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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Township 44 N., range 32 E., is situated in a north-westerly direction, about 75 miles from Winnemucca, Nevada; its SW. corner a distance of about 4 miles, northwesterly from Quinn River Crossing, Nevada; and its NW. corner is about 25 miles southeasterly from Denio, Oregon. It may be reached from Quinn River Crossing by an ungraded road which enters the Tp. near the cor. of secs. 3, 4, 33 and 34, and following Bilk Creek, extends to a trapper's cabin the NE4 sec. 27.

With the exception of about 4 square miles of nearly level land, surrounding the SW. corner of the township, the entire township lies upon rough, rugged and broken hills; cut by deep canyons with tributary washes.

The main drainage is into Bilk Creek, a swiftly flowing stream of good water, IO lks. wide and 24 ins. deep. This creek, enters the township near the \$\frac{1}{4}\$ sec. cor. bet. secs. 2 and 35, on the N. bdy. of the township, thence flowing southerly thru sections 2, 11, 12, and 14, thence southwesterly thru sections 23, 26, 27, and 34, leaving the township about 1 ch. East of the cor. of secs. 3, 4, 33, and 34. It reenters West, 6.80 chs. dist. from this cor. flowing northwesterly for about 3 chs. in sec. 33 and leaving the township flowing southerly about 9.50 chs. West of the cor. of secs. 3, 4, 33, and 34. Bilk Creek carries excellent water and flows the entire year. In addition to this creek, the township contains two springs of drinking water in sec. 1, one in sec. 26, and one on the line bet. secs. 25 and 30, on the E. bdy. of the Tp. These springs contain water the greater part of the year.

Along Bilk Creek, and forming the area of drainage into it are low divides upon which the remaining drainage, following their slopes leaves the Tp.

The soil is non-agricultural; its texture is either very rocky, or, as is found near the SW. cor. alkaline. The rugged character of the surface, too, precludes any possibility of farming. Conditional upon access to the waters of Bilk Creek, grazing can be carried on, tho the sparse growth of forage grasses limit its extent to a minimum.

There is no timber within the township; along Bilk Creek are a few willows and cottonwood.

The predominant types of undergrowth are sagebrush, shadscale, rabbit brush, mountain rush, rye grass, bunch grass, bronco grass and greasewood.

In the SE_4^1 sec. 23 is a cinnabar mining claim, located by its owner, Otto Dangelmaier.

There are no evidences of minerals within the Tp.

There are no settlers within the township.