

NEVADA
PERSHING COUNTY

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GOLD BANKS DISTRICT

38 miles south of Winnemucca on the east slope of the Sonoma Range, a short distance ~~of the~~ south of the low divide between Grass Valley and Pleasant Valley. Discovered in 1907, but prospecting thereafter was with little success. Only about three carloads, averaging \$25 per ton. There has never been a mill in the district.

Two parallel veins, striking north and south, and dipping about 50 degrees west are traceable for several thousand feet. Veins average 5 feet wide. Veins are in rhyolite. vein is a hard, iron stained quartz with fragments of country rock. Values in gold and silver.

A vein discovered in 1933, several miles north of Gold Banks and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Mud Springs Ranch, was quartz and 2 to 4 feet wide. Prospected by an 80 foot shaft, several short tunnels and some lateral workings total about 500 feet. One carload was shipped in 1934.

Gold Banks MERCURY mine is 4 miles west of district; some work done in 1913. In 1915 a 50 ton Herschoff furnace erected and operated until 1917, when it was destroyed by fire. 1000 flasks is the reported production. Cinnabar occurs in small stringers and disseminations in a hard quartzitic rock. The main ore body is an irregular mass about 350 feet long, 100 feet wide and 20 feet thick. It was mined by open cut.