

The Brady antimony group of claims are located on a spur of the Cherry Creek range in White pine Co., Nevada, 14 miles west of the town of Cherry Creek on the Nevada Northern railroad, and about 55 miles north west of Ely, Nevada. This range is one of the oldest mining districts in the state. There are a number of mines with records of large production of copper, silver lead and gold.

It is about one mile from the claims to the nearest road, a point on the old overland stage road. About three miles down a long wash to the floor of Butte valley where an abundance of water may be had at 80 foot depth for milling purposes.

The country rock on this side of the mountain is lime from the upper to the lower, tilted to about 40° to the west, which show a thickness from 1000 to 1500 feet, which is cut by numerous intrusive dykes of rhyolite, monzonite, andecite, all more or less porphyritic having a north westerly strike. The antimony occurs in an intrusive blue quartz vein or silicified dyke that has a parallel strike with the other dykes.

In the surface outcrop the antimony is in the form of the oxides valentinite, which is formed by the decomposition of the sulphide stibnite. The alteration extends a few feet only, in some places the stibnite is only partially altered at the surface. The pure sulphite occurs in bunches as much as 10 tons in one place, while the quartz has fine stibnite crystals disseminated through it. The main body of quartz would be concentrated by flotation, while the pure stibnite would go direct to the furnace.

The proposed development work will be first to drive a tunnel on the contact of vein and lime to a point that will give a hundred or more feet in depth. In case the values are here shown to be satisfactory to then come down the mountain to a point where a cross cut tunnel of about 500 feet will be driven to cut the

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6 cents

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