

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

This township contains nearly every variety of land ranging from very high, steep mountains in the Western portion to rolling land in the eastern.

The soil of the bottoms of the hollows and the foot hills is generally richer than that of the high ridges and is a clay and gravelly loam, capable of producing good crops of grass and brush without irrigation. The high ridges are somewhat poorer soil and more rocky, but still produces good grass and brush. The entire fractional township is covered with a dense growth of sagebrush from one to four feet high; but in general about 2 1/2 ft. high and is also covered with rich and nutritious native grasses, which makes it valuable for grazing purposes.

There are no settlers in the fractional township but there is a boarding house and tent, both located in the northwestern portion of Sec. 18 near Lynn Creek and these are occupied at times by miners.

Jack Creek, which is a small stream at this time of the year and larger during the early spring of each year is in the extreme north end; Lynn Creek, which is about the same, i.e., a small stream now, but increases during wet weather is in the Northern part of Sec. 18, and Simon's Canyon has a very small stream in it during most of the year, but the water from these three streams does not flow out of this fractional township at this season of the year, except Lynn Creek, which sinks immediately after leaving Sec. 18.

A great many mining claims, none patented, however, have been located in Secs. 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31; especially in Secs. 7 and 18; but none of these claims have been worked to a commercial advantage up to the present time unless it may be some claims on Lynn Creek in the Western part of Sec. 18, which have been worked as placer ground and gold in commercial quantities removed therefrom. Sec. 18 is probably more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes.

There is a spring in Sec. 19, SE. 1/4, which furnishes water for stock ranging in this vicinity, but does not flow out of the section. The land in this fractional Tp. is too rough for farming purposes unless it may be small tracts of 5 to 10 acres in a place along the hollows.

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