

SILVER CITY

Silver City is the county seat of Owyee County, where the richest and best developed gold and silver mines in Idaho Territory are located. It is compactly built, in a canyon, mostly on the west side of Jordan Creek and has about 1200 inhabitants.. It is 60 miles south of Boise City, the capital of the territory, and 210 miles north of Winnemucca, its nearest and chief shipping point on the Ctentral Pacific Railroad. Correctly speaking Silver City has only two seasons, the winter and summer of six months each. In summer the weather is delightfully clear and pleasant; the winter snow falls to depths of five or six feet, and violent storms occasionally prevail, although the ~~fall~~^{fall} is by no means severe, the mercury scarcely ever dropping to zero.

Its chief resource is quartz mining, although the placers are extensively worked while the water from the melting snows continues in the spring.

Among the principle quartz mines are the ORO FINO, IDA ELMORE, GOLDEN CHARIOT, RED JACKET, MAHOGONY, ILLINOIS CENTRAL, WAR EAGLE, EMPIRE, SILVER CORD, IDLEWILD, GLENBROOK, BELLE PECK, and others, all of which are situated on War Eagle Mountain, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from town and employ from 500 to 600 miners the year round Their bullion product during 1873 aggregated about \$1,000,000 and will prpbable double that amount for 1874.

The houses in Silver City are mostly constructed of wood, alt ough there are a humber of fine granite buildings in the portion of town known as Granite Block. Silver City is 6000 feet above sea level, and the summit of War Eagle Mountain is about 1300 feet higher.

The adjacent mountains in summer time, and the foothilss and valleys in winter, afford a magnificent stock range, and stove raising is becoming one of the most important branches of industry in the country. Some of he mountain peaks near Silver City are covered with perpetual snow, which is used as a substitute for ice during the summer.