

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Practically the entire township consists of rough and broken mountainous lands with little or none of it suitable for agricultural purposes. Numerous draws and vertical-walled rocky canyons run in a general easterly direction through the township; steep rocky ridges extending eastward in very broken formations separate the parallel draws. There are two main drainage basins; one through the central part and the other through the extreme north part.

The slopes are covered with many varieties of cacti and other shrubs typical of an arid, desert land. Creosote brush predominates; cholla of several varieties, barrel, hedge-hog, grizzly bear and many other species of ground cacti are abundant. Yucca palms are found throughout the township. Weeds and wild flowers grow in great profusion after the early spring showers. There appears to be no grasses suitable for grazing.

Many of the draws and watercourses contained small streams of slightly alkaline water at the time of the survey, but no spring source of a permanent water supply was found within the township; these streams being merely the delayed run-off from recent winter rains.

An old mining camp, "Tri-state" by name, is situated in section 26 on the right bank of the Colorado River. The mineral content in the nearby hills and the reason for the establishment of Tri-state- now consisting of a few dilapidated houses- is undeveloped at the present time. Some mining properties in sections 35 and 36, have been periodically worked since about 1880, the principal metal being gold. There are indications of minerals in many places but principally in the two sections nearest the river.

The northern part of the township is almost inaccessible from any place to the south on account of high, precipitous ridges and vertical rock-walled canyons.

A trunk-line telephone system has been recently built through the southeast portion. It spans the Colorado River from a point in section 23 eastward toward Kingman, Arizona, and westward toward Barstow, California. A construction road follows closely along the telephone line.

Due to a very sluggish and inaccurate needle, the magnetic declination is not recorded.