallow water..." Direct evidence for the depth of water during deposition of the Dolomite member has not been observed, but as it occurs at the top of a thick series of clastic limestones and shales and just beneath an orthoquartzite, the shallow waters of an epicontinental sea would seem to be indicated. The question naturally arises; of what significance is the fact that the dolomite persistantly underlies the Ordovician quartzite? Is it a blanket deposit laid at one time as a sheet over the area, or is it connected in some way with environmental

conditions just preceding quartzite deposition? Certain observations suggest the latter view. First, a similar dolomite - quartzite relationship of somewhat earlier age occurs in northeastern Utah where the lower part of the Swan Peak quartzite rests on a dolomite at the top of the Garden City formation (Ross, 1949, p. 477; Williams, 1948, p. 1135). Secondly, Ross notes that this dolomite, in certain instances, has formed by replacement of limestone. Such would appear to be also the case for the Dolomite member, which at Sunnyside, Nevada, is seen to pass into limestone in a short distance along the strike. The widespread areal distribution of the dolomite - quartzite sequence tends to indicate that such replacement was probably penecontemporaneous rather than a much later secondary replacement; the fact that dolomites occur beneath both the Swan Peak (in northern Utah) quartzite and the younger Eureka quartzite (in western Utah and Nevada) suggests environmental control.

Thickness of the Dolomite member is less than 100 feet in western Utah and Nevada. The upper Garden City dolomite unit in northern Utah attains somewhat greater thickness. On the west side of Promontory Point it measures about 200 feet; in the east limb of the Stansbury Island anticline on the south end of the "island" (now land-bridged) almost 400 feet of dolomite underlie 250 feet of interbedded dolomite and ripple-marked sandstone, which in turn underlie more than 700 feet of magnacross-bedded sandstone and quartzite. Whether this maximum deVelopment of the dolomite bears any genetic relationship to this maximum development of the dunelike cross bedding in the-Ordovician sands there, and whether this occurrence could thus be regarded as indirect data bearing on the shallowness of dolomite-forming seas is questionable, but the coincidence is noteworthy.

#### Eureka Quartzite

At Ibex the massive cliff forming quartzite overlying the Dolomite member and underlying the Upper Ordovician cherty dolomite has been correlated with the Eureka quartzite of central Nevada by Webb (1949) in his concurrent study of the Ordovician quartzites of the Great Basin. The maximum thickness yet found for the Eureka is at Ibex where the quartzite measures 537 feet. While in many western Utah and eastern Nevada sections this quartzite regularly overlies the Dolomite member, its relation to underlying rocks in central Nevada as noted by Merriam and Anderson (1942, p. 1684) is by no means so simple. Whereas the Eureka quartzite lies on Middle Ordovician shaly beds in central Nevada in the Antelope and Monitor Ranges, in nearby local it ies it is found to rest with no angular discordance upon older rocks. At lone Mountain, 28 miles to the north, and at Bellevue Peak, 20 miles to the northeast in the Eureka district, the quartzite lies on the Chazyan limestone. In the Roberts Mountains at Pete Hanson Creek some 20 miles north of Lone Mountain, and in the Cortez mining district 20 miles farther northward, the Eureka quartzite rests on unfossiliferous dolomites which are lithologically like uppermost Cambrian dolomites elsewhere in the region. Eureka quartzite in central Nevada thus rests with regional unconformity on strata varying in age from Upper Cambrian (?) to Middle Ordovician from Cortez southward to the Antelope Valley.

According to Webb, deposition of the quartzite was followed by a period of erosion prior to the deposition of the Upper Ordovician dolomite. A forthcoming bulletin of the Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey by Webb will elucidate Eureka quartzite relationships.

#### Upper Ordovician

The Upper Ordovician, typically a dolomite only a few hundred feet thick, is one of the most persistent stratigraphic units in the Great Basin. Commonly the dolomite is dark gray and cherty; the most common fossils are dolomitized outlines of the long-ranging corals, Streptelasma and Halysites, consequently in some localities lacking other fossils they have not been distinguished from the similar dolomites of the overlying Silurian. A few localities, however, have yielded a more diagnostic brachiopod fauna, some elements of which are rather uniformly present also in correlative formations of the central United States. Many older publications list this fauna as Richmondian; later Kirk (1930, p. 464-465) suggested that "this horizon was of Cincinnatian age, and in the sense of being pre-Richmond, post-Trenton"; Kay (1935, p. 589) suggested assignment of the unit to the late Trentonian, Cincinnatian, or both. Mr. Richard **W.** Rush is currently working on the Upper Ordovician and Silurian dolomites in western Utah, and his results will be published in a forthcoming bulletin of the Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey.

The Upper Ordovician has been separately mapped as the Fish Haven dolomite in northeastern Utah (Richardson, 1941, Williams, 1948) and at Gold Hill (Nolan, 1935), as the Ely Springs dolomite at Pioche, Nevada (Westgate, 1932) and at Death Valley (Hazzard, 1938), and as the argillaceous and limy Hanson Creek formation in central Nevada (Merriam and Anderson, 1942). The Bluebell dolomite of the Tintic district, Utah (Loughlin, 1919; Lovering, 1949) is probably an equivalent. At no locality has the Upper Ordovician been reported to lie with an angular unconformity upon the Eureka quartzite, but thin dolomitic sands at the top of the Eureka are said to represent reworking of the exposed sand by the transgressing late Ordovician sea. An erosional unconformity seems indicated, for at Tintic, Gold Hill, and Lakeside, Utah the Middle Ordovician deposits are absent. Upper Ordovician deposits represent the most widespread invasion of any Paleozoic sea in North America, and the marine carbonate sheet deposited at that time sealed off the underlying Ordovician and Cambrian sands as well as some of the pre-Cambrian crystalline areas from thenceforth being sources of quartz detritus.

#### POSSIBLE PETROLEUM SOURCE BEDS AND RESERVOIR ROCKS

The lower four formations of the Pogonip group in western Utah, the House, Fillmore, Wahwah, and Juab limestones are not regarded by the writer as favorable petroleum,source or reservoir beds. Although these beds are largely detrital with considerable amounts of quartz fine sand and silt intermixed with carbonate detritus, the carbonate cementing material renders them compact and unporous. Digestion of many samples of these formations with hydrochloric acid has shown that they do not contain any hydrocarbon

residue and can hardly be regarded as source beds for petroleum.

The succeeding Ordovician formations are more favorable. Both the Kanosh shale and the Lehman formation are abundantly fossiliferous. Upon leaching with acid certain beds of these formations yield an oily residue. The overlying quartzites are possible reservoir rocks. Some of the horizons, especially in the lower part of the Swan Peak quartzite and the upper part of the Eureka are incompletely cemented and somewhat porous. Joint fractures are abundant in the quartzites in most localities. Apparently the quartzites have yielded to deformation by fracturing and in consequence the jointing planes are much more prominent in the quartzites than in the underlying and overlying rocks. Such fractures should considerably increase the permeability of the Ordovician quartzites as possible reservoir rocks. In suitable structures such as apparently exist *in* the Burbank Hills of western Utah the Ordovician quartzites should not be overlooked as possible oil bearers.

## CLASSIFICATION

Cloud and Barnes (1946) have recognized three major faunalfacies groups in the Lower Ordovician of North America; first, a shale-graptolite facies; second, a limestone~brachioped facies; and third, a cherty carbonate-molluscan facies. Comparison of faunas (and time standards) between these different facies is difficult for they appear to have few fossils in common. Trilobites are apparently of limited importance in the cherty carbonate-molluscan facies in the lower Ordovici an of the ozarks, the Ellenburger of Texas, and most of the lower Ordovician of the Appalachians. And gastropods are certainly of limited importance in the trilobite-brachiopod faunas of the Pogonip group, consisting of poorly preserved steinkerns wherever the trilobites are well preserved and abundant only in the Palliseria zone of central Nevada, in the facies lacking trilobites.

It seems inadvisable, therefore, to refer the magnificent trilobite sequence of the western Lower Ordovician to another North American standard, such as the Ozarks or the Appalachian, in which that sequence is only scantily known. Certain correlations can be made however. The faunas of the House limestone compare with the lower Ordovician faunas in the Tribes Hill, Stonehenge, Gasconade and Manitou formations. Succeeding Pogonip fromations record an unbroken history of sedimentation and faunal change well into Chazyan time. Faunas in the Juab limestone and Kanosh shale resemble those found in the Joins formation of Oklahoma; the Lehman formation of central Utah may be provisionally correlated with the Oil Creek. The Pogonip faunal-facies as a whole is best compared to the Arbuckle group of Oklahoma and the El Paso formation of west Texas. Faunas found in the Antelope Valley area of central Nevada indicate a late Chazyap to medial Trentonian age for the shaly carbonates just beneath the Eureka quartzite. The dolomite overlying the Eureka quartzite is late Trentonian, Cincinnatian, or both.

## STRUCTURAL CO NSIDERATI ONS

To appreciate the present distribution of the Ordovician in the Basin and Range province it is advantageous to review the structural history of the region. Nolan  $(1943, p. 142)$  has summarized this as follows:

"The geosynclinal sea which in the early part of the Paleozoic era covered most of the province and in which many thousands of feet of sediments were deposited was divided in late Devonian time by a rising arch or geanticline in western Nevada. Locally there was moderate deformation during the uplift, but by Permian time elevation had ceased and most of the positive area had been covered by marine sediments. Coincidentally with the degradation of this geanticline during the Permain epoch similar uplift began in eastern Nevada, and a land mass between two seas persisted there, until early Jurassic time, when, instead of subsiding as the earlier one did, it became the site of intense diastrophism, marked particularly by large overthrust faults, To judge from the relatively meager evidence available, recurrent epochs of similar deformation continued into early Tertiary time, affecting an area that considerably exceeded that of the Basin and Range province . . . The Mesozoic and early Tertiary folding and overthrusting were succeeded closely by the initiation of the block faulting that has been the chief cause directly or indirectly of the present relief of the province. The faulting appears to have started at least by early Oligocene and to have continued up to the present day."

The block faulting has served to afford fine exposures of the Paleozoic column in various ranges throughout the province. The distribution of Ordovician exposures thus provided is admirably suited to stratigraphic studies. Thrust faulting, however, may have served to dislocate the sections from their original depositional site. Structural studies of the Great Basin have not proceeded far enouch to determine the amount of the displacement or 'even the locus of the thrust plates except in a few instances. In central Nevada Merriam and Anderson (1942) have postulated a thrust which has brought the western shaly facies (Vinini) of the Ordovician into juxtaposition with the Pogonip limestone facies. Thrust faulting is known in several localities in south central Nevada, and there appears to be a belt of thrusts in a line slightly east of north through central Nevada. Longwell (1949) and Hewett (1931) in their studies of the Muddy Mountains and Goodsprings areas of southern Nevada show extensive thrusting, and other thrusts have been found in a belt connecting this southern Nevada region with the thrusts in the Wasatch Mountains near Ogden, Utah (Eardley, 1944). Intermediate areas in this belt where thrusting is recognized are Pioche, Nevada (Westgate and Knopf, 1932), San Francisco, utah (Hintze, 1949) Pavant Range, utah (Maxey, 1946), Canyon Range, Utah (Christiansen, 1950) Gold Hill, Utah (Nolan, 1935), Sheeprock Range, Utah (Loughlin in Butler, 1920), Southern Wasatch Range, Utah (Eardley, 1934), and Oquirrh Range, Utah (Gilluly, 1932).

Realizing the widespread occurrence of thrust dislocations in the Basin and Range province, nonetheless it has not been possible





to determine whether any of the stratigraphic sections studied in this report are allochthonous. The stratigraphy itself shows no anomalies that might be the result of gross displacement and it is thus assumed for purposes of interpreting paleogeography that the various stratigraphic sections of this report have not been greatly, if at all, displaced by the thrust faults of the Great Basin.

Certain relations *in* the Ibex area suggest the possibility of thrusting there. Eureka quartzite boulders are found resting on Fillmore limestones on top of Yersin Ridge. Present topography is such that these boulders could not have come from adjacent hills. Further, the Eureka quartzite of Ibex is not a durable rock and is not found as talus away from the immediate base of its cliffs, nor does it persist as boulders in the desert stream washes. Yersin does it persist as boulders in the desert stream washes. Ridge was neither glaciated nor submerged beneath Lake Bonneville during the Pleistocene. The presence of the Eureka quartzite boulders is thus a difficult thing to explain. Possibly they are the remnant of an overthrust sheet of Ordovician quartzite.

Cambrain beds dip southward from Notch Peak in the House Range and are concealed beneath the lower Ordovician beds in the Yersin Ridge syncline (see Fig. 3), reappearing south of Lava Dam in the Yersin Hills. Southward, beds of Cambrain age comprise most of the San Francisco and Wahwah Ranges. Butting against this linear trend of older Paleozoic rocks from the Nevada line to the Ibex Hills is a heterogeneous assemblage of Ordovician and later Paleozoic rocks in small, much faulted blocks. Orodovician quartzite cliffs are strikingly distributed in echelon from the Ibex Hills southwestward to the Halfway Hills. North-south anticlinal folding in the Burbank Hills suggests east-west compressional forces. The above considerations make it clear that the possibility of thrusting having dislocated the Ordovician in the Ibex area from its site of deposition cannot be entirely disregarded.

#### PALEOGEOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS

Throughout the Great Basin the Pogonip group lies on the Cambrain and reflects a continuation of the conditions that prevailed in late Cambrian time. Studies of the Lower and Middle Cambrian stratigraphy by Wheeler (1944, 1948) disclose a widespread faunal and lithologic continuity over most of the Great Basin, the lithogenetic units having a tendency to become younger eastward. McKee (1945) presents evidence for an eastern source of clastics deposited in the southern part of the Cambrian geosyncline. The Upper Cambrian limestones have not been studied sufficiently to show details of their pattern of distribution but in several Great Basin localities they are reported to be 2000 to 3000 feet thick. The Cambrian thins rapidly near the eastern border of the miogeosyncline am is thin on the craton in eastern utah, Wyoming, and Colorado, in places locally absent.

The Pogonip limestone thickens from about 1700 feet at Scipio near the miogeosynclinal margin to a rather constant 3000 feet in western Utah and eastern Nevada, the broad area of the miogeosyncline having subsided as a plate. Additional subsidence is recorded in central Nevada. In eastern Utah, well records show the Ordovician to be thin or absent (see Hintze,  $1949$ , p. 49). In central Colorado the Manitou limestone, bearing only the lowermost Ordovician faunas lies in places on Upper Cambrian sands and in places directly on the pre-Cambrian (Maher, 1950). Though thinning of the lower Pogonip units from western to central Utah is by convergence, part of the thinning of upper units, just preceding or following the quartzite, may be erosional truncation. Middle Ordovician erosion is certainly indicated for marginal areas to the north by the truncation of the earlier Ordovician rocks of the Tintic district, Utah, where the Upper Ordovician Bluebell dolomite rests directly on Lower Ordovician Opohonga limestone, the Middle Ordovician limestones and sands being absent probably by erosion rather than nondeposition. The entire Ordovician section is notably absent on the flanks of the Uinta Mountains (see Fig. 1) whether by erosion or non-deposition is indeterminable but it is noteworthy that this east-west Uinta trend was a positive area even in Ordovician time. (The Cambrian, too, is much thinner in this vicinity than in northeastern Utah or the basin ranges of western Utah). In the Wasatch Mountains near Salt Lake City a white quartzite about 150 feet thick occurs at Becks Spur and in Neffs Canyon between Cambrian and Devonian limestones, but it is absent from the same interval a few miles farther south in Big Cottonwood Canyon. On Stansbury Island the Ordovician Swan Peak formation includes over 600 feet of dunecrossbedded sand evidencing the approximate locus of the Ordovician beach. Just a few miles to the southwest, however, in the Stansbury Mountains, the quartzite is absent; a few miles farther to the west and north in the Lakeside Mountains a one foot quartzite bed is found directly beneath the Upper Ordovician carbonates. Ross (1949, p. 490) notes the possibility of erosional bevelling as an explanation of the thinning of the Swan Peak quartzite to the southwest within the Logan quadrangle. Therefore, evidence seems to indicate a period of erosion (and possibly local upwarps in the Ogden-Salt Lake-Provo region) in Middle Ordovician time prior to the deposition of the Upper Ordovician carbonate. On the cratonal area to the east in central Colorado the Middle Ordovician Harding sandstone rests variously on Pre-Cambrian to lowermost Ordovician (Manitou) strata.

Presence of large amounts of fine quartz arenaceous material in the Pogonip group in central utah, combined with shallow water features such as intraformational conglomerates, ripplemarks, cross laminations, and beds of worn and sorted trilobite fragments indicate that the area lay near- the eastern shore of the epeiric sea. The fact that texture of this included quartz detritus decreases westward and that the Kanosh shale passes westward into limestones indicates an eastern source for the terrigenous material.

No special efforts have been made to record the orientation of pebbles, fossils, or crossbedding, nor are these features so obvious in the Pogonip group that any preferred orientation is noticeable. As nothing coarser than fine sand (the intraformational conglomerate forming locally) has been found in the Ordovician of the Great Basin, the source area was low lying, distant, or both. During Pogonip deposition relative increase in the proportion of terrigenous detritus to carbonate occurs in the Wahwah limestone but the succeeding Juab limestone is less silty. Influx of greater amounts of fine terrigenous materials began again with the deposition



Fig. 4.- Generalized diagrammatic stretigraphic sections of Ordovician formations from several Utah localities.

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of the Kanosh shales in utah, and was climaxed by the deposition of the Swan Peak? quartzite. This quartzite thins markedly to the west and is represented in the Snake Range only by a thin calcareous sand in the equivalent Leman beds. Shallowing of the seas may be indicated by the thin Dolomite member which preceded the deposition of the Eureka quartzite in Utah and eastern Nevada. As already noted, a period of erosion probably marked the end of quartz deposition although it is possible that some areas continued to receive sand while others were being eroded. However, in late Trentonian or Cincinnatian time the entire Great Basin was again submerged and the upper Ordovician dolomite (Fish Haven, Ely Springs, Bluebell, etc.) deposited as a sheet over not only the geosynclinal belt but most of the cratonal source area as well, sealing many areas from ever again being sources of quartz detritus.

#### STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS

The following stratigraphic sections are arranged successively, the Ibex area northward. The figures in column I are the thicknesses (in feet) of the individual described units; those in column II are cumulative thicknesses from the base of the formation or exposure as the case may be. Measurements were made with Abney hand level or steel tape and Brunton compass as convenient. Descriptive color terminology is that of the National Reserach Council Rock Color Chart  $(1948)$ , a copy of which was carried in the field. Detrital calcite rocks (calcitites) of sand texture (calcarenites), silt texture (calcisiltites), and clay texture (calcilutites) were distinguished in the field. Several samples of Pogonip limestones from Ibex were tested in the laboratory and found to be entirely lacking in magnesium. Dolomites were recognized in the field by their weathered brownish gray color and their failure to effervesce in dilute hydrochloric acid.

The following bedding thickness usage is employed: thick bedded, over  $24$  inches; medium bedded,  $4$  to  $24$  inches; thin bedded, 2 to 4 inches; very thin bedded,  $1/2$  to inches; shaly, under  $1/2$ inch thick. Estimates of the relative abundance of fossil forms was somewhat subjective but the three categories used were as follows: abundant (a) forms are those which comprise considerable parts of certain strata as noted in the field or in silicified samples upon leaching, the individuals being too numerous to count ordinarily; common (c) forms are those, several individuals of which have been noted in the field or in silicified residues; the rare (r) category is reserved for less than three individuals of a fom. in a sample.

IBEX SECTION A: Located on north side of small butte near mouth of westward flowing wash, about 1/2 mile east of Tule Valley Grazing Service road, and approximately in Sec. 23, T. 20 S., R. 14 w. at south end of the House Range where Ordovician beds, dipging from Notch Peak, approach valley level. Beds dip  $12^0$ , S.  $10^0$  W.

> Top of butte, end of section. To the east on the next hill about 200 feet of intraformational conglomerate (Fillmore Is.) overlie the House limestone, separated from Section A by a minor fault.





View westward toward Tule Valley at Ibex section A. Upper beds of House limestone are shown on hill in foreground.



View eastward from Tule Valley Grazing Service road toward Ibex measured section A at south end of House Range.

Covered, cherty, calcilutite float. 15 55<br>Calcilutite, medium gray, medium bedded, cherty, 40 40 Calcilutite, medium gray, medium bedded, cherty, chert in layers up to 2". Forms ledges 2-5' high.

Note: Base of measured section A is the top of massive calcilutite cliff above the cedar tree nearest to the Tule Valley road. A reconnaissance further up the wash down-section from these massive limestones did not reveal any fossil zones. However, 14 air miles to the south of section A in the Yersin Ridge about 1/2 mile southwest of the Lava Dam (Sec. 6, T. 23 S., R. 13 W.) an uppermost Cambrian silicified Euptychaspis, Stenopilus, and Eurekia trilobite fauna was found at an horizon in limestone at about the level of the top of Lava Dam. Several hundred feet of unfossiliferous Notch Peak limestone above the upper Cambrian fossils<br>was lithologically dissimilar to the House limestone. The was lithologically dissimilar to the House limestone. exact thickness of strata between this Upper Cambrian fossil horizon and the Lower Ordovician Symphysurina-Bellefontia zone was not determined but it seems to be at least several hundred feet.

IBEX SECTION A FAUNULES: (a), abundant; (c), common; (r), rare.

- A-1 Symphysurina sp. indet. (r).
- $A 2$ Symphysurina n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Hystricurus n. sp. a  $(r)$ , Pseudokainella ? sp. indet.  $(r)$ .
- $A-3$ Symphysurina sp. indet. (r).
- $A 4$ Bellefontia sp. indet. (r).
- $A-5$ Schizambon ? sp. (r).
- A-6 Symphysurina cf. S. elegans Poulsen (c), Hystricurus genalatus Ross *(al.*
- A-7 Symphysurina cf. S. elegans Poulsen (r), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (a), Xenostegium franklinense Ross (a), Pseudokainella ? sp.  $(r)$ .
- A-a Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Bellefontia n. sp. a (a).
- A-9 Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Bellefontia n. sp. a (c), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (a), Symphysurina c. sp. c (r).
- A-IQ Paraplethopeltis n. sp. a (a), Paraplethopeltis n. sp. b (a), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (c), Syntrophina cf. S. campbelli Walcott (a).
- IBEX SECTION B: Located 4.3 air miles south of Government Well No. loB Pump house, which is on the Tule Valley - Black Rock Grazing Service road in Sec. 1, T. 22 S., R. 14 W. Also about 1-1/2 air miles north of Yersin Ridge Lava Dam; may be seen on Jack Ammann Co. aerial photo 44U-IO, September 1949, in the upper central part of photo. Measured section B bottoms at the mouth of the largest of several small canyons on the west face of Yersin Ridge (See Fig. 2), and proceeds

eastward up the canyon bottom, beginning about 1/2 mile east of the Grazing Service graded road. Beds dip  $4^{\circ}$ , N. 50<sup>°</sup> E.




Uppermost beds of House limestone at Ibex section B. The Paraplethopeltis - Syntrophina horizon is at the base of the ten to fifteen foot ledge shown in the upper right corner of this picture.

## fig. 6

Silicified trilobites abundant in some layers but rare in most of rock.  $(B-3)$ at 110', (B-4) at 140', (B-5) at 145',  $(B-6)$  at  $160^{\circ}$ .

- Calcitite, medium gray, quartz silty and 17 97 cherty, gray to black chert comprising about one-third of rock in irregular bedding masses, and etching into relief. This is the lowest prominent brown weathering ledge which is obvious from the valley road.
- Calcilutite, medium gray, thin bedded, quartz  $5$  80 silty, a small amount of bedding plane chert up to  $1$ " thick, a few thin intraformational conglomerate beds.
- Siltstone, light brownish gray weathering 3 75 moderate brown, cherty, ledge forming. Calcilutite, medium gray, very thin bedded, 25 72
- silty, some small cross-laminated layers, slope forming except on gully walls.
- Calcisiltite, light brownish gray, fine quartz 8 47 sandy, ledge forming, fossils uncommon, poorly preserved.
- Calcilutite, medium gray, very thin bedded,  $4$  39 weathers light medium gray, slope forming.
- Siltstone, light brownish gray, very thin bedd-  $4$  35 ed, flat to uneven bedding planes, calcareous, occasional black chert nodules, slope forming weathers yellowish orange.
- Calcitites, medium gray, calcilutites, calci- 31 31 siltites, with *a* few intraformational conglomerates, fine quartz sandy to silty, gnarly to flat bedded, silicified trilobites fairly common, slope forming, weathers light medium gray.  $(B-2)$  at 29', (B-1) at 7'.
- Base covered by valley alluvium. For lowest beds of House limestone see Ibex Section A.

IBEX SECTION B FAUNULES: (a), abundant; (c), common; (r), rare.

- B-1 Apeoorthis cf. A. melita (Hall and Whitfield) (c), Lingulella cf. L. pogonipensis Walcott (c), Ophileta sp. indet. (c), Hystricurus n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Symphysurina n. sp. a (a), Symphysurina cf. S. elegans Poulsen (a).
- B-2 Symphysurina sp. indet. (r).
- B-3 Symphysurina n. sp. b (c).
- B-4 no ident. fossil remains.
- B-5 Bellefontia sp. indet.  $(r)$ , Hystricurus sp. indet.  $(c)$ .
- B-6 Symphysurina cf. S. spicata Walcott (a), Clelandia utahensis Ross  $(c)$ , Hystricurus sp. indet.  $(r)$ , Pseudokainella ? sp. (r), Lingulella cf. L. pogonipensis Walcott (r).
- B-7 Symphysurina cf. S. spicata Walcott (c), Hystricurus sp. indet. (c), Clelandia utahensis Ross (c).
- $B 8$ Xenostegium sp. indet.  $(r)$ , Symphysurina sp. indet.  $(r)$ , Hystricurus genalatus Ross (c).
- $B-9$ no indentifiable fossils
- B-IO Hystricurus genalatus Ross (c), Symphysurina sp. indet. (r).
- B-ll Worm borings?
- B-12 Clelandia utahensis Ross (c), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (a), Xenostegium franklinense Ross (a), Bellefontia cf. B. chamberlaini Clark (a), Bellefontia-like n. gen. (c).
- B-13 Bellefontia cf. B. chamberlaini Clark (c), Xenostegium sp. indet. (r), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (c), Pseudokainella ? sp.
- $B-14$ Paraplethopeltis n. sp. a (a), Paraplethopeltis n. sp. b (a), Syntrophina cf. S. campbelli Walcott (a).
- IBEX SECTION C: 3.8 air miles south-southeast of Government Well No. 108 which is located in Sec. 1, T. 22 S., R. 14 W. Measured section C is on west face of Yersin Ridge (See Fig. 2) about 1/2 mile east of Grazing Service graded road and about 1/2 mile north of measured section B. The base of section C is the same horizon as the top of section B. Beds dip  $4^{\circ}$ ,  $N. 50^{\circ}$  E.
	- Fillmore Limestone: Top of hill, top of section. For beds above see Section **D.**

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- Siltstone and intraformational conglomerate alternating, siltstone light gray, calcareous, fossiliferous, the intraformational conglomerate medium dark gray, quartz silty. Slope forming, thin bedded, outcrop mainly float covered with few step ledges of intraformational conglomerate.  $(C-13)$  at 595<sup>1</sup>,  $(C-12)$  at 472<sup>1</sup>,  $(C-11)$
- at  $434$ <sup>t</sup>, (C-10) at  $430$ <sup>t</sup>.
- Intraformational conglomerate, coarse, medium 116 510 gray, fine quartz sandy, thin bedded, quartz sandy pebbles up to 6" in medium grained calcarenitic matrix. Unfossiliferous for the most part, slope forming, prominent from a distance for its brownish weathered color.  $(C-9)$  at  $510'$ ,  $(C-8)$ at  $430$ ',  $(C-7)$  at  $400$ '.
	- Calcilutite, light medium gray, massive, forms 9 394 prominent marker ledge at base of brownish weathering beds above.  $(C-6)$  at 390'.
	- Covered, calcarenite and intraformational con- 25 385 glomerate float,  $(C-4)$  at  $366$ <sup>1</sup>,  $(C-5)$  at 380'.

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House Limestone: See measured section B.

## IBEX SECTION C FAUNULES: (c), common; (a), abundant; (r), rare.

- C-l Acrotreta sp. (a).
- $C-2$  Endoceras sp.  $(r)$ , Syntrophina-like brachiopod  $(r)$ .
- C-3F Hystricurus sp.  $(r)$ .
- C-4 TesseleGauda cf. 1. depressa Ross (r), Hystricurus sp. C Ross (c), Leiostegium n. sp a (c), Ryperbolochilus sp. (r), Syntrophina ? sp. (c).
- C-5 Tesselecauda cf. T. depressa Ross (r), Hystricurus sp. C Ross (c) Pseudoclelandia cf. P. lenisora Ross (c), Hystricurus cf. H. oculilunatus Ross (r), Hyperbolochilus sp.  $(a)$ .
- c-6 Tesselecauda cf. 1. depressa Ross (c), Leiostegium n. sp. a (c), Hyperbolochilus sp. (c), Pilekia ? sp. Ross 1951 pl. 35 (r), two undet. pygidia, Syntrophina ? sp. (c).
- C-7 Syntrophina like brachiopod
- C-8 Parahystricurus sp. (c).
- $C-9$  Megalaspidiella n. sp. a (a), Endoceras sp. indet.  $(r)$ .
- C-IO Megalaspidiella n. sp a, (a).
- C-ll Megalaspidiella n. sp a (a), Menoparia genalunata Ross  $(c)$ , Psalikilus n. sp a  $(r)$ , Dictyonema sp.  $(r)$ .
- C-12 <u>Megalaspidiella</u> n. sp a (a), <u>Menoparia genalunata</u> Ross  $(c)$ .
- C-13 Meyalaspidiella n. sp a (a), Menoparia genalunata Ross  $(r)$ , Protopliomerops n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Psalikilus sp.  $(c)$ , Parahystricurus sp. (r), Hormotoma-like gastropod impression (r).
- IBEX SECTION D: Located about 1/2 mile northward from section C, section D is an upward continuation of measured section C. Marker horizon, section C 385' - 394' traced for datum, provides 210' of overlap between sections. Footage in column II for section D is cumulative from base of Fillmore limestone from section C.
	- Fillmore Limestone: Table 1 II Top of section, top of hill where stands a 6' rock cairn.
		- Intraformational conglomerate, dark gray, 60' 969' coarse, with some fine quartz sandy beds, pebbles, subrounded, up to 6" long but average about 1", in a quartz fine sandy matrix, some siliceous beds up to 6" thick. Forms step ledges capping top of hill.  $(D-13)$  at  $969'$ ,  $(D-12)$  at  $924'$ . Calcisiltite, medium gray, shaly to silty, very 100 909
			- thin bedded, interbedded with intraformational conglomerate beds up to 2" thick.

Shaly calcisiltite beds up to 6' thick, forming cliffs and step ledges near top of hill, weathering light yellowish gray. Occasional beds of pinkish gray fine quartz sandstone, calcareous, up to  $1'$ <br>thick. (D-11) at  $829'$ .  $(D-11)$  at 829'. Intraformational conglomerate, medium gray, 61 809 silty calcisiltite pebbles in fine to coarse grained calcarenite matrix. Interbeds of silty to shaly calcisiltite.  $(D-10)$  at  $749'$ . Abundant silicified trilobites. Calcisiltite and intraformational conglomerate 9 748 ledge. Above here the intraformational conglomerate beds predominate projecting as step ledges while the calcisiltite is less resistant forming reentrants. Calcisiltite, medium dark gray, silty to shaly, 135 739 very thin bedded, weathers yellowish gray, interbeds of intraformational conglomerate  $4$ <sup>"</sup> to 6" thick and spaced from 2' to 6' apart forming step ledges beneath which the weaker calcisiltite crops out. Trilobites common in the calcisiltite, (D-9) at  $734$ <sup>'</sup>, (D-8) at  $719$ ', (D-7) at  $694$ <sup>'</sup>, (D-6) at  $684$ ,  $(D-5)$  at  $634$ <sup>,</sup>  $(D-4)$  at  $604$ <sup>,</sup> Siltstone and intraformational conglomerate, 95 604 conglomerate medium gray, coarse, quartz silty pebbles. Siltstone light brownish gray with silicified trilobites. Some calcisiltite float shows mud cracks and current ripple marks with crests 2" apart. (D-2) at  $580'$ , (D-3) at  $594'$ . Intraformational conglomerate, coarse, medium 115 509 gray, weathering brownish gray, slope forming. Measurement began at top of light medium gray calcilutite ledge 385' to 394' of measured section C, and footage is cumulative from the base of the .Fillmore limestone from section C. (D-I) at 394'. 0 394 IBEX SECTION D FAUNULES: (a), abundant, (c), common; (r), rare. D-l Leiostegium n. sp.a (c). D-2 Protopliomerops n. sp. a (c), Megalaspidiella n. sp.a (c).

- D-3 Protopliomerops n. sp. b (a), Megalaspidiella n. sp.a (a), Menoparia genalunata Ross (c), Psalikilus n. sp.a (c), undet. pygidia (r).
- D-4 Protopliomerops n. sp. b (c), Megalaspidiella n. sp. a (a).
- D-5 Megalaspidiella n. sp. a (c).
- D-6 Megalaspidiella n. sp. b (a), Protopliomerops contracta  $Ross(r)$ .
- $D-7$ Megalaspidiella n. sp.b. (a), Protopliomerops cf. P. celsaora Ross (c), unassigned pygidia.
- D-8 Megalaspidiella n. sp. b  $(a)$ , Protopliomerops contracta n. var. (r).
- D-9 Megalaspidiella n. sp.b (a), Protopliomerops contracta Ross  $(c)$ , Psalikilus sp. indet.  $(r)$ , unassigned pygidia, Syntrophina ? sp. (r), Endoceras ? sp. (r).
- D-10 Megalaspidiella n. sp. b (a), Protopliomerops contracta Ross (c), Psalikilus typicum Ross (r), Menoparia genalunata Ross (r).
- D-ll Protopliomerops contracta Ross (c), Protopliomerops ? sp. A (r), Carolinites sp. A Hintze (r), unassigned pygidium, Nanorthis ? sp. (a).
- D-12 Protopliomerops contracta Ross (r), Kirkella n. sp.f. (r) Licnocephala bicornuta ? Ross (r), Nileus-like sp. (r).
- D-13 Megalaspidiella sp. cf. "Xenostegium" taurus Walcott (c), Protopliomerops sp. (c), Nileus-like sp. (r).
- IBEX SECTION E (Willden Hills): In Sections 20, 21, 28, and 29, T. 23 S., R. 16 W., and about three miles westward from Crystal Peak is a low range here called the Willden Hills. (See fig. 2) The east side of the Willden Hills is a gently dipping homocline of lower Ordovician strata, the oldest rock being exposed to the south. The section was measured upward beginning at the bedrock outcrops at the top of the alluvial fan of the largest wash about one and one-half miles south of where the Garrison- Black Rock road crosses the northern end of the Willden Hills, and the traverse offset northward on various of the continuous ledges in order to measure the successively younger beds. The beas dip  $9^{\circ}$  N.  $50^{\circ}$  W.

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- Fillmore Limestone: The entire thickness of this formation is not exposed in the Willden Hills, but about 800 feet more than is described below is represented in the extreme north end of the hills.
	- Intraformational conglomerate and calcisiltite 45' 314' interbedded, thin bedded, slope forming, top of hill.
	- Intraformational conglomerate and calcisiltite, 15 269 thin bedded, but forming a fairly continuour ledge about 5' high at top. Cairn at 269'.
	- Limestones and intraformational conglomerate 35 254 interbedded, thin bedded, slope forming.
	- Covered, intraformational conglomerate float. 20 219 Interbedded intraformational conglomerate and 32 199 calcisiltite in about equal amounts, thick bedded, forms the most prominent

ledges found above those at base of



View northeastward toward Tunnel Spring Mountain at Desert Range Experiment Station, Utah. Ordovician quartzites forming the cliffs have been shattered by faulting along the crest of the Tunnel Spring Hills.



View southwestward toward homoclinal Willden Hills from a point near Crystal Peak. Top of massive Notch Peak limestone exposed at base of higher ridge on left side of photo.



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Calcisiltite, medium dark gray to medium light 70 165 gray, silty, very thin to thin bedded, forming platy talus.  $(E-2)$  at 155',  $(E-1)$ at 120'. Calcisiltite, medium dark gray, little chert, 25 95 thick bedded, ledgy, unfossiliferous. Calcisiltite, medium dark gray, bedded chert 70 70 comprising 25% to 50% of rock, very thick bedded cliff forming. Cambrian? Limestone: Calcisiltite, medium gray, very thick bedded, 95 95 cliff forming, unfossiliferous. Cairn erected at start of section in mouth of gully <sup>0</sup> IBEX SECTION E (Willden Hills) FAUNULES: (A), abundant; (c), common; (r), rare. E-l Symphysurina sp. indet. (c), Hystricurus genalatus Ross  $(r)$ . E-2 Pseudokainella? sp. (r). E-3 Symphysurina n. sp. a (c), Clelandia utahensis Ross (c), Xenostegium cf. X. franklinense Ross (c). E-3A Symphysurina n. sp.b (c), Bellefontia cf. B. chamberlaini Clark (c). E-4 Bellefontia sp. indet. (c), Hystricurus genalatus Ross  $(a)$ . E-5 Hystricurus politus Ross  $(c)$ . E-6 Hystricurus genalatus Ross (a), Clelandia utahensis (r), Bellefontia sp. indet. (r) .. E-7 Hystricurus genalatus Ross (a), Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Clelandia utahensis Ross (c), Symphysurina n. sp a. (r), Xenostegium franklinense Ross (c), Bellefontia sp. cf. B. chamberlaini Clark (a), Pseudokainella ? sp. A (r). E-8 Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Remopleuridiella caudalimbata Ross  $(r)$ , Xenostegium sp. indet.  $(r)$ . E-9 Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Hystricurus genalatus Ross  $(c)$ , Bellefontia n. sp.a  $(r)$ . E-10 Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Hystricurus genalatus Ross a Hfstricurus paragenalatus Ross (r), Bellefontia n. sp.a (c), Xenostegium sp. indet. (r), Remopleuridiella caudalimbata Ross (c). E-ll Hystricurus politus Ross (a), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (c), Hystricurus paragenalatus Ross (r), Bellefontia n. sp.a (c), Remopleuridiella caudalimbata Ross (c). E-12 Hystricurus politus Ross (c), Hystricurus genalatus Ross (c), Remopleuridiella caudalimbata Ross (r), Xenostegium sp. indet. (r), Bellefontia sp. indet. (r). E-13 Symphysurina n. sp.c (c), Hystricurus ? n. sp.b  $(a)$ , Hystricurus cf. H. genalatus Ross (c), Bellefontia cf. B.<br>Hystricurus cf. H. genalatus Ross (c), Bellefontia cf. B.<br>chamberlaini Clark (r), Pseudokainella ? n. sp.a (r).

- E-14 Paraplethopeltis n. sp. a. (a), Paraplethopeltis n. sp. b.  $(c)$ , Syntrophina ? cf. S. campbelli Walcott (a).
- $E-15$  Same fauna as  $E-14$ .
- E-16 Acrotreta sp. (a), Schizambon sp. (r).
- E-17 Hystricurus robustus Ross (c), Amblycranium variabile Ross  $(r)$ , Pilekia ? sp. Ross, 1951, plate 35  $(r)$ .
- IBEX SECTION G: Located in NW-1/4, Sec. 8, T. 23 S., R 14 W., these are'the oldest rocks on the west side of Wahwah Valley north of Crystal Peak, and they crop out in a low hill about  $1/2$  mile southeast of a very prominent lava capped butte. Measured section G runs from the lowest outcrops northwestward toward the lava capped but te. Beds dip  $5^{\circ}$  westward.
	- Fillmore Limestone: The Fillmore limestone comprises all beds between the uppermost House limestone as defined in measured section B and the ledge in measured section H which defines the bottom of the Wahwah limestone. Within the Fillmore limestone, ledge  $762' - 766'$  in section G is correlated with ledge  $162' - 166.6'$  of section H 0.7 miles to the north. The 1329' of Fillmore limestone here exposed represents all but the lower 212' of the formation which are exposed only on the east side of Wahwah Valley in sections B and C. The correlation between sections on the east and west side of Wahwah Valley, six miles apart, is based mainly on the distinctive fauna which is found in section G at 537' (G-13), and in section D at  $749'$ <br>(D-10). The lithologies and faunas above and below this The lithologies and faunas above and below this reference are compatible with this correlation. Unfortunately then, there is no unbroken sequence of Fillmore limestone known to the author in the Ibex area, although section G-H represents most of the formation and is considered the type section of the Fillmore limestone for all but the lower beds not exposed here. It is possible that this thick formation should be further subdivided, but at present it does not appear useful to do so.

Fillmore Limestone: I

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Top of hill. Intraformational conglomerate, medium gray, 281  $86 \mu$ <sup>1</sup> thin bedded, with interbeds of siliceous fine sandy calcarenite, medium gray, weathering light gray with small solution cavities. Hill capped by 8" intraformational conglomerate bed. (G-21) at 858'. Calcilutite, ledge forming, 2" bed of bluish 3 836

chert in middle of ledge. Intraformational conglomerate and sandy cal-19 833 carenite interbedded, thin bedded, slope forming.

Calcilutite, medium gray, thick bedded, forms prominent ledge near top of *hill.*  4 814







G-S Megalaspidiella n. sp. a (a), <u>Protopliomerops celsaora</u><br>Ross (c), <u>Menoparia genalunata</u> Ross (c), <u>Psalikilus</u> n. sp. a (a), Jeffersonia sp. (r), Nileus-like sp. A (r), Hormo $t_{\text{oma-like gastropod impressions}}$  (r), undet. pygidium (r).



View westward toward Fillmore limestone beds at Ibex section G in the Heckethorn Hills. Lava capped butte at right is same as on left side in picture below. Note that beds near the middle of the Fillmore limestone, as exposed in center of picture, are somewhat more ledgy than those beneath.

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Panorama of Heckethorn Hills from south to west showing Ibex sections Hand **J.** Ibex limestone ledges can be traced from one section to the other. Tertiary lavas cap the beveled Ordovician strata.

- 0-9 Protopliomerops eelsaora Ross (c), Nileus-like ? sp. A (c), undet. pygidium (r).
- G-IOA Protopliomerops eontraeta Ross (c), Megalaspidiella sp. indet.  $(r)$ , Psalikilus n. sp. a.  $(c)$ .
- $G-10F$  Protopliomerops sp. indet. (c), Psalikilus sp.  $(r)$ , Rananasus sp.  $(r)$ .
- G-ll Megalaspidiella sp. indet.
- 0-12 Psalikilus typieum Ross (c), Jeffersonia ? sp. A Hintze (a), Niobe? sp. (c), undet. sp. S (c), undet. pygidium  $(r)$ , Endoceras ? sp.  $(r)$ , Dictyonema sp.  $(r)$ , Didymograptus ? sp.  $(r)$ .
- G-13 Psalikilus tyPieum Ross (r), Protopliomerops ef. *E*  eontraeta Ross (r), Menoparia genalunata Ross (c), Megalaspidiella n. (a), undet. sp. T. (r).
- G-14 Psalikilus typicum Ross (c), undet. sp. (c), undet. sp. S (c), Protopliomerops n. sp. c. (c), Protopliomerops sp. indet.  $(5 \text{ pairs of } pyg$ idial spines)  $(r)$ , undet. pliomerid pygidium with 3 pairs of spines  $(r)$ , two other undet. pygidia  $(r)$ , Nanorthis ? sp.  $(a)$ .
- G-15 Nanorthis ? sp. (r), undet. sp. S (r).
- G-16 Nothing identifiable.
- 0-17 Protopliomerops contracta Ross (a), Psalikilus n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Psalikilus ? sp.  $(r)$ , Megalaspidiella n. sp. b  $(c)$ , Nileus-like n. sp a (r), Kirkella n. sp.f (c), Niobe? n. sp a (a).
- G-18 Niobe ? n. sp. a  $(a)$ , Protopliomerops contracta Ross  $(c)$ .
- G-19 Protopliomerops contracta Ross (c), Niobe? n. sp.a (a), Kirkella n. sp. f (c), Menoparia genalunata Ross (c) Nileus-like n. sp. a (r).
- G-20 Protopliomerops sp. indet. (c).
- G-21 Psaliki1us sp. indet. (c).
- IBEX SECTION H: Base of section H located 0.7 miles north of section G and on the east slope of lava capped butte approximately at  $1/4$  Cor., Sec. 5, Sec. 6, T. 23 S., R. 14 W. Beds cannot be walked out between sections G and H because a space of about 200 feet is covered by lava talus from the butte above. Section H begins in a gully at the base of the east slope of lava capped butte and 30' below a huge quartzite boulder prominent on the slope. At this point there is a large pink volcanic rock with a large chair-like cavity about io' in diameter and facing southeastward. Measured section H, follows the outcrop, offsetting northwestward along the strike on certain prominent ledges for about a mile. By this means an almost eontinuour exposure of about 1000 feet of stratigraphic section can be measured, this being the thickest single

exposure of lower Ordovician limestones in the Ibex area. Section H is the type section of the upper part of the Fillmore limestone and the Wahwah limestone, At the base of the section the beds dip  $13^9$ ,  $N.$  85<sup>0</sup> W., but throughout most of the section the beds dip about  $6^{\circ}$  due West.











- H-20 Trigonocerca typica Ross (a), Pseudocybele n. sp.b (e), Pseudocybele n. sp.a  $(r)$ , Protopliomerops ? sp.  $(4$ -spined pygidium)(r), Protopliomerops n. sp. c (r), Nileus-like n.sp.b (c), Kirkella n. sp.a (c), Dimeropygiella n. sp. b (a), Dimeropygiella n. sp. a (a), Dimeropygiella sp. A (r), Goniotelus 2 sp. pygidia (c), Jeffersonia ? sp. (c), unassigned sp. S ? (r), unassigned cranidium (r), undet. gen. and sp. (r), undet. pygidium (c), Trematorthis ? sp. (c). Diparalasma sp.  $(c)$ , Catoraphiceras sp.  $(r)$ , Euomphalus ? sp. (c), Bellerophon-like steinkerns (e).
- H-21 Trigonocerca typica Ross (a), Diparalasma ? sp. (r), Bellerophon-like gastropod steinkerns.
- H-22 Trigonocerca typica Ross (a).
- H-23 Trigonocerca typica Ross (a), Pseudocybele n. sp b (c), Kirkella n. sp. a (r), Dimeropygiella sp. (r), Carolin-Kirkella n. sp. a (r), <u>Dimeropygiella</u> sp. (r), <u>Caroline</u><br>ites cf. <u>C. genacinaca</u> Ross (c), <u>Protopliomerops</u> ? sp.  $\overline{(\mu\text{-spined pyclicium)}(r)}$ .
- H-24 Trigonocerca typica Ross  $(c)$ , Pseudocybele n. sp. b  $(c)$ , Kirkella n. sp a (c), Dimeropygiella sp. (r), Carolinites cf. *C. genacinaca Ross* (c), Protopliomerops ? sp.  $\overline{(\mu\text{-spined pyclicium})(r)}$ , Nileus-like n. sp. b. (c).
- H-25 Pseudocybele n. sp b (a), Kirkella n. sp a (r), Carolinites genacinaea Ross (c), Isoteloides n. sp a (c), Nileus-like n. sp. c (c), Hesperonomia ? sp. (c), elongate sponge-like form cf. Receptaculites elongatus Walcott  $(a)$ .
- H-26 Pseudocybele n. sp. b (c), Nileus-like sp. (c).
- H-27 Pseudocybele n. sp.b (a), Nileus-like n. sp. c  $(c)$ , Kirkella sp. (r), Dimeropygiella sp. (c), Carolinites  $sp.$  $(r).$
- H-28 Nileus-like n. sp. c  $(a)$ , Isoteloides n. sp. a.  $(c)$ , Kirkalla n. sp. b (a), Pseudocybele n. sp. b. (a), Carolinites genacinaca Ross (c), Bathyurellus ? sp. (r), Goniotelus ? sp. (r), Endoceras sp. (r).
- H-29 Nileus-like n. sp. c (c), Pseudocybele n. sp. b  $(c)$ , Pseudocybele n. sp.a  $(r)$ , Kirkella n. sp.b  $(a)$ , Carolinites genacinaca Ross (r), Goniotelus ? sp. (r), Syntrophina? sp.  $(r)$ , Bellerophon-like gastropod steinkerns  $(r)$ .
- H-30 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Isoteloides cf. I. polaris Poulsen (c), Kirkella cf. K. declivita Ross  $(a)$ , unassigned cranidium and hypostoma.
- H-31 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Qybeiopsis cf. *Q.* speciosa Poulsen (c).
- H-32 pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Lachnostoma latucelaum Ross (c), Goniotelus sp. B Hintze  $(r)$ , Hesperonomia sp.  $(c)$ .

IBEX SECTION J: Located in NE 1/4, Section 31, T. 22 S., R. 14 w. is a fault block of Ordovician quartzite and dolomite which stands as a small isolated hill east of the main Ordovician limestone ledges. Measured section J begins at the lowest outcrop exposed in the second small gulch west of this quartzite hill. A rock cairn was erected at the base of this section and the lower ledge marked with yellow paint. The measured section proceeds up this gulch through an excellent exposure of most of the fossiliferous Wahwah limestone, and onto the crest of a spur capped by Juab limestone beds. It continues westward up the spur into the Kanosh shales, the lower part of which are well exposed here and very fossiliferous. The beds dip  $6^\circ$ , N.  $80^\circ$  W. Kanosh Shale: Top not exposed, masked by Tertiary volcanic



**I II**  to walk out a bed northward to continue the traverse up a gully where the overlying beds described above are exposed.  $(J-18)$  at 5',  $(J-19)$  at  $44'$ ,  $(J-20)$  at 60',  $(J-21)$ at 66', (J-22) at 99', (J-23) at 110',  $(J-24)$  at 126',  $(J-25)$  at 137',  $(J-26)$  at  $148'$ ,  $(J-27)$  at  $154'$ , *(J-2\$)* at 160', (J-29) at 171',  $(J-30)$  at  $243'$ , and  $(J-31)$  at  $260'$ . Juab Limestone: This is the type section of this formation. The lithology is distinctive from the beds above and below for its lack of shaly detritus and its characteristic medium gray slabby appearance. Small nodules of limonite pseudomorphs after pyrite up to  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter are common on the weathered limestone surfaces. Calcisiltite, medium gray weathering same, 45.2 139.0 fine quartz sandy, thin bedded, forms low step ledges on nose of spur capped by a I' resistant calcisiltite ledge which forms a backslope on the spur. Calcisiltite, medium gray weathering 29.8 93.8 same, alternately thin and thick bedded, forms step ledges up nose of spur capped by a resistant bed at 93.\$'. Calcisiltite, thin bedded, slope form- 16.4 64.0 ing, with I' caprock. Calcisiltite, medium gray, fine sandy, 9.6 47.6 forms rubbly slope capped by a 2' yellowish orange weathering calcisiltite ledge. Calcisiltite, ledge, medium gray, weathers 1.4 3\$.0 moderate brown.  $(J-17)$ . Calcisiltite, rubbly slope no outcrop. 17.6<br>Calcisiltite, medium gray, weathering (19.0) 36.6 Calcisiltite, medium gray, weathering 19.0 yellowish gray and dark yellowish orange, fine sandy, thin bedded, capped by a  $\mu$ <sup>'</sup> ledge of siliceous calcisiltite which forms the 5th very prominent ledge in a series from the bottom of this gulch, Orthis cf. subalata Ulrich and Cooper common. Wahwah Limestone: Calcisiltite, gray, alternately thin and 23.4 192.5 thick bedded, quartz silty, silty

material weathers yellowish gray,

step ledge and slope forming.



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IBEX SECTION J FAUNULES: (a), abundant; (c), common; (r), rare.

- J-1 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Kirkella declivita Ross (c), Trigonocerca ? n. sp. a (r), Raphistomina ? sp. (r), Nileus-like n. sp. d.
- J-2 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Kirkella declivita Ross (a), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (a), Isoteloides cf. I. polaris Poulsen (c), Carolinites genacinaca Ross  $\overline{(r)}$ , Trigonocerca ? n. sp. a (c).
- J-3 Nothing identifiable
- $J \mu$ Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (c), Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross (r).
- J-5 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross  $\overline{c}$ ).
- *J-b*  Pseudocybe1e nasuta Ross (c), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (a), Cybelopsis cf. C. speciosa Poulsen (c), Kirkella declivita Ross (c), Goniotelus sp. A (c), Catoraphiceras  $s_p.$  (r), Hesperonomia sp. (c).
- J-7 Kirkella sp.  $(c)$ .
- r-8 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (a), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (a), Cybelopsis cf.'C. speciosa Poulsen (c), Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen (r), Kirkella declivita Ross (c), Goniotelus sp. A (a), Goniotelus sp. B (c), Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross (a), Carolinites genacinaca Ross (c), Illaenus-like n. gen. (c), Nileus-like n. sp. d (r), Hesperonomia sp. (c), Catoraphiceras sp. (r), Raphistomina<br>sp. (c), <u>Bellerophon</u>-like gastropod steinkerns (r), bryozoa? (c). "Barrandia? sp." Walcott (r), Kawina sexapugia Ross (r), Diparalasma sp. (r), Tritoechia sinuata Ulrich and  $Cooper(r)$ .
- 1-9 Cybelopsis cf. *C.* speciosa Poulsen (r), Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen (c), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (c), Goniotelus sp. A (c), Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross (c), Illaenus-like n. gen. (r).
- 1-10 Cybelopsis cf. C. speciosa Poulsen (c), Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen (r), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (a), Goniotelus sp. A (c), Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross (a) Carolinites genacinaca Ross (c), Kirkella declivita Ross  $(r)$ , Raphistomina sp. (c), Catoraphiceras sp.  $(r)$ .
- I-II Cybelopsis cf. *Q.* speciosa Poulsen (r), Kirkella declivita Ross (c), Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen (c), Lachnostoma latuceLsum Ross (a), Goniotelus sp. (c).
- *I-12* Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (c), Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross (a), Goniotelus sp. C (c), Goniotelus sp. D (r).
- *I-13* Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (a), Kirkella declivita Ross (c), Isoteloides ? n. sp. b (c), Nileus-like sp., Carolinites genacinaca Ross (c), Kawina n. sp. a (r), unassigned pygidium, Zittelella cf. Z. clarae Howell  $(s\text{ponge})$   $(r)$ .
- $1-14$  Campbelloceras ? sp.  $(r)$ , Goniotelus ? sp. indet.  $(r)$ , cystid plates (r).
- I-15 Pseudocybele nasuta Ross (c), Cybelopsis cf. Q. speciosa Poulsen (r), Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen (c), Goniotelus sp. B (c), Dimeropygiella caudanodosa Ross (c), Lesuerilla ? sp. (c).
- *I-16* Pliomerops sp. (c), Goniotelus sp. A (c), Endoceras ? sp. (c), Zittelella? sp. indet. (r).
- f-16A Hesperonomiella minor Walcott,(a), Loxoplocus sp. (r).
- f-17 Pliomerops sp. indet. (r), Parapilekia ? sp. (r), Orthis subalata Ulrich and Cooper. Eleutherocentrus ? sp. (r).
- J-18 Pliomerops n. sp. a (r), n. gen. P, n. sp. b (c), Anomalorthis sp. (r), bryo zoa (c), cyst id balls (c), Macronotella sp. (c).
- J-19 Eleutherocentrus cf. E. petersoni Clark (a), Pliomerops n. sp. a (c), Macronotella sp. (a), Orthis sp. (c).
- J-20 Pliomerops n. sp. a  $(c)$ , n. gen. P, n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Eleutherocentrus sp.  $(r)$ , Macronotella sp. (a).
- J-21 Pliomerops n. sp. a (c), Eleutherocentrus sp. (c).
- J-22 N. gen. *P*, n. sp. a (a), Pliomerops n. sp. a (r), Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (a), Eleutherocentrus sp. (r), Receptaculites mammillaris Walcott (c), Leperditia sp. (c), cystid plates (r).
- J-23 N. gen.  $\underline{P}$ , n. sp. a (c),  $\underline{P}$ liomerops n. sp. a (c), Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (a), Leperditia sp. (a), Orthis michaelis Clark (c), gastropod n. gen. and n. sp. near Maclurites carinatus Walcott (r), large Acrotreta ? sp.  $(c)$ .
- J-24 Bathyurells cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), Leperditia sp. (a), Macronotella sp. (a).
- J-25 Pliomerops n. sp. a  $(c)$ , n. gen. P, n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), Endoceras sp. (c), Leperditia sp. (c), Macronotella sp. (c).
- J-26 Pliomerops n. sp. a  $(c)$ , n. gen. P, n. sp. a  $(r)$ , Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), Pliomerops n. sp. b (broad pygidial spines) (r), Eleutherocentrus sp. (r), Orthis michaelis Clark (a), Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper (r), Lingula sp. (35 mm. long) (r), gastropod n. gen. and n. sp. near Maclurites carinatus Walcott  $(r)$ , Bellerphon-like steinkerns  $(r)$ , Endoceras sp. (r), cystid balls and plates (c).
- J-27 Pliomerops n. sp. a  $(c)$ , n. gen. P, n. sp. a  $(c)$ .
- J-28 Pliomerops n. sp. a (c), Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), Orthis michaelis Clark (c), Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper  $(r)$ , Endoceras sp. (c), gastropod n. gen. and sp. near Maclurites carinatus Walcott  $(c)$ .
- J-29 Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), Eleutherocentrus sp.  $(c)$ , n. gen. P, n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Leperditia sp.  $(c)$ .
- J-30 Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday (a), n. gen. P. n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Leperditia sp.  $(c)$ .

## J-31 Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), n. gen. P, n. sp. a (c), Eleutherocentrus (r), Leperditia sp. (c).

IBEX SECTION K: Westward 1 1/2 miles across the valley from the Jack Watson shack at Ibex are two prominent quartzitecapped bluffs which flank both sides of the largest canyon in that vicinity, known locally as Smooth Canyon. The south bluff is called Fossil Mountain and is located just west of 1/4 cor., Sec. 19-30, T. 22 S., R. 14 W. Strata on the east face of Fossil Mountain are cut by a series of vertical faults of small displacement, but the central part of the west face is unfaulted from the foothills upwards. This is the type section of the Kanosh shale.and is the only place in the Ibex area where the entire formation is exposed in one section. Fossil Mountain is capped by lower beds of the Eureka quartzite beneath which the Dolomite member forms a dark band near the top of the mountain. Below the Dolomite member the Swan Peak? quartzite and Lehman formation are well exposed, but these upper beds are cut by minor east-west trending vertical faults on Fossil Mountain; a north-south fault of much larger displacement cuts just west of the top of Fossil Mountain, thus the Eureka-Upper Ordovician contact is not shown here. A description of these upper beds above the Lehman formation is included under Section L, located on the bluff 1/4 mile northward across Smooth Canyon. There these upper beds are exposed in an unfaulted sequence from the upper Kanosh shales to the top of the Eureka quartzite. Beds dip 30 , N. 800 W.









Fos I Mountain from the southwest. Ledges in the foreground are upper beds of Juab limestone at base of Ibex measured sec ion K. Dark Dolomite member is seen near top of Fossil Mou ;ain between Swan Peak? and Eureka quartzites.



View westward toward Smooth Canyon showing Fossil Mountain on left and quartzite-capped bluff on north side of Smooth Canyon on the right. This bluff has been downfaulted slightly with respect to Fossil Mountain.

bedded, coarse, weathering medium brown, very fossiliferous, slope forming with some low ledges of resistant calcarenite.  $(K-1)$  at 5', and (K-IA) at 137'.

Juab Limestone: About 80 feet of typical Juab gray calcisiltites are exposed in the foothills on the southeast base of Fossil Mountain. A cairn was erected at the top of the Juab at the contact with the lowest Kanosh olive shaly beds.

IBEX SECTION K FAUNULES: (a), abundant; (c), common; (r), rare.

- Pliomerops n. sp. a (a), Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri<br>(Holliday) (a), n. gen. P, n. sp. a, b (c), Carolinites K-l cf.  $C$ . killaryensis (Stubblefield)  $(c)$ .
- K-1A Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), n. gen.  $P$ , n. sp. a  $(c)$ , Eleutherocentrus cf. E. petersoni Clark (c), Leperditia sp. (c).
- K-2 Endoceras sp. (r), Cybelopsis n. sp. (large pygidium)  $(r)$ , Orthis sp.  $(c)$ .
- $K-3$  Receptaculites sp. indet.  $(r)$ , Orthis sp.  $(c)$ .
- K-4 Cybelopsis sp.  $(r)$ , Orthis sp. (a), cystid fragments (c)
- K-5 Illaenus sp.  $(r)$ , Orthis sp.  $(c)$ .
- K-6 Modiolopsis ? sp. (c).
- K-7 Barrandia ? sp. (c), Trocholites ? sp. (Small coilded ribbed cephalopod) (c), Endoceras sp. (c), Leperditia sp. (a).
- IBEX SECTION L: Located on the south side of the quartzite capped bluff on the north side of Smooth Canyon and in the SE  $1/4$ , Sec. 24, T. 22 S., R. 15 W., measured section L is about 1/2 mile northwest of measured section K. The north bluff is downthrown with respect to Fossil Mountain along the Smooth Canyon fault. Thus the Eureka quartzite and overlying Upper Ordovician dolomite are entirely exposed on the north bluff. The measurement and description of the Lehman formation and the beds above are from notes by G. W. Webb (1949, Master thesis, Columbia University).
	- Upper Ordovician dolomite, dark gray, with black chert nodules.





Lower beds not exposed here.

CRYSTAL PEAK SECTION, UTAH: Crystal Peak is a white quartz rhyolitic vitrophyre intruded into the Ordovician strata of the Crystal Peak Hills. Crystal Peak is located at the corner of Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, T. 23 S., R. 16 W., and the Garrison-Black Rock graded road passes by its northern base. Of the Ordovician exposures surrounding Crystal Peak the most continuous and most easily accessible are those just north of the Garrison - Black Rock road and about a mile north of Crystal Peak. Here the Ordovician quartzites form a bluff slightly higher than Crystal Peak itself. The base of the Crystal Peak measured section described below is located just off the. road from Garrison where it makes its curve southward toward Crystal Peak. Beds dip 10º, northwestward.

Eureka Quartzite:

Sandstone, gray, dolomitic, cross laminated. 18' 560 Quartzite, white, vitreous, cliff forming. 542 542

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Fissile Kanosh shales and interbedded fossiliferous calcarenite ledges, as exposed near the base of the Crystal Peak, Utah, measured section.

**Fig. 10**


CRYSTAL PEAK SECTION FAUNU1ES: (a), abundant; (d), common; (r) rare. CP-5 Bathyruellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) (c), n. gen. P. n. sp. a (a), Pliomerops n. sp. a (c), Orthis michaelis Clark (c), Macronotella ? sp. (c), cystid, plates and balls  $(c)$ .

- CP-8 Macronotella ? sp., make up large part of rock (a), Orthis sp. (c), Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper (c), bryozoan colonies (c).
- CP-11 Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (c), Pliomerops sp. indet. (r ), Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper (c).
- CP-12 Pliomerops sp. (broad-spined pygidium) (r), Macronotella sp.  $(c)$ , Orthis sp.,  $(r)$ .
- $CP-13$  Anomalorthis utahensis Ulrich and Cooper shell rock  $(a)$ , Orthis sp.,  $(r)$ , cystid fragments  $(c)$ .



Crystal Peak and the Crystal Peak Hills as viewed from Garrison - Black Rock road in Wahwah Valley. Section was measured on hill at right side of photo.



Closer view of Crystal Peak measured section. Hill is capped by dark Upper Ordovician dolomite; light colored Eureka quartzite overlies gray Middle Ordovician Dolomite member which overlies thinner bedded Swan Peak? quartzite. Lehman formation and Kanosh shale crop out at base of hill.

- CP-l Illaenus n. sp. a (a), <u>Nieszkowskia</u> n. sp. (c), <u>Pseudo</u>sphaeroexochus sp. (r), n. gen. P, n. sp. c., Cybelopsis sp. (large cranidium) (r), Barrandia sp. (r), Orthis sp. (c). Anomalorthis sp. (c), Lingula sp. (r), Trocholites sp. (small ribbed coiled cephalopod) (r), Lecanospiralike gastropod (c), Maclurites sp. ind. (c), high spired gastropod sp. indet. (r), Leperditia sp. (a), spherical bryozoan colony (r).
- $CP-2$ Orthis sp.  $(c)$ , Leperditia sp.  $(c)$ .
- $CP-3$ Anomalorthis sp. (c), Modiolopsis ? sp. (a), Raphistoma ? sp. (c), high spired gastropods sp. indet. (c).
- CP-40 Illaenus N. sp a (c), Pseudosphaeroexochus sp. (r), n.  $gen. P, n.$  sp. c, (r), Barrandia ? sp. (r), Orthis ? sp. (c), Lecanospira-like gastropod (c), high spired gastropod (r), fenestrellate bryozoan (r), Leperditia sp. (a).
- GP-42 N. gen. P. n. sp. c (r), Orthis sp. (c), Leperditia sp. (very large individuals) (a).
- CP-50 Cybelopsis sp. (large) (a), Barrandia ? sp. (c), Anomalorthis ? sp. (c).
- CP-54 Barrandia? sp. (c), Leperditia (c), raphistomid steinkerns (a).
- CP-55 Cybelopsis sp. (large) (c), Barrandia ? sp. (c).
- $CP-69$  Barrandia ? sp. (with telson) (a), Leperditia sp. (a).
- CP-74 Barrandia ? sp. (with telson) (a).
- CP-77 Cybelopsis sp. (large)  $(c)$ , Leperditia sp.  $(c)$ .

DESERT RANGE EXPERIMENT STATION SECTION, UTAH: Several exposures  $\circ$ Ordovician quartzite extend in a broken line from Sec. 36, 25 S., R. 18 W., in the Halfway Hills, to Tunnel Spring Mou tain, in Sec.  $4-5$ , T. 24 S., R. 17 W., but the best exposur are in the vicinity of Tunnel Spring Mountain. The section given below is a composite of two measured sections, the be below the Lehman formation be ing measured on the northwest slopes of the hill across the canyon one-half mile south of Tunnel Spring Mountain, and the beds above being measured <sup>0</sup> the southwest and west face of Tunnel Spring Mountain. Upper Ordovician Dolomite: Dolomite, dark gray, with black chert, thickness not measured. This formation is ip normal fault contact with the Eureka quartzite at all places observed in the Tunnel Spring Mountain area, but the displacement is not believed to be great Eureka Quartzite: <sup>I</sup> Quartzite. white. fine to medium grained, the lower beds banded and stained reddish, beds in the middle part vitreous and lacking evidence of bedding and much brecciated by minor faulting and jointing. The upper hundred feet are more sandy and less resistant and are laminated in the top  $15$ '. laminated in the top  $15'.$ Sandstone, medium brown weathering yellowish and pinkish gray, thin bedded, forms weak ledge. 4 Dolomite Member: Dolomite, olive gray, thin bedded, grading upward into  $14$ silty sandstone in upper 5'. Quartzite, light brown, ledge forming.  $14$ <br>Siltstone. dolomitic. thin bedded. weathers olive gray. 13 Siltstone, dolomitic, thin bedded, weathers olive gray, slope forming, some pinkish shaly beds near top. Quartzite, pinkish orange gray, ledge.<br>Dolomite, fine grained, medium gray, weathering light. 2 Dolomite, fine grained, medium gray, weathering light olive gray, ledge. Calcisiltite. medium dark gray, weathers medium bluish  $19$ to dark gray, with olive gray silty partings, 3" Eofletcheria bed 4' from top. Eofletcheria bed, dolomitic matrix, forms resistant 3 ledge capping the bluff forming calcisiltite below. Calcisiltite, medium dark gray, weathers medium bluish  $68$ gray mottled with yellowish gray, thick bedded, forms massive bluff, unfossiliferous. Swan Peak ? Quartzite: Quartzite, grayish red and grainy at top grading downward through vitreous quartzite to 7' of brown weathering sandstone at base. 21 Calcisiltite, medium gray, weathering bluish gray, thin bedded, grades upward into sandy calcisiltite in upper 2', reentrant. 12 II 41 14 12 11 9 9 9 7 6 1 1



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SAN FRANCISCO MINING DISTRICT: The literature bearing on the Ordovician of the San Francisco district has been reviewed by the author(Hintze,  $1949$ , p.  $48$ ). The Morehouse quartzite, originally assigned to the Ordovician and Silurian by Butler, *is* actually an overthrust sheet of the Cambrian Prospect Mountain quartzite. The overthrust apparently extends from the San Francisco Mountains northward to the Cricket Hills. The only rocks in the San Francisco Mountains which are now unquestionably considered to be of Ordovician age are those of a small, fault-isolated sliver of Ordovician shales and limestones on the east side of the range near Barrel Spring Canyon. These beds dip eastward with the slope so that only two or three hundred feed of beds are exposed. These beds are assigned to the Chazyan Kanosh shale as they bear its typical faunal and lithologic characteristics. The fauna collected from these beds is as follows:

> Bathyurellus cf. B. feitleri (Holliday) Eleutherocentrus sp. Pliomerops sp. Orthis michaelis Clark Receptaculites mammillaris Walcott Endoceras sp. Leperditia sp. Macronotella ? sp.

SCIPIO SECTION, UTAH: Ordovician rocks are exposed in a limited area on the western foothills of the Pavant Range in Sections  $3$  and  $10$ , T. 19 S., R.  $3$  W., about  $5$  miles south of Scipio, Utah. The measured section is readily accessible by following a car trail about a mile south-eastward from the top of the road out where U. S. Highway 91 crosses the Pavant Range-Canyon Range divide. Although this section is neither as well exposed nor as fossiliferous as the Ordovician of the Ibex area, it is significant as the easternmost Ordovician exposure at this latitude in Utah. I am indebted to Dr. F. W. Christiansen for informing me of'the existence of this exposure. The beds gtrike  $N$ .  $30^{\circ}$  W., and the dip to the northeast varies from  $80^\circ$  in the lowest beds to  $20^\circ$  in the upper Ordovician beds. The Ordovician quartzite is overlain by medium to dark gray Paleozoic limestones and dolomites which form the west face of the Pavant Range beneath the unconformably overlying Cretaceous or Eocene conglomerate. The contact of the Ordovician quartzite with the overlying Paleozoic carbonates is not exposed, but there does not appear to be an angular discordance between them.







- $\begin{array}{cc} \text{I} & \text{II} \\ \text{35} & \text{93} \end{array}$ Calcarenite, fine to coarse, medium gray to dark medium gray, occasional thin layers of intraformational conglomerate of small pebbles. Calcarenite, fine, medium light gray, with 58' 58'
- 5% light pinkish gray chert kernels, thin bedded, poorly exposed in saddle to west of front ridge. Cairn erected at base of measured section. Limestones conformable with underlying dolomites.

Cambrian ? dolomite:

Dolarenite, medium dark gray, weathering medium light gray, thin to thick bedded. Thickness not measured but estimated at several hundred feet.

SCIPIO SECTION FAUNULES: (a), abundant; (c), Common;  $(r)$ , rare.

- $Sc-3$ Parahystricurus sp. (r), Hystricurus oculilunatus Ross (c), Goniophrys prima Ross (r), Hyperbolochilus sp. (cranidium)  $(r)$ , several unassigned pygidia Ross zone F.
- $Sc-4$ Indet. trilobite fragments.
- $Sc-5$ Trigonocerca typica Ross (c), Kirkella sp. (r), Hesperonomia sp.  $(r)$ .
- 3c-6 Endoceras sp.  $(r)$ .
- $Sc-7$ Lachnostoma latucelsum Ross (c), Cybelopsis cf. *Q.*  speciosa Poulsen (c), Pliomerops cf. P. insolita Poulsen (r), Hesperonomia cf. B. dinorthoides Ulrich and Cooper.
- Sc-8 Orthis sp.  $(c)$ , Eleutherocentrus ? sp.  $(r)$ .
- Sc-9 Orthis cf. *Q.* subalata Ulrich and Cooper.
- Sc-lO Orthis michaelis Clark (c), cystid balls and fragments.

### KANOSH SECTION, UTAH:

Ordovician rocks crop out on both sides of highway U. S. 91 in Baker Canyon about 13 miles by speedometer southwest of the town of Kanosh, Utah. The exposures are in Section 26, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., and are best on the east wall of the canyon where exposed by road cuts and side washes. Higher on the hillside the beds are masked by soil. Although the beds are overturned, somewhat distorted, and incompletely exposed, this is an important section as the southeastermost

exposure of Ordovician in Utah known to the writer. The overturned beds strike N  $30^{\circ} - 50^{\circ}$ E., and dip  $40^{\circ}$  - 80<sup>°</sup> N W. Ordovician quartzite also crops out along the highway southward about a mile near Dog Valley, and to the north in White Sage Flat, Section 32, T. 23 S., R. 6 W. The writer is indebted to Dr. F. F. Hintze for the discovery of this exposure. The description of the quartzite is by G. W. Webb (1949, Masters Thesis, Columbia University, pg. 17) and is a composite of two overlapping exposures about 300 feet apart. Structural complications may be concealed, but it is thought that the section is essentially correct as shown.







tion weather a red color similar to some of these beds at Crystal Peak. No shale beds of this color were observed at Ibex however.

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### FISH SPRINGS SECTION, UTAH:

Base of section is located about one mile southeast of the Utah Mine and directly beneath the letter "i" in the word "Springs" as shown on the 1910 edition of the Fish Springs quadrangle map, reprinted 1943, in T. 11 S., R. 14 W., at the north end of the Fish Springs Range. Base of section can best be reached by following trail from Fish Springs Pony Express monument near the Thomas ranch westward to a point where a small hill in the canyon bottom is found opposite a northeastward trending side gulch. Follow this side gulch southwestward to the top of the massive ledge forming dark gray Upper Cambrian dolomite. Beds' dip westward  $10^{\circ}$  at base of section increasing to 35<sup>°</sup> dip for the Ordovician Eureka quartzite along ridge crest.

### Upper Ordovician Dolomite:

Thickness not measured; attitude same as underlying quartzite, but at the base of this formation about three feet above the uppermost typical Eureka quartzite bed is a two foot gray sandy dolomite bed suggesting an unconformity between the quartzite and the overlying dolomite.





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Dolomite, thin bedded, slope forming, weathers light brownish gray, appears more massive in gully bottoms than on hillside.

#### Upper Cambrian:

Thiclmess not measured, conformably underlies the thin bedded dolomites above referred to the Ordovician House limestone interval of the Ibex area on the basis of similar stratigraphic position and thin bedded appearance. Similarly this thick bedded, dark gray, cliff forming dolomite is referred to the Upper Cambrian on litho~ logic appearance in the absence of fossils. The Ordovician Pogonip group is characteristically underlain by a thick bedded, massive, resistant formation such as this in all localities examined in western Utah.

### TINTIC MINING DISTRICT, UTAH:

The older literature bearing on the Ordovician of the Tintic district is reviewed by Hintze (1949, p. 45). Later in 1949 the report of T. S. Lovering (1949) somewhat revised the age and thickness assignments of earlier workers. Recently Dr. Lovering and associates have published an abstract (GSA, Cordilleran section, 1951) indicating further revision of the Upper Ordovician, Silurian, and Devonian stratigraphy there. Ordovician stratigraphy, as summarized from these latest publications, is presented below with some comments on the Lower Ordovician strata and a Middle Ordovician erosion interval discussed in light of a fauna discovered by the author in the uppermost Opohonga beds in 1949.

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Opex Dolomite: Upper Cambrian? Possible unconfonnity? between this fonnation and the overlying beds.

The exact equivalence of the Ordovician formations of the Tintic district to parts of either the Garden City - Swan Peak sequence of northeastern Utah or the Pogonip - Eureka sequence of western Utah and eastern Nevada has long been a matter of speculation for few fossils have been found in the Ordovician at Tintic and the lithologic sequence there differs from other nearby localities in that the middle Ordovician quartzites were absent from Tintic. A faunal collection of early Canadian age made by the writer in 1949 from near the top of the Opohonga limestone,

coupled with Lovering1s information reassigning the Bluebell dolomit e to the Upper Ordovician and Silurian rat her than to "Lower to Upper Ordovician" indicates that there is within the Ordovician here an hiatus from Lower to Upper Ordovician. This results in an interpretation more conformable to the regional Ordovician occurrence than the older concept of continuous Lower to Upper Ordovician deposition within the Bluebell formation. Assignnent of only the lower 180' "Eagle dolomite" manber to the Upper Ordovician gives a thickness for the Upper Ordovi cian interval here in accord with other Great Basin localities.

The fossils obtained from the upper part of the Opohonga formation came from within about 10 feet of beds in a series of vertically standing beds along Eureka Creek just southeast of the town of Eureka, Utah. The collecting locality is about 40 feet west, down gulch, from the first outcrops not covered by the Beck dump, and the locality was marked prominently with yellow paint. The lithology is an alternating series of thin to medium thick bedded siJty calcilutites, calcarenites, and intraformational conglomerates, but most of the fossils were obtained from a coarse calcarenite bed in which the brachiopods were particularly abundant, some even being silicified. The fossils were identified as follows:

Brachiopod.:- Syritrophina cf. 2. carinifera Ulrich and Cooper (Slight ly larger than S. carinifera)

Trilobites:- Protopliomerops superciliosa Ross Hystricurus oculilum tus Ross Goniophrys prima Ross Pachycranium faciclunis Ross Asaphellus ? sp.

Cystid stem fragments

The trilobites are distinctive of Ross (1949, 1951) faunal zone "F" which is found in northeastern Utah from 300 to 400 feet above the base of the Garden City formation. Between zone "F" and the Upper Ordovician dolomite (Fish Haven) in northeastern Utah are normally about 1100 feet of Garden City and 200 to 500 feet of Chazyan Swan Peak quartzite. The nearest lower Ordovician locality of this report to the Tintic district, and one which compares somewhat in position along the margin of the miogeosyncline is that near Scipio, utah, about 50 mile s south of Eureka. The thi cknesses and lithologies there compare quite closely with those of northeastern Utah mentioned above. Further west in the miogeosyncline the thickness of beds increases so that at Ibex, near the Hous e Range about 100 miles south west of Eureka, zone "F" is 1000 feet above the base of the lower Ordovician and is overlain by about 2000 feet of limestones and 1000 feet of sands to the base of the upper Ordovician dolomite. Also at the Stansbury range, some 80 miles northwest of Eureka there is a thick series between zone "F" and the upper Ordovician.

The most obvious anomaly of the Ordovician section at Tintic is the absence of Ordovician sands, which are well represented in surrounding sections. In addition to the lack of sands, the

ridence cited above shows that there is an even thicker series of )rdovician limestones absent between zone "F" and the upper )rdovici an Bluebell. The entire Ordovi cian sequence is absent from the stratigraphic column in the area between the Tintic listrict and Ogden, Utah. Thi s broad central ani southern Wasatch area must have been positive during medial Ordovician, and if other )rdovician beds were ever present.they were subsequently removed )y one or more of the several er osion intervals known. Within the Tintic district the pre-Upper Ordovician erosion must have renoved most of the lower Ordovician beds although there is no evideme of an angular discordance between the Opohonga ani the Bluebell.

As for a comparison of the Ordovician thicknesses below zone "F", the lithologies of the Opohonga are the same as one finds for this part of the Ordovician in surrounding sections and the published thickness (825") is comparable with the thickness of the same lithologies at Ibex. The upper 390' of the Ajax limestone compares lithologically with the lowest Ordovician beds of other areas that are described in this report. The Emerald and under-Lying dolomite compare lithologically with beds of similar position at Scipio. Whether or not these underlying lower Ajax dolomites are actually Lower Ordovician is not known, and they should not be added to the combined thickness of the upper Ajax and Opohonga for comparison with other lower Ordovician sections of this report.







in the Stansbury Range is that of Raedemann (1947, Grapto· lites of North America, GSA Manoir 19, p. 109) who lists a collection of graptolites from the northwest face of Grantsville Peak. The Ordovician is faulted out on the east side of the Stansbury Range so that Cambrian rests against Mississippian. However, Ordovician rocks are widely exposed on the west side of the range fran Grantsville Peak northward, but is considerably faulted.

Ross (1949, 1951) faunal zones G and J were recognized by the writer in the Garden City limestone sequence here and zone M in a series of hard olive green siliceous shales. No indication was found of an Ordovician sand overlying the shales, comparing in this respect to the section in the Lakeside Range 20 miles to the northwest where the quartzite is only one foot thick, and contrasting with the section on Stansbury Island about 10 miles to the northeast where several hundred feet of cross bedded quartzite is found.

- LAKESIDE MOUNTAINS: The Lakeside Mountains are on the west side of the Great Sale Lake and 60 miles by high way from Salt Lake City. The teneral structure of the range is homoclinal so that the late Paleozoic rocks are found on the southern end of the range near Delle, Utah, while the earlier Paleozoic is exposed toward the northern end of the range. The section of Ordovician rocks described below is of fairly difficult access being logated in the central part of the range on the slopes of its highest peak. This location is 11.3 speedometer miles northward from Delle along a graded desert road, thence  $\mu$  miles westward over a very rocky and narrow mining road leading up Cramer Gulch to an abandomed mining shack and dump. From this shack there is a foot trail leading southwestward up Mine Gulch about a mile to other abandoned mine workings. The measured section was begun at a small mine dump in the gulch bottom,  $SE-1/4$ , Section 23, T. 2' N., R. 9 W., and proceeded from there up the main gulch toward the peaks capped with dark, cherty, massive, Upper Ordovician dolomite. The beds dip  $13^{\circ}$ , S. 75<sup>o</sup> W.
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- Fish Haven Dolomite: Thickness not measured, rests with no apparent angular discordame on the quartzite, contains Streptelasma sp.
- Swan Peak Formation: This formation is notable here for the thinness of the upper quartzite member, here only one foot thick. Its absence may be due to nondeposition, Middle Ordovician erosion, or both. No conclusive evidence for either was found but the persistance of the thin quartzite bed where observed suggests that erosion is the least likely of the two possibilities. Quartzite, light gray, fine grained, ledge. 1' 141'<br>Shale, pale yellowish brown, slope forming, 25 140 Shale, pale yellowish brown, slope forming, interbedded with limestones, dark to light gray, shaley, thin bedded, and fine to coarse grained, Anomalorthis sp., Orthis cf. swanensis Ulrich and Cooper, echinoderm fragments, cystid plates. Covered, float :indicates yellow brown shales with 15 115 thin bedded silty limestone interbeds. Siltstone, pale yellowish brown, slope forming, 30 100
	- shaley interbeds, Orthis swanensis Ulrich and Cooper.



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Underlying thick series of thick bedded, massive, gray unfossiliferous limestones were not measured but probably include equivalents of the lower Garden City formation, which, because of the massive lithology and lack of fossils could not be distinguished from Upper Cambrian beds which present a similar massive appearance in this region.

PROMONTORY POINT (WEST SIDE): At one place on the west side of the Promontory which extends southward into the Great Salt Lake the Swan Peak quartzite forms some very prominent orange colored bluffs. This place is about nine miles by speedometer south of the Golden Spike Monument of the former railroad. town of Promontory and may be reached by a graded road. At the foot of the quartzite the shaly member of the Swan Peak formation is poorly exposed, but beneath these shaly beds the upper half of the Garden City formation is well displayed. The lower beds here disappear beneath the alluvium but may be seen near the road on the east side of the Promontory Point about nine miles south of Bert. The author is indebted to Dr. J. stewart Williams and Dr. R. J. Ross for bringing these sections to his attention.

Fish Haven Dolomite: Thickness not measured. This dark gray dolomite overlies the quartzite below apparently conformably, but with an exceptionally sharp contact. No more than  $\mu$ " of gradational gray dolomitic sandstone was observed at the contact. This probably represents sand reworked in'the erosion interval just preceding the colomite deposition.

Swan Peak Formation: Quartzite, white, vitreous, forms yellowish orange stained cliffs.

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