

PRINTED FROM THE PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY, 1871:

HAMILTON, White Pine Co, PO, Incorporated city, and County seat, the principle town of Eastern Nevada, is situated on the northern slope of Treasure Hill, in the midst of a rich mining section. The town was located in 1868, and grew very rapidly, reaching a population of 5,000 within the first year of its existence. The remarkably rich deposits of silver ore found in the winter and spring of 1868, in Treasure Hill, caused a wild excitement throughout the Pacific Coast, and this hitherto unknown region was soon overrun with a flood of adventurers, and the cities of Hamilton, Treasure, and Shermantown sprang into existence. The attention then given to this section was of great benefit to the mining interest, and resulted in a more thorough exploration of that portion of the State, the discovery of mineral veins of great value, and the organization of Districts of growing and exceeding importance. Among these are Ely, with its growing town of Pioche in the southeast, Robinson and Pahranaagat Districts in the same general direction, Reveille District south, Eureka and Pinto Districts west, and others. These are generally contributory to Hamilton, and are connected with it by lines of stages, making this the central point of business for a large area of country. Several lines of stages run daily from Elko, Carlin and Palisades on the Pacific Railroad, the first named being 120 miles north, and is the principle depot of freight and passenger travel for this region. The mines of this (White Pine) District yield both chloride and galena ores, the first reduced in stamp mills, and the latter by smelting, producing from thirty to sixty thousand dollars weekly, with more experimental than complete reduction works. Large and comprehensive reduction and separating works are in course of construction, which it is hoped will add greatly to the prosperity of the place. Schools, churches and benevolent associations are among the institutions maintained, and a daily newspaper published, The White Pine News, a large and handsome paper, giving its readers telegraphic dispatches from all part of the world, and spreading information of the great resources of Eastern Nevada...

There were 9 assayers in Hamilton at this time, 29 Attorneys-at-Law, and at least 2 bars for each lawyer (there being over 50 bars in operation at this time), the Bank of California Agency established a bank here, name any business and you would find it flourishing....

The Withington Hotel boasted 17 rooms on the top floor with a fireplace in each room.....

FROM THE ORIGINAL LETTERS IN THE DAILY OF ALTA CALIFORNIA BY ALBERT S. EVANS FROM NOVEMBER, 1868 TO FEBRUARY, 1869, REGARDING THE TOWN OF HAMILTON:

A cup of coffee and a slaughter-house steak cost \$1.00; a bed, hay mattress with blankets--crickets thrown in--\$1.00. Apples are 25¢ each, and chickens are \$5.00 apiece and scarce at that. Flour is \$17.00 per hundred, and meats 35¢ to 50¢ a pound. Canned fruits and vegetables are plentiful at \$1.00 per can, and potatoes are 20¢ per pound. There are some 50 or 60 Chinese in the district, engaged in cooking and washing. By clubbing together and renting a room, with one of them to cook, five or six men can live for \$60.00 a month apiece. Wood, cut within 40 rods of town, is sold at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per jackass load. Hay is \$200.00 per ton, barley 15¢ per pound. A friend of mine kept four horses at Hamilton four days, and the bill was \$84.00. To ride from Hamilton to Treasure Hill costs from \$2.00 to \$3.00, and we saw \$17.00 paid for hauling one ton of freight up the hill. Merchandise of all kinds is pouring into the district...

HAMILTON IN 1915

