



OSCEOLA DISTRICT

Burchard 1883

Osceola.—At Osceola, in the extreme southeastern part of White Pine County, near the Utah line, placer and quartz mines were discovered during the year, and a small town sprang up. The country is well wooded, but water is not obtainable for mining purposes in any quantity, and during the summer the miners in the placers used rockers, and waited for the melting snow of the winter to work over the gravel more thoroughly. The largest nugget found is said to have weighed 25 pounds, and of pure gold. The ore is white quartz.

The Osceola Mining Company commenced hauling ore to the mill, 3 miles distant, in December. Thirty tons of ore were taken out daily, and there were 1,500 tons of ore on the dumps when the mill was started.

On the Bond Holder mine a shaft-house was built, and preparations

made to begin work. The Verdi mine is 3 miles south of Osceola. The shaft has been sunk 60 feet, and drifts and cross-cuts of 400 feet on the ledge showed free gold quartz all of the way.

The Mazeppa mine is a ledge of free gold quartz running north and

south, and is 600 yards northeast of the Verdi mine. The Virginia Rose mine is 500 yards east of the Verdi mine, and the Durango mine is 350 yards west of the Verdi mine. The Durango ledge is of free gold quartz running east and west, and the shaft has been sunk 80 feet through a continuous ore body.

The Sperango mine, situated 700 yards southeast of the Verdi mine, is a well-defined ledge, with shaft sunk 40 feet, and a drift run on the ledge for 20 feet. The ore assays from a trace to \$100 per ton.

At Monroe City, 4 miles from Osceola, quartz mining has also been

The placer fields of Osceola district cover an area of 10 by 7 miles, including several canons. Miners in the gulches average \$2.50 to \$5 per day, and dust and nuggets pass current in trade. Want of water has

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retarded work in the placers, but negotiations are on foot for a water system which will convey it by a ditch, 18 miles, from Snake Valley. Great interest has been manifested in this new field.

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"Dry placers west flank Mount Wheeler,
near Utah line"

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The writer recognized this fault, and 4 or 5 miles north of it a parallel fault, which seems also to have been downthrown to the south.

Mr. Weeks a states that about 10 miles northeast of Osceola, in the central part of the range, the Cambrian limestones are broken by numerous faults which strike northwest and southeast. The massive blue limestones which form the upper part of the series are repeated several times by small faults of 200 to 300 feet throw. The general dip of the Cambrian series is to the north-northwest, and the dip of the Ordovician to the east-northeast. There appears to have been an upthrust of the Cambrian which has brought the successive limestone beds of the series in juxtaposition with the Ordovician. The existence of a heavy fault between the Cambrian and Ordovician is clearly seen in the southern portion of the Snake Range.

On the north side of the Kern Mountains a belt of quartz veins and siliceous granitic dike rocks, running northwest along the base of the mountains, appears to be along a fault zone. On the north side is the crystalline nearly black Cambrian limestone, while on the south side come schists which represent the top of the underlying Cambrian quartzite. The vertical separation of the fault is probably at least several hundred feet.

At Osceola, just north of Wheeler Peak, the Cambrian quartzites and slates carry gold. Considerable placer and some vein gold has been taken from this district.

On the east side of the range there are small mines and prospects in a number of places. In some localities the coincidence of mineralization with the presence of a spring flowing in a box canyon leads to the hypothesis that it was these same waters which formerly brought about the ore deposition. Along the walls of such canyons, high above the present bed, ancient water channels in the limestone rock show that the spring has existed since near the time when the erosion of the canyon began.

MR 1905

The Osceola (Centennial district) quartz mines report no production for 1905, and only one placer mine, the White Rock Gold Mining Company, was operated in 1905.

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	At Osceola both the Gold Placer Mining Com-	
MR 1907	pany and the Stalwart mine extracted considerable gold by drifting in the bed of an ancient river. Several small placers added a small amount to the gold production from this district.	7
	CC * Bull, U. S. Geol, Survey No. 340, 1908,	
MR 1908	Osceola district.—The total output of this district in 1908 was valued at \$5,137, of which the placers produced \$4,073 in gold and \$19 in silver, a total of \$4,092. Only 143 tons of ore were produced during the year, yielding \$1,041 in gold and \$4 in silver. The quartz producers were the Boston Nevada Mining Company, the Black and the Weeks mines, and the Pilot Knob Mining and Milling Company. The last has a small prospecting mill with a concentrator. The placers are all drift mines and are those of the Gold Bar Placer Mining Company, the Osceola, the Blue Gravel Placer Company, and the Osceola Leasing Company.	
MR1909	Osceola district.—Two lode mines and 4 placers yielded \$5.377 in gold and \$44 in silver. The placer product was valued at \$2,505, and represented the results of sampling and prospect work by individuals. At the Black Horse mine a few tons of ore were treated in an arrastre. Ore from the Gem group was treated in a 5-stamp	Loc?
MR 1910	analgamation min. Greeola district.—The San I edge muse at Black Horse yielded gold and silver ore, which was created at its amalgamation mill in 1919. For 1909 there were 2 lode mines and M placers producing, which yielded \$5,977 in gold and \$5 cannot edition.	Loc,?
MR 19/2	Osceola district.¹—From the treatment of 332 tons of ore at gold and silver mills, there was produced 233.42 ounces of gold, 104 ounces ¹ Weeks, F. B., Geology and mineral resources of the Osceola mining district, White Pine County, Nev.: Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey No. 310, 1003, pp. 117-133.	
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	of silver, and 3 tons of concentrates, containing gold and a small quantity of lead and copper.	
M.R.3	Osceola district.—A small quantity of gold and silver ore was shipped from the Cumberland property.	
1914- MR 1914	Osceola district.—A small quantity of ore, containing gold and silver, is said to have been produced from the Serpent claim, taken out in doing assessment work.	
MR 1915	Osceola district.—A small quantity of gold-silver ore was shipped from one property in the district. Some placer bullion was produced also.	
181916	Osceola district.—The Piermont and the Pea Ridge were the only producers of ore in 1916. The latter property is equipped with a 2-stamp amalgamation and concentration mill, from which tungsten concentrates were also produced.	
nR1917	Osceola district.—The output of 3 placers consisted of \$1,212 in gold and 10 ounces of silver obtained from sluicing the gravel in the Osceola town gulch.	

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tical vein in ne ore, which nial and sulLocation. The Osceola District is situated at Osceola on the W. flank of the Snake Range. Ely, which is on the N. N. R. R., is 40 m. W. N. W. Osceola is 6,800 ft. above sea-level and the mountains to the E. rise to an altitude of 9,600 ft. The Sacramento District adjoins the Osceola District on the N., and the Black Horse District adjoins it on the N.E., and is sometimes considered as a section of the Osceola District.

History. The gold lodes were discovered by Matteson and Heck in 1872; and the placer mines by John Versan in 1877. The gold ore was first worked by arrastras, but a 5-stamp mill was erected in 1878. The most important placers were operated by the Osceola Co. from the early eighties to 1900. Both placers and lodes have been operated irregularly and intermittently down to the present time. Tungsten was discovered in the district in 1916, and the Pilot Knob group erected a 20-stamp mill. Phosphate rock was discovered in 1917, and lead ore shipped in 1918. In 1921, the Sunrise property operated a 2-stamp mill and the American Group a 10-stamp mill, producing gold bullion with a little silver content.

Production. According to Weeks, the production of the Osceola District up to 1907 may be safely estimated at \$2,000,000; of which about one-tenth came from quartz mines, the remainder being from placers. Stuart states that estimates range from \$3,0000,00 to \$5,000,000.

Geology. Cambrian conglomerate, argillite, quartzite, and limestone have been intruded by granite porphyry, according to Weeks. The country rock of the auriferous lodes is quartzite and the ore occurs in regular zones of fracturing or sheeting and in irregularly shattered masses of quartzite adjacent to these zones of fracture. The gold commonly occurs in flakes and finely disseminated in quartz seams and veinlets, but in the Cumberland Mine it is present in vugs lined with fluorite and other minerals. At the Pilot Knob Group, scheelite occurs in quartz veins in limestone; while the Lucky Boy Mine has silver-lead ore, according to

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7918	Osceola district.—Small quantities of gold bullion and one lot of lead ore shipped to the smelter were reported from three properties in the district. The results from placer mining and some ore	
mR1919	Osceola district.—The results from placer mining and some ore shipped by one producer amounted to \$523.	
MR1920	Osceola district.—From the Sunrise group several tons of ore were	
	milled which produced bullion by amalgamation.	
MR 1921	Osceola district.—Two operators of quartz mines in the Osceola district treated 113 tons of ore, producing gold bullion which contained a little silver. A 10-stamp amalgamation mill was operated on ore from the American group, and a 2-stamp amalgamation mill treated ore from the Sunrise property, which is 8 miles from the mill.	
MR 1922	Osceola district.—A large quantity of gold bullion was recovered from ore mined from the Sunrise group. The placer output consisted of bullion from the Dry Gulch and Fifth Decade properties and small lots from operators of unknown claims.	
MR 1923	Osceola district.—Placer mining on property operated by Tilford Brothers resulted in the production of bullion having a fineness of 0.850 in gold and 0.145 in silver.	O.
MR 1924	Osceola district.—Gold bullion was reported recovered from ore mined in the Crescent and other properties in the Osceola district. Placer gold was reported recovered from gravels in the district.	st ac
MR1925	Osceola district.—The Sun Rise claim yielded a sample lot of ore that was amalgamated, but placers yielded most of the output of gold and silver, which was valued at \$395.	as to traction report For
ed MR 1926	Osceola district.—Placer gold was recovered from claims near Osceola. At the Crescent group the Woodman Mining Co., which	
ble	owns a five-stamp mill, did 1,000 feet of development. At the American property a tunnel was driven 875 feet.	ME
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the nted MR peen 1928 nost ode, Pt,1 Hale p475 rial, Lenton. the 56 ted hich	Osceola district.—A 10-stamp Straub mill, equipped for amalgamation and treating 8 tons of ore a day, was operated on the Lassie Jean mine of the Nickelson Mining & Milling Co., producing gold bullion. The property is opened by an inclined shaft sunk 130 feet on a vein dipping about 45°. This property is 42 miles from the nearest railroad station at East Ely. The placer output of gold and silver came from the Hard Pickings and Osceola Fraction claims. The Osceola Fraction, on the west side of Mount Wheeler, was worked by drifting and dry washing or by sluicing when there was enough water. The method of reaching the gravel is by shaft sunk 30 or 40 feet to bedrock. Hoisting of the gravel is by gasoline engine and removing the waste rock by a combination of blower and riffles. The material caught in the riffles is panned. Osceola district.—During development of the Woodman mine the	
MR/1929	Nicholson Mining & Milling Co. treated 38 tons of free gold ore in an amalgamation mill and reported bullion amounting to \$2,195 in gold and silver. The gravel from the Osceola drift placer was worked by dry washing. About 10 ounces of gold was recovered between April and October.	195 207 402
MR1930	Osceola district.—Five placers and one lode mine in the Osceola district produced gold and silver bullion valued at \$6,302. Accord-	
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	ing to the Nevada Mining Press of January 24, 1930, a mill run of 38 tons of ore from the Woodman mine of the Nicholson Mining & Milling Co. yielded \$2,195.89 in gold and silver recovered by amalgamation in an 8-ton Straub mill. The company is prospecting a gold-bearing fissure in a shale series beneath the productive quartzite. Small lots of placer gold were reported by various lessees.	

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MR 1931	Osceola district.—Five placer operations and two lode mines in the Osceola district reported 18 tons of ore, \$6,604 in gold, and 67 ounces of silver, valued together at \$6,623. More than half the gold was reported from placer operations, much from unknown sources. The Stalwart and Home placers were producers of a little gold.	
My for 1932	production, chiefly from Osceola, was valued at \$3,543 in 1931 and \$10,467 in 1932.	
MY for 1933	?	
MY for 1934	Placer gold was recovered in the Osceola district, but due to water shortage the yield	
	district, but due to water shortage the yield was small.	
MY for 1935	Osceola district.—Numerous lode mines and placers were reported in this district. The Osceola Gold Mining Corporation spent a large amount of money for construction work, including the installation of a power shovel on its placer ground; however, no ore was produced	
My for 1937	Osceola district.—The production in 1936 of considerable placer gold was reported from the Osceola district. Osceola district.—A large number of small operations in 1937, both lode and placer, were reported in the Osceola district.	MY for 1936
	Osceola district.— The Nevada Tex Mining Co. shipped smelting ore from the Gilded Age and Woodman mines during 1938. The Placers Recovery Co., operator of the Hampton hydraulic placer mine, was the leading producer of placer gold in the Osceola district.	My for 1938
	Osceola district.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. worked the Gilded Age mine in 1939. The Golden Eagle Leasing Co. and another lessee shipped gold ore from the Golden Eagle mine to a smelter. Venture Gold Syndicate carried on a development campaign at the Lassie Jean mine and built a 15-ton amalgamation-concentration mill during the year. Placers Recovery Co. hydraulicked gravel at the Ghost Walk and Transit mines.	my for
	Osceola district.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. operated the Gilded Age mine throughout 1940; gold ore was shipped to a smelter. Operators of the Golden Eagle mine also shipped gold ore to a smelter. W. M. Stout worked the Sunshine mine from July 15 to October 10; 300 tons of ore containing 344 ounces of gold and 120 ounces of silver were shipped to a smelter.	MY 1940
my 1942	Osceola district.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. worked the Gilded Age mine from January 1 to October 15, 1942; 3,388 tons of ore containing 3,359 ounces of gold and 1,220 ounces of silver were shipped to a	smelter.
MY 1945	Osceola district.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. worked the Gilded Age mine the latter half of 1945 and shipped gold ore to a smelled Osceola District.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. operated the Gilded	
my 1946	Age mine throughout 1946 and shipped gold ore to a smelter.	<u> </u>
1 1947	Osceola District.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. worked the Gilded Age mine throughout 1947; gold ore (485 tons containing 281 ounces of gold and 135 ounces of silver) was shipped to a smelter.	
MY 1948	Osceola District.—The Gilded Age Mining Co. shipped from the Gilded Age mine 2,802 tons of gold ore containing 1,264 ounces of gold and 686 ounces of silver to a smelter during 1948.	
MY 1949	Osceola District.—The Kenison-Alverson Lease shipped 355 tons of ore with a gross metal content of 5 ounces of gold, 696 ounces of silver, 59,050 pounds of lead, and 14,070 pounds of zinc to a custom mill for concentration.	
MY1950 P.1554	Osceola District.—R. H. States & Hazel Green worked the Mary Ann placer drift mine throughout 1950; 110 cubic yards of gravel yielded 35 ounces of gold and 6 ounces of silver. Graham Development Corp. shipped 518 tons of ore containing (gross) 584 ounces of gold and 257 ounces of silver to a smelter from the Golden Eagle claim.	
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Left on this road to BAKER (gasoline), 1.6 m.; R. (straight ahead) here 3 m. on a Forest Service road to small STELLA LAKE, in a deep round basin. Cars are parked here near a marked trail that circles R. around the lake and climbs steeply for about 8 m. (4 hrs.) to the summit of MOUNT WHEELER (13,058 alt.), whose bare rocky top is the second highest point in the State. The trail to the summit rises rapidly through three life zones of plant and animal life. In summer sections of the trail are almost obscured by Indian paint brush, lupines, and other bright blooms.

At Baker the main side road turns R. to LEHMAN CAVES NATIONAL MONUMENT (lunchroom, cabins, camp sites), 7.7 m., under jurisdiction of the National Park Service since 1922. The caverns, amid pine, spruce, fir, juniper, and mountain mahogany, are in limestone, among high peaks and deep glaciated canyons of the Snake Range. A large variety of birds nest near the streams and fishing and game hunting are popular sports in the region for

which this is a base.

The caves, all deep underground were discovered about 1878 when a horse driven by Abe Lehman, who was hauling logs down the mountainside, broke through the earth's crust, revealing the cavity. In some degree Lehman explored the chambers, though they were not fully known until much later. The caverns extend 1,400 feet from the entrance, go down 200 feet, and have no natural

The chambers and galleries contain innumerable stalactites and stalagmites of remarkable color and beauty, and are exceptionally clean, as bats have never inhabited them. Some of the stalactites meet stalagmites built up from the floor, forming columns 15 to 60 feet high. No two formations are alike. Often the limestone drippings have taken the shape of strange figures, of ribbons, of folded draperies. Begun in the pre-ice age, this gradual transformation continues still, wet and dry cycles influencing the development. It is estimated that stalactites and stalagmites here increase no more than an inch in 1000 years.

Tiny needle crystals adorn the labyrinth of corridors, which are lined with fluted columns. Small winding tunnels connect chambers of chocolate, cream and buff. Some formations have been named, the more prominent being the Pearly Gates, St. Peter, the Little Church Around the Corner, the Angel's Wing, Cathedral Spires, the Parachute, and Peter Pan. Exquisite is the interior of the Grand Palace with its multitude of pendulous "icicles" resembling an inverted garden. Below them, heaped on the floor, are terraced stalagmites, countless filaments resembling cascades of Spanish combs. Some of the columns when struck give off deep musical tones. At the tips of many stalactites hang transparent, jeweled drops of water. The Hall of Music, with high arched ceiling splashed with color, is one of the most beautiful rooms.

The road to the caves continues northward to a junction with the Forest

Service road up Mount Wheeler (see above).

US 6 turns northwest to a junction at 19 m.

Left here to OSCEOLA, 6 m. (6,800 alt.), where gold lodes were discovered in 1872 and placer mines in 1877. The ore was first worked in the primitive arrastras, but a small stamp mill was built in 1878. This is one of the few places in Nevada where hydraulic mining was done, with extensive operations beginning in 1880 and lasting for 20 years. No exact figures on the value of production are available, but estimates range from two to five million, most of it from the placers. There have been several revivals of activity in the district, and some tungsten was mined after 1916.

US 6 continues between divisions of the Nevada National Forest and crosses SACRAMENTO PASS (7,163 alt.), which affords an impressive sweep of mountain and plateau. Broad flanks are mantled with evergreen and threaded by clear mountain streams, country unlike any other crossed in Nevada by this route. The road descends

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MY1952

Osceola District.—Activity was confined to a small shipment of direct smelting lead ore from the Hanna mine and some development work at the Paystreak and Mary Aun gold-placer mines.

MY 1953 Osceola District.—Hemet Milling & Processing Co. shipped dump material containing gold and silver from the Gilded Age mine to a smelter for flux.

MY 1954

Osceola District.—Hemet Milling & Processing Co. shipped dump material from the Gilded Age mine to the McGill smelter for flux. The material contained some gold and silver. Edward V. Abott worked gravels from the Gold Nugget and North Star by drifting, and produced gold and silver. Mrs. Bonita Tilford worked the Three Sisters tungsten placer and shipped concentrate to an ore buyer. L. T. Tilford shipped a small quantity of tungsten ore from the Shipper underground mine to a custom mill, and R. D. Tilford developed tungsten ore at the Big Foot claim in 1954.

MY 1955

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sold tungsten are and concentrate.

MY1956

Cleanup operations at county placer properties in the Oceola district yielded gold and silver from deposits mined several years ago.

MY 1958

--- operations in the --- Dsceola --districts produced ore containing
recoverable gold and silver.

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