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Notes on tungsten areas of White Pine County,
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Mining of tungsten ore bids fair to be the largest industry in White Pine county, excluding operations of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company.

It is reported that tungsten has been found in the Hamilton district, 45 miles west of Ely.

In Robinson canyon, 3 miles above Ely, just west of the old stage-station, Mr. Beech has found some hübnerite.

At Cherry Creek, 50 miles north of Ely, west four miles through Cherry Creek canyon and two miles north on the west side of the range, the American Smelting and Refining Co. has taken over a large scheelite prospect. A Mr. Kimball of Salt Lake City optioned it to Nelson and others, for \$30,000, making a 10% cash payment, then turning it over to the A.S.&R. Co. for \$70,000. Recently the company has been moving freight from the railroad station to the mine, preparatory to active operations. Kimball retained a part of the ground, organized a company, sold some shares at 5c. each, and his development was so promising that he raised the price to 75c. Another company is being organized by Cherry Creek people for other claims nearby. Across Steptoe Valley, from Cherry creek, on the east side of the Shell Creek range, tungsten has been found.

Twenty-five miles south-east of this place, at Tungstonia (the Sims-Olsen property) for several months A. R. Shephard has been developing a hübnerite prospect. In the past two months, he has had a mill at work, making shipments of over 60% product. This is the largest producer known in this area, and probably in the United States. The main vein is 12 to 20 in. wide, traceable on the surface for 3000 ft. There are several other veins from 2 to 5 ft. wide.

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of Garrison, is the Bonita scheelite property of J. D. Tilford. About 8 or 10 months ago, he bonded and leased it to a San Francisco firm, who erected a small mill, and worked it until the water for steam and milling operations froze. Last month they gave up their bond and lease, owing to disagreements and the meddling of the owner.

South of the Bonita, at the head of Big Wash, under Mt. Washington, at an elevation of 9500 ft., W. L. Chapman and A. D. Taylor late last fall discovered the best and ~~highest~~ highest grade scheelite prospect in the county. The deep snow in January drove them out, after having made several shipments of better than 70% crude ore. This week they are digging out the snow for an active campaign. About 40 miles south-west of the U. S. T. mine on Mt. Patterson, just across the line in Lincoln county, several veins of hübnerite were found late last fall. Many prospectors have gone into the hills, though a little early, as only about one-third of the ground south-east exposures are now free of snow. It is probable that many of these large gaps will be filled in with new discoveries, making one of the largest tungsten areas in the United States.

On March 24 the Consolidated Tungsten Mines Co. was organized at Ely, with a capital of 500,000 \$1 shares, to develop 30 claims on Williams creek, 45 miles south-east of Ely. J. D. Murphy is manager. A number of hübnerite veins have been opened, containing 1.4 to 13.39% tungsten. Mining is done by adits. Nevada Consolidated people are largely interested.