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ous county peopled by stock men and walled lakes and rushing streams are and other products of the farm, garden regular and profitable shipments. farmers for whom the glitter of virgin in evidence everywhere. gold possesses neither lure nor charm, tion after Goose Lake valley, on the In this district. experts and practical Goose Lake and Surprise Valleys are ready for shipment. This ore was taken from the ranch and range.

teen completely authenticated, No prospector of ability or mining engidown. They sealed the district with a universal verdict of approval.

horses and hogs, Daniel Hosg, an In- fissure veins. dian scout, guide and prospector, sta-Grade, Uneducated, unsophisticated, and brought into Fort Bidwell samples of ore he had discovered somewhere in the Warner range. Soon after he was killed in a battle with the indians leaving the locations of his finds a mystery. After his death his friends had the samples tested and some of them ran into the thousands; but they could never find the ledges from which they were taken.

In the summer of 1905 an excitement and small stampede to the district was gold on the summit of the range between East Pine Creek and Fort Bidwell by Peter Lorenzen and son, sheepherers. The samples were analyzed by Thos. Price and Son, of Oakland, re-

Sonanza King, Golden Knight and Wm. Burgen, George Hammersley and tion. Jack Devilbliss. Then came the location of the Mountain Sheep, Sunshine, Consolidated Group, Seven Thirty, Modoc, Seven Lakes, Tamarack, Yellow Jacket, Sunset, North Star, Alturas, Last Dollar and others. All of these claims have been developed to the extent of disclosing paying ore. The Sunshine now owned by W. A. Schauers and Charles Laughlin, who are, more than any others entitled to credit for opening the pay streaks of different properties and placing High Grade properly on the map, is considered the banner property of the district by reason of the large amount of High Grade it has produced from grass roots down to the bottom of the 40 foot shaft. Ore from this property has assayed over \$20,000 per ton.

Mr. Laughlin came into the district from Breckinridge, Colorado in the stampede of 1905, and Mr. Schauers came from Georgetown, Colorado In the spring of 1906, to get away from mining and engage in the real estate business. But the call of the hills was to strong for him, and he soon found himself once more tracing the float up to its mother ledge. Forming a partner ship with Mr. Laughlin, who has no superiors and but few peers as a prospector. He discovered the Sunshine mine in 1907, in partnership with L. B. Jemmerson.

No one, can at this time place a logical estimate on the area of this mineralized area of the district, or the generally conceded that pay mineral energy can do so. When this is accom- ed greater possibilities. exists in different places for a distance plished camp High Grade will enjoy No camp on record has disclosed so of thirty or forty miles South of the developed district, and sixty miles on different sides of the mountains, and proportion to the development. The comprises 259 acres of patented ground North. The Lost Cabin, or Windy both New Pine Creek and Fort Bidwell deepest workings in the district is the on the school section, which includes Hollow District at Plush, Oregon has siresdy given to the world the great valevs in which they are located. The Bidwell Consolidated Mines Co., com- Grade as filed with the county recorder Jubmo and several other mines, and distance between the two towns is only posed principally of Minneapolis and of Modoc county by the company. A

In the discovery of camp High Grade, camps do. No two are alike. High under consideration. and the efforts that have been made Grade present more of the geological,

the vast and fabulously rich treasure the Warner Range has not been suffi- to the world ideal conditions unheard matter of high grade are in quantity. vaults of the Warner range remained ciently investigated to present a synop- of before in the history of new mining Two car loads of ore that will run \$1,unpierced by pick of drill for a genera- ais of it, as a whole, to the public, districts. west, and Surprise Valley on the east, mining men form different conclusions, properly classed among the wonders only 40 feet from the surface from a had made hundreds of men wealthy as mankind does everywhere upon all of the Great West. Here, by a strange contact between basalt and porphry. subjects. Some insist upon the exis- combination of topography, occasioned, The ore has increased in quantity and But in the story of Napoleon E. tence of metamorphosed granite in possibly ty the titanic eruption which quality with every shot. Experts pro-Guyot, of the bonanza ledges and incon- different sections of the range, while divided a great prehistoric inland sea, nounce the Sunshine one of the great ceivable riches which he observed in the others deny this theory. But there is or arm of the ocean, into Goose Lake coming mines of the world. district, there was a thrill that encir- a universal concensus of opinion as to and Surprise Valleys, by the upheval The Big Four consists of 100 acres of cled the globe and captivated masters the different eprutive areas that have of the Warner Range, we behold the ground in the core of the camp. It is of Snance and veteran mining men placed this geological wonder in a class arid west transformed into dual realms developed by a 100-foot shaft and ticulars.

tioned at Fort Bidwell made the first It is found free in extensive deposits ness of the race. real discovery of gold in camp High from the surface down to the lowest Hosg prospected in his primitive way in paying quantities, and cooper and cinnabar are largely in evidence.

and thermal springs of the range, particularly in the vicinity of the developed properties and the presence of brecgrade mineral at and near the surface presents the experienced mining man occasioned by the discovery of a rich allurements beyond the possibilities of ducts of the temperate zone, with and any other new camp in mining history.

A large thermal spring near Cave Lake in the heart of High Grade is now depositing bog iron which runs well in gold. There are many of these turning \$2552.40 per ton in gold. The hot springs scattered along the Warner claim was named the Oregon-California Range and in both Goose Lake and Lode, now owned by the Bidwell Gold Surprise Valleys. The process of minral precipitation in the seismic rent Shortly thereaffer the Big Bonanza, fissure of the district is now going on in Camp High Grade, as it has been for Golden Treasure claims were located millions of centuries. The entire by Alf Reid, George Plummer and Bert range is a vast expanse of country fur-Wade. They now comprise the Big nishing most extensive and conclusive Four Group. The Huckleberry group, evidence of internal heat and chemical of finance will be transformed from is the Huckleberry group, now held adjoining the Big Four was located by agencies responsible for its construc-

The highest peaks of the Warner Range attain an altitude of 8,000 feet. In places they are bold, rugged, and the mineral outcroppings are plainly discernable. But as a rule the mountains are covered with "wash" and prospecting must be carried on systematically, practically and inteligently to insure results. Rich float is found for 100 miles along the range. All of this "float' came from mineral deposits, and the source of much of it will be uncovered by the army of prospectors now coming into the district.

gon, on the California line, 15 miles South of Lakeview, the county seat of Lake County, Oregon, and location of the nearest government land office. the valleys, New Pine Creek is but six miles from the principal mines, which are reached more easily and cheaply from this place. While the principal developed properties are in Modoc County, Cali- northwest." It is a geological sur- by the Alturas Gold Mining Company. fornia, and located but a short distance from the Oregon line, it is generally conceded that the richest float has been found on the Oregon side,

On the esatern side of Warner Range, Bidwell, for many years the principal about 15 miles by good wagon road Los Angeles capitalists. The Sugar number of large veins have been openthrough the center of the developed Pine tunnel of this property has reach- ed on this property and from the im-

peculiarities and characteristics, as all the near future by an electric line now face disclosing three ore bodies in well

sibilities and limitless wealth, Goose cepting in circumscribed areas; a land to develop into a great property. of promise, a realm of riches, where Adjoining the Big Four on the west, of plenty.

long continued snowfall on Warner leberry group runs up into the thouly awaiting its disappearance for weary velon, weeks. Moisture attracts moisture. The nearest railroad point to camp The only known outlet of the lakes of large group occupying the summit and High Grade is New Pine Creek, Ore- either of these valleys is evaporation, both slopes of an extensive ridge north of it manifests itself again in the ed veins of gold bearing quartz are in snows of Warner range and the rains of a porphry dyke which traverses the

most skeptical. No man who has in- from \$50 to \$200 per ton, vestigated its merits has used his west in the Lave Beds. Fort Bidwell there are nobody knows. There is a Schauer, Jameson and McCleary, is the local distributing point for the limit to every thing; and this includes amount and value of the ores it will northern end of Surprise Valley, and the pay propositions of High Grade. that stands out in bold relief upon its produce. The well known mining le- is an ideal western town. A railroad This camp will record its disappointgend, "You cannot see beyond the point has recently been surveyed through ments as all other districts have done. of your pick," hold as good in High the town and Surprise Valley which Not all who come will depart million- which J. F. Cutler, a prominent mine Grade as elsewhere. But it is now will be completed as as it has human airs, but no camp on earth ever present-

High Grade possesses distinctive district. They will be connected in ed a depth of 200 feet below the sur-

defined vein.

Prices ofp rovisions and supplies of The ore averages about \$30 per ton. to develop it, there is nothing of the topographical and contingent features all kinds are as cheap in High Grade Two cleam cut veins have been opened phonominal or sentsational. Isolated of a Colorado camp than it does the as in any of the camps of Colorado or in the Mountain View, also belonging from the busy marts, remote from ditsricts of the Coast, Nevada or Utah, other tavorably located districts, and to the Consolidated Company disclostransportation facilities, most of it in. Every symptom and vestige of the very much cheaper than in the camps ing ore that runs several hundred dolaccessable, untrodden by the foot of desert is eliminated. Forests of fine of the desert. With Goose Lake and lar per ton. The company is complet-Caucasian, and covered with snow dur. timber cover the mountains, and purl- Surprise Vaileys as never failing and ing arrangements to instail a saw mill ing six months of the year, its contigu- ing springs, roaring cataracts, rock never ending sources of supply for feed and cynide plant, which will insure

> and orchard, and with splendid trans- The Sunshine has thus far outclassed The general geological structure of portation facilities High Grade tenders all other properties in the camp in 000 per ton, or better is now sacked

everywhere, and Guyot's story has distinctively of its own, in many par- of grain fields and fruitful orchards, drifts, and from this meager developof meadows and gardens and happy ment much ore ha been taken, all free Metamorphose basalt is the charac- homes; the flocks and herds upon a milling. The property is owned by the neer of reputation has turned the camp teristeric, preponderant country rock thousand hills, the sound of peaceful Big Four Mining Company, consisting of the range. This vast aggregation and productive industry borne upon of Geroge. W. Crouder, Ed Keller, of eruptive matter has been intruded breezes that come down from the rock Charles Watkins, Jeff Mulkey and B. Nearly half a century after Goose by dykes of trachite, rhoylite, basite ribbed, pine clad mountains, relating F. Lynep It is capitalized at \$1,000,-Lake and Surprise Valleys had been and porphry and these again have been legends of golden wealth untold hid- 000 par value \$1.00. 700,000 shares yielding their wealth of grain, vege- interesected by the networks or ande- den away in the subterranean recessess issued to stekholders, 300,000 shares in etables, hay, fruit, cattle, sheep, site, phonolite and quartz contact and of the hills, awaiting the skill and on the treasury. It lies three-forths of terprise of man to bring them forth to a mile south of the Oregon line in Gold is the predominating mineral. contribute to the happiness and useful- Modoc County, California, 7 miles east of New Pine Creek, and 14 miles north-There is no other place under the west from Fort Bidwell. Two engiworkings in the distrist, and in tellur- sun like this geological, geographical, neer's reports on thes claims state unlettered in "the story of the rocks." jum combination. Silver also exists meterological freak of the northwest. that \$150,000 worth of free milling ore A little empire of unconjectural pos- lays on top of theg round on this property. From the surface to 30 feet in The many distinct eruptive dikes Lake, thirty miles long, and seven depth, and in the tunnel 90 feet deep miles wide, swarming with fish and the general average of the ore has wild water fowl: a fresh water inter- been \$39.00 per ton. At the 60 foot mountain wonder, fed by streams from level an 8-inch vein of quartz was enciated matter in many of the veins along the entire length of its eastern countered crossing the tunnel at the furnish unimpeachable evidence of guy. shore, with an average width of four bottom of an intersecting shaft, the ore ser action in mineral deposition of the miles, perfectly level, with black soil from which assays \$230,00 per ton. This camp. This one fact, considered in composed of volcanic ash, decomposed is on the Golden Knight claim. The connection with the presence of high eruptive rock and lake marl, reaching other three claims are still undevelopdown to unknown depths, immensely ed, but present wonderfully rich surfertile and producing all of the pro- face showings. There is a new five stamp mill on the property ready to without irrigation. Surprise Valley on run; but by reason of the fact that it the other side of the range, equally is now generally conceded that cynide fertile, surrounding Cowhead, Upper, is to be the proper treatment for the Middle and Lower Lakes, and these ores of the district, the mill is now F two beauty spots divided by a range of id e. However, it will be started on the mountains rising three thousand feet three hundred tons of ore on the dump above the level of the agricultural as soon as the weather will permit. phenomenons, seamed with gold, rinb- J. O. Basseler has a lease on the Big ed with silver and copper. lead, cinna- Four until May 1, 1913. He has opened bar and the baser metals, as yet un- up the largest body of ore in evidence known, unexplored, uninvestigated, ex- in the district. The Big Four promises

> men now unknown in the wizard haunts and an extension of the Big Four vein the pale of penury to the pie counters under bond and lease by the Conniemae Mining and Realty Company of And this upneaval of the Warner Colorado, consisting of Geo. C. Weber, Range, out of water, leaving these Denn's Sheedy and R. W. Reid. The lake lined valleys on either side, ac- company is capitalized at \$100,000. counts for the presence of metamor- with 60,000 shares in the treasury. phosed basalt in immense areas, as well The company has plenty of cash capias the unusual precipitation of mois- tal to prospecute vigorous development ture, makes of the two valleys the work which will begin early with a agricultural surprises they have teen force of six men. Ore from the surfor half a century, and the heavy and face of some of the veins of the Huck-Range, which has kept a multitude of sands. The Conniernac Company also prospectors and investors, in all parts owns five other claims in the district of the country anxiously and impatient- which they will at once begin to de-

The Alturas properties consist of a which must be precipitated, and most of Gold Peak mines. These we all defincountry for miles, and adjoins Yellow High Grade makes no appeal to the Mountain on the east. Its fissures public as "A summer land of song." show much of the yellow oxidems which It is, always has been, and always will gave to Yellow Mountain its color, as be "The snow robed wonder of the well as its name. The group is owned pries. It presents to the world miner- Both free gold and iron sulphides have al deposits that have captivated the been found in this property, running

East of the Big Four is the Mounhammer. The old timer and recent ar- tain Sheep, believed to be the eastern and at the northern end of Surprise rival unite in soundidng its praises. Its extension of the Big Four. Immense Valley, is located the old town of Fort few developed mines are here to speak outcrops of rich mineral in this propfor themselves. They are an open book erty entitle it to a prominent place town in Northeastern California, and for the world to read. There are mines among the promising mines of the a government fort before and after the here for those who have the enterprise camp. It has already produced ore of Modoc war, which was waged 100 miles to come and locate them. How many surprising value. It is owned by

One of the properties of the camp own merits is the Modoc group owned by the Modoc Mining Company of operator well known in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, is manager, and of which N. E. Guyot is one competitive transportation facilities much rich ore in large quantities in of the controling spirits. The property will become metropolis cities of the shaft on the properties of the Fort the recently patented townsite of High

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