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Bunkerville.

Leaving Las Vegas on the morning of June 5th, we went to Bunkerville, having in mind a visit to large iron and manganese deposits reported to be north of there. Mr. Abbott, postmaster at Bunkerville gave us needed information, and summoned Mr. Lem Leavitt, who formerly had been one of the owners of the iron property.

Mr. Leavitt stated that the property is located in the Bull Valley Mining District, about 70 miles by rough roads northerly from Bunkerville, and about 30 miles easterly from Carp, a station on the Union Pacific.

Leavitt, and Ernest and James Walker, all of Bunkerville had locations on the deposit in 1926 for manganese. The deposit, said to contain strata of both iron and manganese, can be traced for a distance of 3,000 feet east and west, and dips under a hill to the south. Both the manganese and iron ores are soft and easily mined, there is little or no hard rock ore. In 1926 Leavitt and the Walker brothers mined 2 or 3 carloads (62 long tons) and trucked it out over the rough roads to the railroad and shipped it to the Columbia Steel Works at Los Angeles. Money was lost on the operation.

Owing to the condition of the unused mountain road it was thought it could not be reached by automobile, so we did not visit it at this time. At Mesquite, near the Utah line, we were told by the Walker brothers that they owned a copper mine of interest 15 miles southwest of Gold Butte, and 4 miles west of the Colorado River, at an elevation of 3600 feet above sea level. They claim a good showing of copper ore for a length of three miles, and several hundred feet wide. It is in limestone, with green copper carbonate showing on the

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surface, under which are sulphides. It is opened by a cut 200 feet long and 6 or 8 feet deep. At one time the Walkers had it optioned to Messrs. Malley and Cole of Carson, Nevada.

#### Panaca-Caliente-Delamar.

A short stop was made at Panaca on June 6, en route to Caliente. Mr. C. P. Ronnow donated a lump of calcite for the mineralogical collections being prepared for Nevada high schools.

At Caliente Mr. E. C. D. Marriage, editor of the Caliente Herald told of 8 feet of gold ore assaying \$19.30 per ton at the Easter Mine near the Dula Ranch south of Caliente, and of the china-clay mine, closed down only two weeks before. For 8 or 9 years this mine had been shipping 10 to 25 carloads yearly, first to Los Angeles, and later to the American Clay Company at Burbank.

On June 7, Mr. Marriage accompanied us to Delamar, where it was said plans were under way to re-cyanide the old mill tailings. As yet this prospective operation is small. Four or five men are at work preparing the ground for the construction of a small tailings plant.

The Horn brothers, old time residents of Delamar, are doing a little mining and development on the April Fool vein of the Delamar mine, from which they have shipped some ore.

A few hundred feet east of the April Fool vein, which was an important producer in the balmy days of Delamar, is a large parallel vein known as the Jumbo. Because of low surface values this vein has been explored in but one place, by a 50 foot shaft sunk in recent years, from which milling grade assays were obtained, according to Horn Brothers.