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Couch, B. F. and Carpenter, Jay A., Nevada's metal and mineral production (1859-1940, inclusive): Nevada Univ. Bull., vol. 37, no. 4, Geol. and Min. Ser. no. 38, pp. 39-40, November 1, 1943.

Elko County was created on March 5, 1869. Until that time it had been a part of Lander County which originally included about one third of the area of the State. Production figures were obtainable from the following sources:

1865-1870--No records available.

1871-1940--From the county records at Elko.

Small mining operations were carried on during the late sixties and in 1870, but production records were not kept until 1871.

The peak production during the early years, 1877-1879, came from the Tuscarora district, while that of more recent years came from Mountain City. The records show Mountain City to be the largest producing district in the county with more than \$14,000,000 to its credit or three eighths of the county's production. Only a small amount was recorded prior to 1935, after which the Rio Tinto mine became one of the State's large copper mines.

The Jarbidge and Tuscarora were the second largest producing districts, with approximately \$9,000,000 each. Mining in the Jarbidge district began in 1913, but most of the production is recorded in the years 1917 to 1932, inclusive, with a yearly average of more than \$500,000 for that period. The Elko Mines Co. is credited with over 83% of the district's production.