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PERSHING COUNTY

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INDIAN DISTRICT

In Indian Canyon on east flank of Humboldt Range about 8 miles south of Unionville. Organized in 1861. The MOONLIGHT MINE the only important mine, producing about \$100,000 in rich silver ore in the early days. Placer mining done in the early days:

1875-1876: The ravine north of the Eagle (Bonanza King) has been located for three miles in length and 400 feet in width. All the gravels in this ravine contain more or less gold. In places, as much as 2 ounces of dust to the man has been taken out in a day, and one streak of pay dirt gave 15 ounces to two men for one half day's work, with a rocker. The supply of water here is very limited so that very extensive washings cannot be carried on. Rockers are used except for a short time in the winter, when the supply of water is more plentiful and then the long tom is operated. Gold is coarse and worth about \$17 per ounce.

In the month of September last, 1875, about 40 rockers were in use, and about 30 white men and 125 Chinese were at work. It is impossible to get from the Chinese any information as to the amount of gold extracted, but it is thought that they get about \$2 per day to the man. In several of the ravines making out of the east side of the range of mountains between the Eagle Mine and Unionville good prospects of gold are found, but owing to the scarcity of water these placers are not worked.